

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



October 27, 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.

The point of the plagues for today is not so much what we have to do with them, but having our hearts and minds opened to what God has done and understanding Him better.

Pete Enns

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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

— October 27, 2024 —

Twenty-third 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: My soul finds rest in God alone;

People: My salvation comes from Him.

Pastor: He alone is my rock and my salvation;

People: He is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Pastor: My salvation and my honor depend on God; He is my mighty rock, my refuge.

People: Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.

Psalm 62:1-2, 8

† Hymn of Praise

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our Helper He amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow'r are great;
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name,
from age to age the same,
and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

† Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Psalm 121

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

People: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.

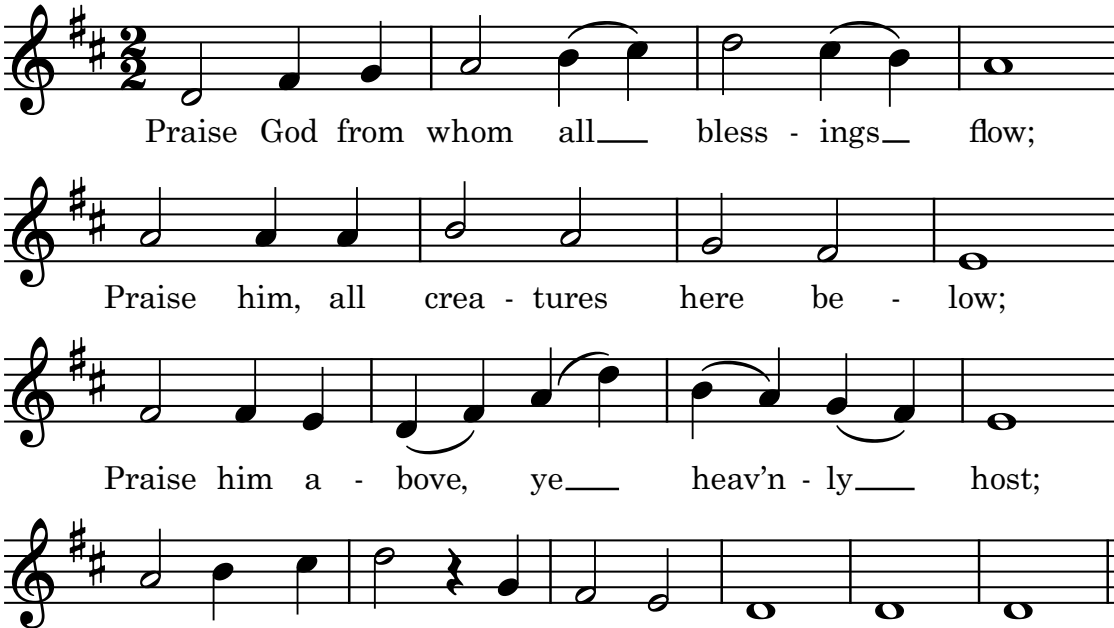
People: Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither sleep nor slumber.

Pastor: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

People: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

Pastor: The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.

All: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.



Praise God from whom all__ bless - ings__ flow;

Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise him a - bove, ye__ heav'n - ly__ host;

Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Confession of Sin

Pastor: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God together praying:

People: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the guilt of my sin.

From Psalm 32:8, 9, 3-5

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

Heal us, Em-man-uel, here we are.

We long to feel Thy touch.

Deep wound-ed souls to Thee we fly;

O, Sav-ior hear our cry.

Our faith is fee-ble we con-fess,

We faint-ly trust Thy word;

But will you pi-ty us the less?

Be that far from you, Lord!

† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sins are covered.

All: Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in Him.

From Psalm 32:1, 10

† 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

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO



1. O Love that will not - let me go, I
2. O Light that foll - ow'st all my way, I
3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I
4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I



rest my wear - y soul in thee; I
 yield my flick' - ring torch to thee; My
 can - not close my heart to thee; I
 dare not ask to fly from thee; I



give thee back the li - fe I owe, That
 heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That
 trace the rain - bow through the rain, And
 lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And



in thine o - cean depths its flow May
 in thy sun - shine's blaze its day May
 feel the prom - ise is not vain, That
 from the ground there bloss - oms red Life



ri - cher, full - er _____ be.
 brigh - ter, fair - er _____ be.
 morn shall tear - less _____ be.
 that shall end - less _____ be.

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

† Confession of Faith

Pastor: Christian, what is the gospel?

People: Christ died in accordance with the Scriptures. Christ was buried and Christ was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

Pastor: What does it mean to believe the gospel?

People: It means confessing that Christ died and rose from the dead. It means giving myself to Him, body and soul, who first gave Himself for me. It is to believe and live this truth – That I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

This is gospel, and by God's grace I believe it to His glory!

Prayer of Intercession

Scott Wade

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ You have revealed Your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of Your mercy, that Your church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your Name; through Jesus, we pray. 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 7:1-13

And the Lord said to Moses, “See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. ² You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go out of his land. ³ But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, ⁴ Pharaoh will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and bring my hosts, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment. ⁵ The Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them.” ⁶ Moses and Aaron did so; they did just as the Lord commanded them. ⁷ Now Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron eighty-three years old, when they spoke to Pharaoh.

