Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



September 22, 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.

Moses' character...was clearly that of a deliverer. However, his circumstances offered no support for any calling appropriate to that character. It would surely require an amazing supernatural action of a sovereign God for this washed-up exile to play any role in Israel's future.

Douglas Stuart

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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 22, 2024 —

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

The Gospel Greeting

Rev. Brandon Eggar

Pastor: Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy

Spirit.

People: Amen!

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy

name!

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul and forget not all His benefits,

All: Who forgives all our iniquity, who heals all our diseases, who

redeems our life from the pit, who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy, and satisfies us with good so that our youth is

renewed like the eagles.

Psalm 103:1-5

† Hymn of Praise

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYST'RY

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry Slain by death the God of life But no grave could e'er restrain Him Praise the Lord He is alive

What a foretaste of deliv'rance How unwavering our hope Christ in power resurrected

As we will be when He comes (repeat)

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† Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Psalm 37:27-33

Pastor: Turn away from evil and do good; so shall you dwell forever.

People: For the LORD loves justice; He will not forsake His saints.

Pastor: They are preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall be

cutoff.

People: The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever.

Pastor: The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks

justice.

People: The law of God is in his heart; his steps do not slip.

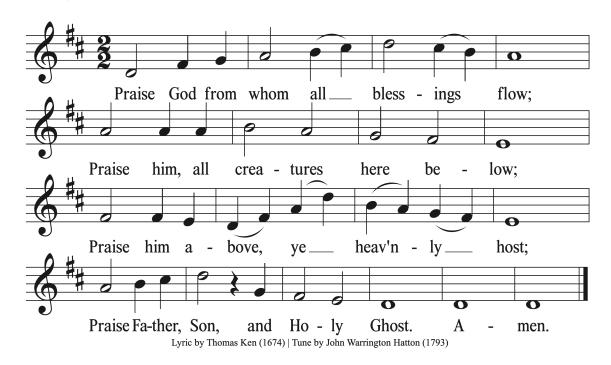
Pastor: The wicked watches for the righteous and seeks to put him to death.

People: The LORD will not abandon him to his power or let him be

condemned when he is brought to trial.

Pastor: Wait for the LORD and keep His way, and He will exalt you to

inherit the land; you will look on when the wicked are cut off. Amen.



Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us confess our sins together:

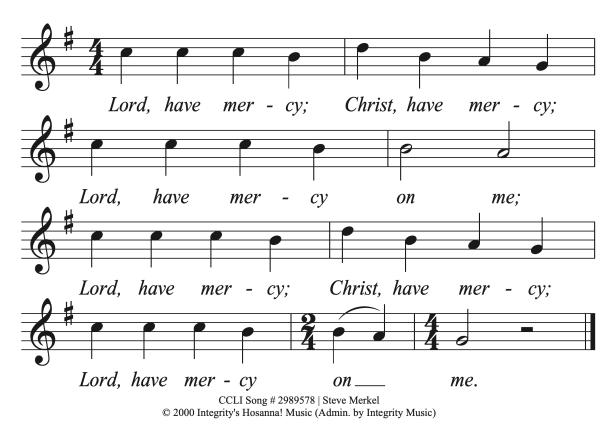
All: O Lord, we confess that transgression speaks deep in our hearts, so that we do not reverence You as our good Father, and in turn we cease to act wisely and do good. Cleanse us of our foolishness and set us once again on Your way that is good and right and beautiful. Amen.

From Psalm 36:1-4

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

LORD HAVE MERCY



† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: With our God is the fountain of life; in His light we see the light of His love and forgiveness.

Adapted from Psalm 36:9

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

IT WAS FINISHED UPON THAT CROSS

How I love the voice of Jesus
On the Cross of Calvary
He declares His work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that Cross

Now the curse it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full the pardon He has offered
Great the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that Cross

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed
Yes He rose that we would be free indeed

Free from ev'ry plan of darkness Free to live and free to love Death is dead and Christ is risen It was finished upon that Cross

Onward to eternal glory
To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
It was finished upon that Cross
It was finished upon that Cross
It was finished upon that Cross

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

† Confession of Faith

Pastor: Let us now confess this mystery of godliness:

All: Christ was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit,

seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in

the world, taken up in glory.

Prayer of Intercession

Scott Hames

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: O God, You declare Your almighty power chiefly in showing

mercy and compassion: Grant us the fullness of Your grace, that we, resting in Your promises, may become partakers of Your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

and forever. Amen.

