Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



November 17, 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 blood that was smeared around the doors of the Israelites houses was a visible token that a life had been laid down in that place.

Alec Motyer

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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

November 17, 2024

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

The Gospel Greeting

Rev. Brandon Eggar

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Pastor: Be still, and know that I am God. "I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted among the earth!

All: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11

† Hymn of Praise

O WORSHIP THE KING

O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love; Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, Your pow'r has founded of old; Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree, And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; It shines in the light; It streams from the hills; It descends to the plain; And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In You do we trust, nor find You to fail; Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love! While angels delight to hymn You above, The humbler creation, though feeble their lays, With true adoration shall lisp to Your praise. † Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Psalm 29:1-11

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD,

glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the

LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Pastor: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory

thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

People: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is

full of majesty.

Pastor: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the

cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion

like a young wild ox.

People: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice

of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the

wilderness of Kadesh.

Pastor: The voice of the LORD makes the oaks shake and strips the forests

bare, and in His temple all cry, "Glory!"

People: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits

enthroned as king forever.

All: May the LORD give strength to His people! May the LORD

bless His people with peace!

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

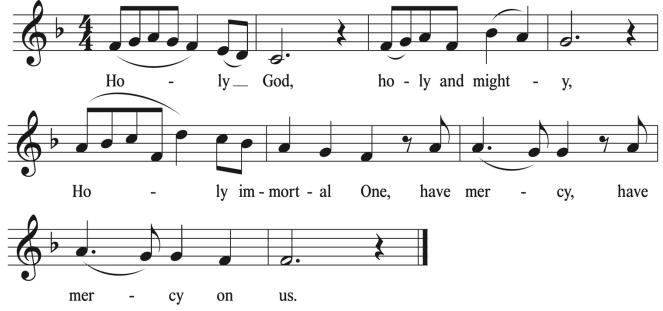
All:

O Lord, we confess that we are easily bored; bored with Your creation and redemption; bored with the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross; bored with being Your children. We are bored with Your calling and our vocations. We are even bored with the entertainment in which we are engrossed as a culture. Lord, revive us. By Your grace shake us from our bored complacency. Grant us the gift of wonder at who You are, what You have done, and what is ours in Christ Jesus. Give us thankful hearts that live in awe of You, You who have made us Your own. Amen.

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

TRISAGION



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† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

All: Thanks be to God!

1 John 1:9

† The Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you!

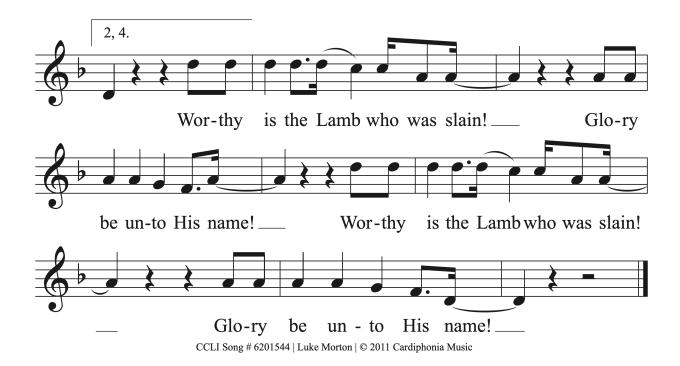
People: And also with you!

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

† Song of Renewal

THE LAMB HAS OVERCOME





COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

† Confession of Faith

Pastor: Christian, who is the Lord Jesus Christ?

All:

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Beloved Son of God, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the Image of the Invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the Head of the Body, the Church, the Firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

From Colossians 1:14-20

Prayer of Intercession

Tim Watt

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people, that bringing forth in abundance the fruit of good works, they may bring forth praise to Jesus the restorer of all things. 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 12:1-28

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 2 "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. 3 Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. 4 And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb.5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 6 and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

7 "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8 They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. 10 And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 11 In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will

strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. 13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

14 "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. 15 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. 16 On the first day you shall hold a holy assembly, and on the seventh day a holy assembly. No work shall be done on those days. But what everyone needs to eat, that alone may be prepared by you.17 And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever. 18 In the first month, from the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread until the twentyfirst day of the month at evening.19 For seven days no leaven is to be found in your houses. If anyone eats what is leavened, that person will be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a sojourner or a native of the land. 20 You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwelling places you shall eat unleavened bread."

21 Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select

lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover

lamb. 22 Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin,

and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the

basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the

morning.23 For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when

he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass

over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike

you.24 You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons

forever.25 And when you come to the land that the Lord will give you, as he

has promised, you shall keep this service. 26 And when your children say to

you, 'What do you mean by this service?' 27 you shall say, 'It is the sacrifice

of the Lord's Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel

in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses." And the

people bowed their heads and worshiped.

28 Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the Lord had commanded

Moses and Aaron, so they did.

Reader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

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"THE MEAL"

| The Meaning | of the | Meal |
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The Manner of the Meal

The Memory of the Meal

Eating the Meal Today

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Ponder and describe the purpose of the actions in Exodus 12:1-13.
- 2. How is Exodus 12:11 related to Luke 12:36? What does this mean for us today?
- 3. How does the Passover Lamb foreshadow Christ?
- 4. How does the Passover Meal and the Lord's Table shape our view of who we are and God's calling on our lives?

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.



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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 and our

Savior Jesus Christ and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of His Body and heirs of His

Kingdom. Amen.

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus
O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ (Chorus)

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore (Chorus)

Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death

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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: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the

fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen!

Deacon of the Day

Johnny Tassin – November 17

Andy Warren – November 24

Pete Cansick – December 1

Save the Date

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

Sun, Dec 15, 6 pm – Lessons & Carols

Tues, Dec 24, 5 pm – Christmas Eve Service

Jan 10-11 – FWPC 101 for New Members

Information & Events

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

FWPC Choir: Thursday rehearsals for Lessons & Carols will take place at 7 pm on Nov 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 choir questions or nursery@fortworthpca.org with kid questions.

New Covenant Child: Congratulations to AJ and Brooke Stevenson on the birth of Kessler Hus Stevenson on Tuesday, November 5, at 1:42 p.m. Welcome, Kessler! Praise be to God for this good and perfect gift!

Holiday Market: FWPC will host a Holiday Market on Saturday, November 23, 10:00-2:00, to support crafters and small businesses in our church/community and create an opportunity to invite our neighbors to upcoming Christmas events. If you'd like to be a vendor (\$25/table), please register via the QR code or visit the church office during regular business hours, Monday-Friday. Questions? Contact Marilyn at marilynschwartzbeck@gmail.com or 832-618-7894



Fall at THE FORT

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 13* – 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

*Wednesday, October 30, 6:30-9:00 pm – Youth Halloween Party Thom Home – 4201 Shannon Drive, Ft. Worth 76116

Wednesday, November 20, 7:00 pm – Friendsgiving Potluck FWPC Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 6 - Youth Christmas Party

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





SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 11:30-1:00 P.M.

Pre-K to 4th Grade can stay after church for lunch, games, prizes, dessert, and hands-on experiments to ponder the beauty and glory of Jesus.





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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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