Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



September 29, 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.

God is self-defining. It's God who determines and announces who He is and what He's like – not our imagination. When confronted with the real God, we discover that God's more terrifying and more loving than any god we could've dreamed up.

Tim Chester

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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 29, 2024 —

Nineteenth 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: Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD.

People: He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.

Pastor: Heal us, O LORD, and we shall be healed; save us, and we shall be saved, for You are our praise.

From Jeremiah 17:7-8, 14

† Hymn of Praise

HOLY HOLY (NICAEA)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside Thee perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise Thy name in
earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

† Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Psalm 50:1-11, 22-23

Pastor: The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth

from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Pastor: Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is devouring

fire, around Him a mighty tempest.

People: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may

judge His people:

Pastor: "Gather to Me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me by

sacrifice!"

People: The heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is

judge!

Pastor: "Hear, O My people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against

you. I am God, your God.

People: Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings

are continually before Me.

Pastor: I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.

People: For every beast of the forest is Mine, the cattle on a thousand

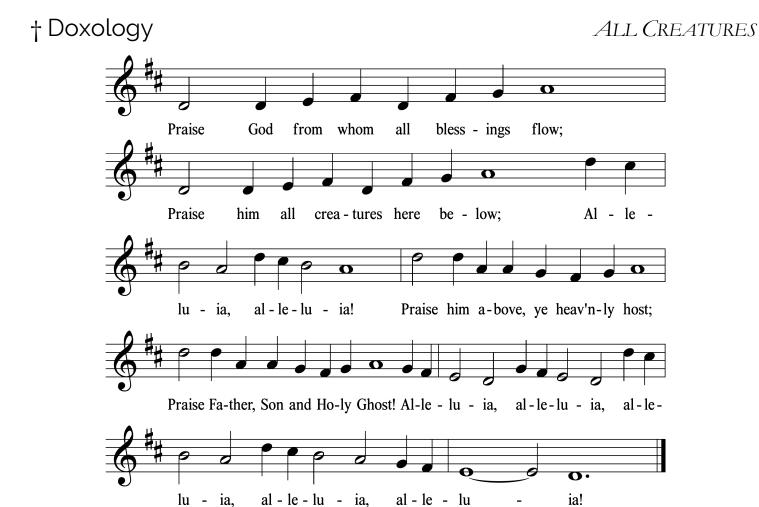
hills. I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the

field is Mine.

Pastor: Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there

be none to deliver!

All: The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies Me; the one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!"



Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us confess our sins together:

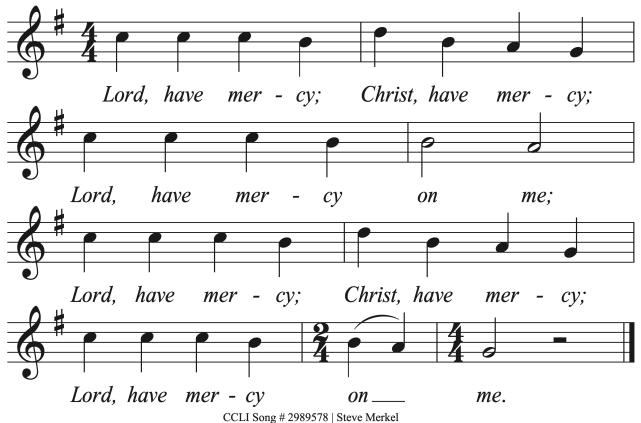
People: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from Your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Restore us according to Your promises declared to all who are in Christ. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

LORD HAVE MERCY



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† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: With Christ there is pardon and peace; cleansing and comfort!

All: Amen and amen!

† 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.

Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame
But fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to Him who showed great love
And bled for us
Freely You've bled for us

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead
Trampling over death by death
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead
We are one with Him again
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave

Beneath the weight of all our sin
You bowed to none but heaven's will
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown
No burden great can hold You down
In strength You reign
Forever let Your church proclaim (Chorus)

O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
The glory of God has defeated the night
Singing O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
Our God is not dead He's alive He's alive (Chorus)

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Kingdom Moment

Pete Cansick Alms Offering

Prayer of Intercession

Matt Jones

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Keep, O Lord, Your household the Church in continual

godliness, that through Your protection she may be free to devoutly serve You in good works, to the glory of Your Name.

