Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



September 15, 2024

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers a welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

About FWPC

Visitor Registration





The front of the bulletin and the color of the minister's stole are currently green as this is the time in the Christian Year known as ordinary time or the Sundays after Pentecost. Green represents life and growth in Christ.

Experience without explanation, adversity without purpose, hostility without protection - this is how life will always appear for the earthly people of God.

Alec Motyer

Please turn off or silence all communication devices.

For Free Wi-Fi, go to Settings on your device and select network 'FWPCA'

Courtesy walker and wheelchair are available at the main entrance.

Hearing Assistive Devices (FM Receivers) are at the back sound booth.

† Congregation standing

Order of the Worship of God

— September 15, 2024 —

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

The Gospel Greeting

Rev. Brandon Eggar

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD!

People: For He is the Maker of heaven and earth!

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in

my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and

be glad.

Pastor: Oh, magnify the LORD with me!

All: Let us exalt His name together!

Psalm 34:1-3

† Hymn of Praise

REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Refrain:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when He had purged our stains, He took his seat above [Refrain]

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. [Refrain]

He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit, and bow to His command, and fall beneath His feet. [Refrain]

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and take His servants up to their eternal home. /Refrain/

† Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Psalm 37:1-7

Pastor: Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of

wrongdoers!

People: For they will soon fade like the green herb.

Pastor: Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend

faithfulness.

People: Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires

of your heart.

Pastor: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act.

People: He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your

justice as the noonday.

Pastor: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him.

† Doxology GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us confess our sins together:

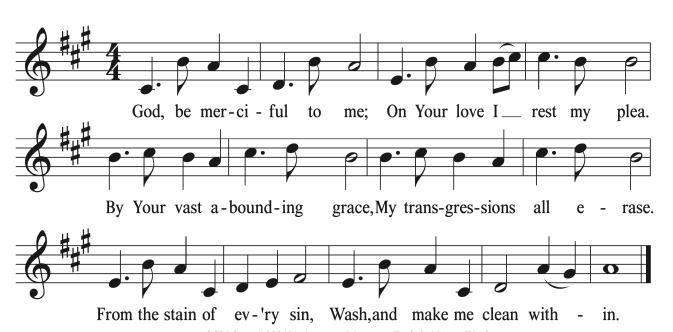
All: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

Adapted from Psalm 51:1-3

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

PSALM 51 (ROCK OF AGES/NEW CITY)



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† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: By the Holy Spirit, the Lord Jesus creates in us clean hearts. He

renews us and He upholds us with a willing spirit

Adapted from Psalm 51:10, 12

All: Thanks be to God!

† The Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

At this time, please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.

† Song of Renewal

THIS IS ALL MY JOY (PSALM 16)



COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Prayer for Covenant Children

Pastor Brandon September/October

Common Prayer

Pastor: Let us now join our voices praying:

All:

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind only earthly things, but to love Your Kingdom; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those things that will last. For Jesus' sake, we pray. Amen.

*If you have a prayer request you wish to be included in the Prayer of Intercession, please contact your shepherding elder or email prayer@fortworthpca.org.

Morning Offering & KIWI Release

Children Pre-K through 2nd grade can now be dismissed for KIWI (Kids In Worship Instruction).

Teachers will meet the children in the foyer to take them to class.

After the sermon, their teachers will return them to worship where they may come directly to you, or you may meet them at the back of the auditorium.



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Offertory Song

PSALM 124 (COME THOU FOUNT)

"If the Lord had not been with us,"
O let Is-ra-el now say:

"If the Lord had not been with us,
when we were amidst the fray;
When attackers in their anger
would have put us in the grave;
Torrents would have there engulfed us,
raging floods swept us away."

Bless-ed be the Lord who has not let us be torn from His care.

Like a bird, we have escaped from out of the cruel fowler's snare.

For the snare has now been broken; we've escaped as in new birth;

Our help's ever in the Lord's name, who made heaven and the earth.