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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LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Reading of the Word

Exodus 2:1-25

2 Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. ⁵ Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" 8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother. 9 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. 10 When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

¹¹ One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and looked on their burdens, and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people. ¹² He looked this way and that, and seeing no one, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. ¹³ When he went out the next day, behold, two Hebrews were struggling together. And he said to the man in the wrong, "Why do you strike your companion?" ¹⁴ He answered, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid, and thought, "Surely the thing is known." ¹⁵ When

Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh and stayed in the land of Midian. And he sat down by a well.

¹⁶ Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came and drew water and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. ¹⁷ The shepherds came and drove them away, but Moses stood up and saved them, and watered their flock. ¹⁸ When they came home to their father Reuel, he said, "How is it that you have come home so soon today?" ¹⁹ They said, "An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds and even drew water for us and watered the flock." ²⁰ He said to his daughters, "Then where is he? Why have you left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread." ²¹ And Moses was content to dwell with the man, and he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah. ²² She gave birth to a son, and he called his name Gershom, for he said, "I have been a sojourner in a foreign land."

²³ During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. ²⁴ And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. ²⁵ God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE DRAWN OUT DELIVERER

A Rescued Deliverer (vv. 1-10)

A Rejected Deliverer (vv. 11-22)

The Real Deliverer (vv. 23-25)

Discussion Questions:

- 1. How is God at work behind the scenes in Exodus 2:1-10? How is this an encouragement to you, especially when it seems as if God is absent?
- 2. Compare Exodus 2:1-3 with Hebrews 11:23. What does it mean that Moses' parents hid him by faith?
- 3. How does God transform our natural dispositions to his purposes? How did he do this in Moses' life?
- 4. How does Exodus 2:23-25 "pop" in light of Jesus? Spend time pondering and praising God that he sees, hears, and knows you in Christ?

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

I AM NOT MY OWN



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

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS #32

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! /Refrain/

† 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

Johnny Tassin – September 22

Andy Warren – September 29

Pete Cansick - October 6

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.

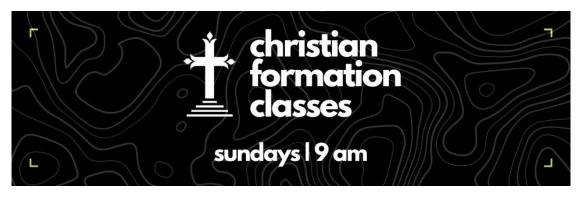
Kids Hope USA: We have 6 children needing mentors! Kids Hope mentors (supported by behind-the-scenes prayer partners) spend one hour per week talking, reading, playing, and listening to a child at school. Will you be that someone who shows up once a week or who prays for a mentor and child? Contact Jill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

Super Thursdays volunteers needed. 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.

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.

Special Offering: The diaconate is launching a quarterly Alms Collection to support our church's Mercy Ministry, which assists both our congregation and the surrounding community. Our neighborhood has significant financial, emotional, and spiritual needs that this ministry plays a vital role in meeting. The first collection will be taken by the deacons as you are sent through the sanctuary doors after the service on Sunday, October 6. Contributions of any amount, even \$1, \$5, or \$10, will make a difference. This donation is intended to be above and beyond regular giving to the General Fund. Join us as we extend the love and mercy of Christ to both our church family and the neighborhood around us.



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

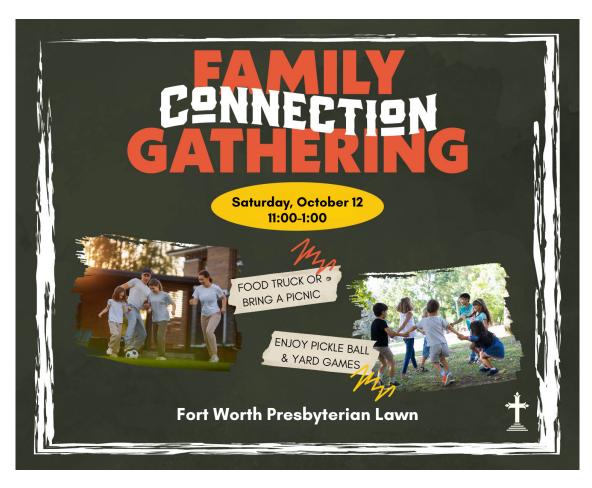
Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, Sept 4-Nov 20 – The Fort Youth Group food, fun, large group lesson, small group discussion

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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