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 3:1-22

3 Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³ And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴ When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

¹³ Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" 14 God said to Moses, "I am who I am." [a] And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: I am has sent me to you." 15 God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: "The Lord, bthe God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations. ¹⁶ Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, "I have observed you and what has been done to you in Egypt, ¹⁷ and I promise that I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey." 18 And they will listen to your voice, and you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; and now, please let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.' 19 But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless compelled by a mighty hand. 20 So I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all the wonders that I will do in it; after that he will let you go. ²¹ And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and when you go, you shall not go empty,22 but each woman shall ask of her neighbor, and any woman who lives in her house, for silver and gold jewelry, and for clothing. You shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

WHAT'S YOUR NAME

Introduction- God Uses Time
Here I Am
Who Am I?
Who are You?

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Why does God seem to take so long to make us into the people He desires us to be? How have you seen this played out in your life?
- 2. How does Moses' response of taking off his sandals demonstrate Moses' heart toward God's holiness? How might this be reflected in our lives?
- 3. How is God's name an encouragement to you to live for Him?
- 4. How can you trace the connection between God's name of 'I am,' with the 'I am' sayings of Jesus?

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

COME TO THE FEAST

Go to the highways and hedges
Go to the farthest of fields
Go and compel the sick and the well
For our Father's house will be filled

Go to the streets of the city
Bring in the crippled and blind
All who would taste this banquet of grace
Must come and waste to more time

Come to the feast, Come to the table
The great and the least, the rich and the poor
Come to the feast, Come to the table
Come and hunger no more

In the robe of the lamb you'll be covered Dressed in His pure righteousness For all of your guilt, His blood was spilt So come by your Father be blessed

Come to the feast, Come to the table
The great and the least, the rich and the poor
Come to the feast, Come to the table
Come and hunger no more
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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

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED



† 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

Pete Cansick – September 29

Randy Shannon – October 6

Herb Haertner – October 13

Information & Events

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

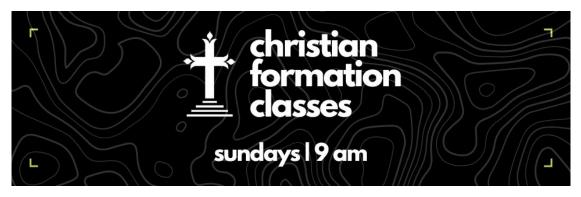
Christian Formation Classes are offered Sundays at 9:00 a.m. for all ages – children, youth, and adults. There are three adult options this semester: 1 Peter in the Lecture Hall (led by FWPC elders), Exploring the Gospels with Bob Schwartzbeck in Room 201, and Theology Class with Pastor Brandon in Room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

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.

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

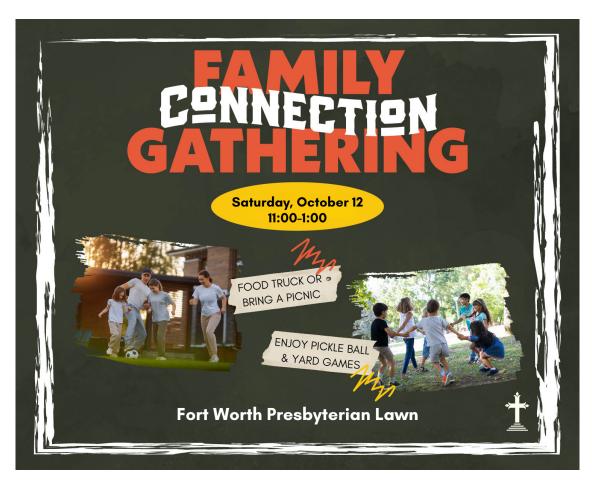
Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, Sept 4-Nov 20 – The Fort Youth Group food, fun, large group lesson, small group discussion

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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