"Metrical version of Psalm 124" written by Timothy and Julie Tennent. psalms.seedbed.com.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Reading of the Word

Exodus 1:1-22

1 These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. All the descendants of Jacob were seventy persons; Joseph was already in Egypt. Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation. But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.

⁸Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. 10 Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land."11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with They heavy burdens. built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. 13 So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves 14 and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

¹⁵Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was

named Shiphrah and the other Puah,16 "When you serve as midwife to the

Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him,

but if it is a daughter, she shall live." 17 But the midwives feared God and did

not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children

live. 18 So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, "Why have

you done this, and let the male children live?" ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh,

"Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are

vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." ²⁰ So God dealt

well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. ²¹ And

because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh

commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall

cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

Reader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

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SEASONS OF SORROW

Why God's People Were in Egypt

A New Situation in Egypt

Application

Discussion Questions:

- 1. How do the opening verses connect Exodus with Genesis? Why is this an important connection and what does it say about God?
- 2. How is God at work behind the scenes of the events in Exodus chapter 1?
- 3. How are you practicing the fear of the LORD?
- 4. How is Exodus 1 an encouragement to you in your present circumstances?

FEASTING AT GOD'S TABLE

The Celebration of Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all

places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,

Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of Heaven we praise and magnify Your glorious name

evermore praising You and singing:



Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

The Confession

Pastor: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us!

People: Hallelujah!

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of the Faith:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. Hallelujah!

Pastor: And now our Holy Master, that with boldness and without

condemnation, we dare to call upon You, the Heavenly God, as our

Father, and say:

All: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your

kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we

forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Yours is the Kingdom

and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

Pastor: The holy gifts of God for the holy people of God. Take them in

remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts

by faith and with thanksgiving. Let us now partake of the feast!

(Clear cups are wine and purple cups are grape juice,

Gluten/Dairy free wafers are individually wrapped)

Statements for Communion:

"The body of Christ for you."

"The blood of Christ for you."

"You have new life in Christ."

"You have full forgiveness in Christ."

Understanding Holy Communion

"For Christ our Passover has also been sacrificed for us, therefore, let us celebrate the feast." – 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Because we believe the Table belongs to the Lord, it is vital that you come this morning on His terms:

- 1. You must be in communion with Jesus Christ by faith and repentance, trusting Him alone for your salvation.
 - 1 Corinthians 11:27-29
- 2. You must be in communion with your brothers and sisters in Christ.
 - Matthew 5:23-24; Ephesians 4:1-6
- 3. You must be in communion with the church (any Bible-believing church) as a baptized member in good standing.
 - Matthew 18:15-18; Hebrews 13:17
- 4. Because we seriously heed Scripture's admonition in 1 Corinthians 11:28-29, we invite children who are ready to make a public profession of saving faith to complete the Communicants Class materials available at the book table, arrange a meeting with the elders, and thus become regular "communicants" at the Lord's Table. Contact Rebecca York at rebecca@fortworthpca.org.

"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup." — 1 Corinthians 11:28-29

Prayers for Those Not Communing

For those searching for truth: Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Give me the ability to follow You no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for You that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that You promise. Amen.

For those who desire to profess faith in Christ: Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead and are now representing me at the Father's right hand in heaven, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

A prayer for those struggling against sin: Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in You the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that You have set before me, looking only to You, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

A prayer for covenant children who have not yet made a profession of faith: Lord Jesus, thank You for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow You as one of Your disciples. Amen.

Communion Song

CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE

Mine are days that God has numbered I was made to walk with Him Yet I look for worldly treasure And forsake the King of kings

But mine is hope in my Redeemer Though I fall His love is sure For Christ has paid for every failing I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow Darkness not yet understood Through the valley I must travel Where I see no earthly good

But mine is peace that flows from heaven And the strength in times of need I know my pain will not be wasted Christ completes His work in me

> Mine are days here as a stranger Pilgrim on a narrow way One with Christ I will encounter Harm and hatred for His name

But mine is armour for this battle Strong enough to last the war And He has said He will deliver Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now O my soul For His love is my reward Fear is gone and hope is sure Christ is mine forevermore (repeat)

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us pray:

All: Heavenly Father, we thank You for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus

Christ; and for assuring our communion with Him. And now, Father, send us out to do the work You have given us to do, to

love and serve as faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ. Amen.