⁸ Then the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, ⁹ “When Pharaoh says to you, ‘Prove yourselves by working a miracle,’ then you shall say to Aaron, ‘Take your staff and cast it down before Pharaoh, that it may become a serpent.’” ¹⁰ So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the Lord commanded. Aaron cast down his staff before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a serpent. ¹¹ Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers, and they, the magicians of Egypt, also did the same by their secret arts. ¹² For each man cast down his staff, and they became serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs. ¹³ Still Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SIGNS OF SOVEREIGNTY

Introduction

How Are We to Understand the Plagues?

What is the Purpose of the Plagues?

What Are the Implications of the Plagues for Us?

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er, God of might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.____
____ Ho - san - na in the high - est,____
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.____
____ Ho - san - na in the high - est,____
____ ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

The King of Love my Shepherd Is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth.

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

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.

† Song of Sending

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love. How great, how sure; His

love en - dures for - ev - er -

more. Mag - ni - fi - cent, mar - vel - ous, match - less love.

What grace, that You entered our brokenness,
 You came in the fullness of time
 How far we had fallen from righteousness
 but not from the mercies of Christ

Your cross is our door to redemption,
 Your death is our fullness of life
 That day, how forgiveness flowed as a flood
 Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love

Chorus

*How great, how sure, His love endures forevermore
 Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love*

United in Your resurrection,
 You lift us to infinite heights
 Could anything sever or take us from
 Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love *Chorus*

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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

Randy Shannon – October 27

Daniel Sneed – November 3

David Steed – November 10

Save the Date

Mon, Nov 4, 7 pm – Ladies Game Night

Fri, Dec 6, 6:30 pm – GAP Christmas Party at the Thoms

Sat, Dec 7, 10 am – Women's Christmas Brunch

Sun, Dec 8, 11:30 am – Kids Advent Party

Sun, Dec 15, 6 pm – Lessons & Carols

Information & Events

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

Coat Drive: Oakmont Elementary is collecting new winter coats for ages PreK through 5th Grade (youth large to adult small especially needed). Please bring your donation to the FWPC Fellowship Hall by Sunday, November 3. We will deliver these coats to the elementary school for distribution to the kids who most need them.

FWPC Choirs will begin rehearsals for the annual Lessons and Carols service **next Sunday**. We'll enjoy a potluck lunch together before a kickoff rehearsal. Thursday night rehearsals will take place at 7 pm on Nov 7, 14, 21 and Dec 5, 12. We welcome both adults and teens in the FWPC Choir and elementary age kids in the FWPC Children's Choir. Nursery is available for preschoolers. Email justin@fortworthpca.org with questions.

The Grove Workday: Come for the morning or stop by for an hour or so to help with Fall garden tasks **this Saturday**, November 2, 9:00-noon. We'll be weeding, seeding, adding new compost to the gardens, working in the compost area, and digging holes to plant a few new trees. Have a wheelbarrow and garden tools? Please bring those along! Questions? See Anne Santana or Marilyn Schwartzbeck.

MTW 30 Days of Prayer: We invite you to join Mission to the World in praying for global missions during November. Daily prayer prompts are posted on their social media accounts, find a complete schedule at MTW.org/30dop, or pick up a printed calendar on the fellowship hall table.

Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2024-May 2025

June-September	This Year	Last Year
Income YTD	423,701	376,535
Expenses YTD	449,060	488,591
How we're doing YTD	-25,358	-106,914

Our Fiscal Year began June 1. We have spent \$25,358 more than our giving in the first four months of our fiscal year. As of September 30, we have \$157,894 cash on hand after liabilities.

Thank you for generously giving \$3,875.96 to our recent Alms offering. This will be a blessing to many. And please continue in faithfully supporting the work of the Lord through your giving to the church.

- ❖ Mobile Giving: Text the amount you want to give to 817-934-6447. The first time will take you through the setup. After that, text the amount you would like to give.
- ❖ If you would like to give online, you can sign up for ACH/Credit/Debit giving from our home page fortworthpca.org.
- ❖ If you would like to contribute stocks or securities from a brokerage account, you can contact Matt Jones 817-731-3300 and he can give you the instructions for these types of gifts.
- ❖ If you would like to include FWPC in your estate planning, you can contact Matt Jones with any questions you may have.

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Fall at

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 6 – Youth Christmas Party

Details: fortworthpca.org/youth | Questions? travis@fortworthpca.org | [@thefort_fwpc](https://www.instagram.com/thefort_fwpc)



Join us for

BABIES & BOOTS

Benefit Concert

Friday, November 15, 6:30 p.m.

Doxology Church – 4805 Arborlawn

enjoy the music of **CATE GARTNER**

American Idol 2024 | Texas Country Music Assn Member

Hear her story & original music
Music, Hors d'oeuvres, Desserts, Door Prizes
Dress: Western Casual, Boots & Jeans

Tickets, Donations, Sponsorship:
pregnancylifeline.net/babies-boots



YOUNG ADULTS

Friends giving

POTLUCK DINNER
Saturday, November 16, 6 pm
FWPC Fellowship Hall

Bring a side, salad, or
dessert to share.

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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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