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

MAY THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU

You have called us out of darkest night
Into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ
May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy
With endless life

Chorus

May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus

All the earth is Yours and all within

Each harvest is Your own

And from Your hand we give to You

To make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us

For those who have not heard

May songs of praise build lives of grace

To spread Your Word (Chorus)

This our holy priv'lege to declare Your praises and Your name To every nation tribe and tongue Your church proclaim *(Chorus)* Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty
Worthy worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty
All creation praise Your glorious Name (Repeat)

May the peoples praise You

Let the nations be glad

All Your blessing comes

That we may praise

May praise the Name of Jesus

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† The Sending

Pastor: As we now go into the world:

All: May our eyes be fixed on Christ.

Pastor: When we struggle, fear, or fail:

All: May we cast ourselves on the cross of Christ.

Pastor: As we encounter neighbors and co-workers:

All: May we speak and show Christ, for His name's sake.

† The Blessing

Pastor: May the LORD bless you and keep you; may the LORD make His

face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the LORD lift

up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen!

Deacon of the Day

David Steed – September 15 Johnny Tassin – September 22 Andy Warren – September 29

Save the Date

Thurs, Sept 26, 3:00 p.m. – Super Thursdays Training

Information & Events

Visitors: Pick up visitor information at the visitor kiosk in the Fellowship Hall immediately following morning worship.

Christian Formation Classes are offered Sundays at 9:00 a.m. for all ages – children, youth, and adults. There are three adult options this semester: 1 Peter in the Lecture Hall (led by FWPC elders), Exploring the Gospels with Bob Schwartzbeck in Room 201, and Theology Class with Pastor Brandon in Room 205.

Kids Hope USA: We have 6 children needing mentors! Kids Hope mentors (supported by behind-the-scenes prayer partners) spend one hour per week talking, reading, playing, and listening to a child at school. Will you be that someone who shows up once a week or who prays for a mentor and child? Contact Jill Davis at 817-896-7113 or jill@fortworthpca.org.

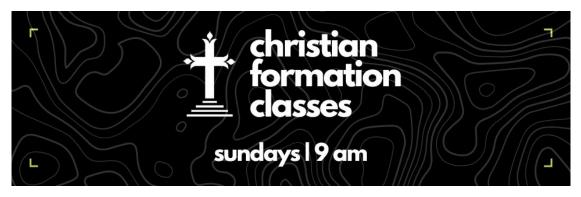
40 Days for Life invites you to join them in 40 days of prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion and save lives from September 25-November 3. Learn more at 40daysforlife.com. To volunteer here in Southwest Fort Worth, see Lynn Sneed at the table in the fellowship hall. For details on the Fall Campaign Kickoff on Sat, Sept 21 in Bedford featuring a free movie (Unplanned, based on a true story) and food, visit ProLifeDFW.com.

Scripture Journals: Exodus scripture journals are available on the fellowship hall for \$5 to aid you in following along, highlighting, and note taking during the fall/winter sermon series.

Ministry Fair: Ministry areas and service opportunities will be presented in the fellowship hall. Stop by to learn more about existing ministry opportunities and how your gifts could be a blessing to others.

Super Thursdays will be held at FWPC, 3:00-6:00 p.m., beginning October 3 for six weeks. The program includes Good News Club for Oakmont Elementary students followed by small Discipleship Groups, then a family dinner. Adults and youth (6th grade and older), do you have a heart for sharing the Gospel with children? To volunteer and join us in showing Jesus to our community, contact Candace Hilton at 407-637-6764 or cmhilton6816@gmail.com. Training takes place on September 26 at 3:00 p.m.

The Grove: Interested in gardening and serving the community? Join us on September 15 after church for a potluck lunch in the Lecture Hall to discuss plans for reaching our community through The Grove, our church garden. For details, contact Anne Santana at 817-874-4001 or asimple1@gmail.com.



ADULTS

1 Peter: Peter points us to the living hope that we have through the resurrection of Jesus Christ and an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Come see that He has brought us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Taught by elders in the Lecture Hall.

Exploring the Gospels: See how each of the Gospels spotlights Jesus' life and ministry using distinctive vocabularies, writing styles, and emphases. We'll learn to read in context and observe, interpret, and apply biblical texts. Led by Bob Schwartzbeck in Room 201.

Theology Class: All are invited to attend this class taught by Pastor Brandon on Reformed Theology, and it will be required for future officers. Classes are held in Room 205. The format will be discussional and based on John Frame's book Concise Systematic Theology.

THE FORT YOUTH

High School – Room 204: *Eschatology* with Travis Robnett Middle School – Room 203: *Westminster Shorter Catechism*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

5th-6th Graders (GAP) - Room 209

Jeff & Amy Thom use the New City Catechism to provide a broad framework for students' faith as they learn how to study their Bibles for themselves.

3rd-4th Graders - Room 208

Candace Hilton uses FWPC curriculum to take students through the Redemptive History of the Bible and help them love God wholeheartedly in what they think and do.

1st-2nd Graders - Room 210

Laura & Kristina Keffer use FWPC curriculum with familiar and unfamiliar Bible stories to help kids enjoy God as they learn to trust Him more and more as a promise keeper.

Preschool and Kindergarten – Room 111

Show Me Jesus with Judy Judd emphasizes the foundational truths of God as Creator and Promise Keeper, Jesus as God and Savior, and our joy in living in God's Family as we serve our Savior.

ROCTOBER IX

CAMP COPASS - DENTON, TX | OCTOBER 18-19

What? North Texas Presbytery's Annual

Fall Retreat (7th-12th grades)

Who? Speaker Andy Wood

Associate Pastor, Trinity FW

How much? \$95 includes one night's lodging,

3 meals on Saturday, and a t-shirt.

When? Register by Wednesday, October 2.

Scholarships are available. See Travis.







Sundays, 9:00 am, Aug 18-Dec 15 – Christian Formation Classes High School - Room 204 | Middle School - Room 203

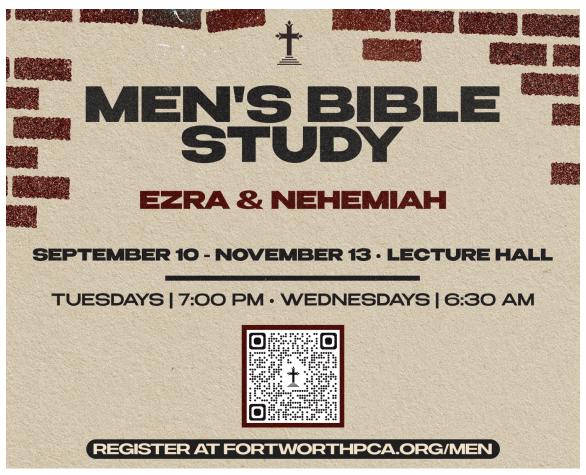
Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, Sept 4-Nov 20 – The Fort Youth Group food, fun, large group lesson, small group discussion

Fri-Sat, October 18-19 – Roctober IX at Camp Copass in Denton North Texas Presbytery's All-Youth Fall Retreat

Friday, December 13 – Youth Christmas Party

Details: fortworthpca.org/youth | Questions? travis@fortworthpca.org | @ @thefort_fwpc





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By God's grace and all for his glory, Fort Worth Presbyterian Church exists to gather for biblically saturated worship, grow together in the life of the gospel, and go out to bear witness to the reign of Christ in all things.

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