## Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



November 24, 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.

Had Israel not been led to the Red Sea, having seemingly been caught, there would have been no final defeat of the power that had formerly enslaved them.

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 24, 2024 —

Twenty-seventh 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: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

Pastor: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among

all the peoples!

Psalm 96:1-3

## † Hymn of Praise

#### HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

#### Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; (Refrain)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. (Refrain)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art. (Refrain)

† Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Psalm 16:1-2, 5-6, 8, 9-11

Pastor: Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

People: I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You."

Pastor: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

People: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

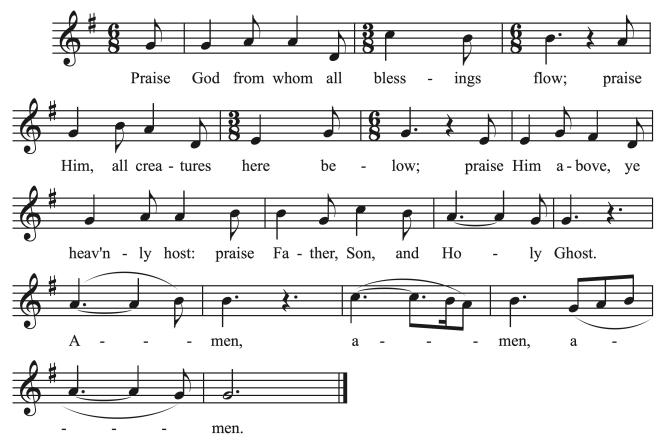
Pastor: I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

People: Therefore, my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

Pastor: For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol or let Your Holy One see corruption.

All: You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## † Doxology



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#### Confession of Sin

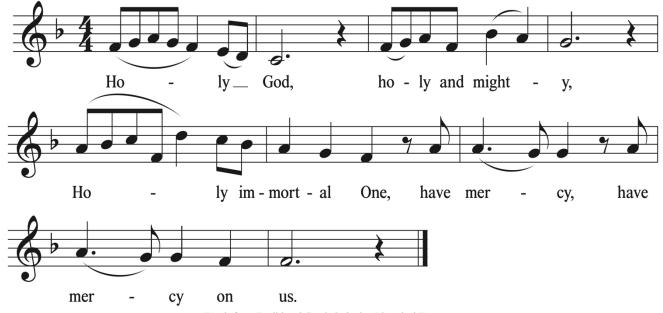
Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

All: 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 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. Renew us by Your Spirit and restore to us the joy of Your salvation. Amen.

#### Silent Confession

## Song of Confession

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## † Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: The Lord, as He promised, will create in us a clean heart. He will renew a right spirit within us.

#### All: Amen!

From Psalm 51:10

## † 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.

#### KING OF KINGS

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus
Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died (Chorus)

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs

And the angels stood in awe

For the souls of all who'd come

To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me (Chorus)

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#### COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

## † Confession of Faith

Pastor: Christian, in whom do we believe?

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell. \*
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

<sup>\*</sup>While Jesus didn't literally descend to hell, He did endure the torment of hell on the cross and remained under the power of death until His resurrection.

<sup>\*\*</sup>universal

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

## Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all

things in Your Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under His

gracious rule. 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 13:17-14:31

of the Philistines, although that was near. For God said, "Lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt." <sup>18</sup> But God led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. And the people of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt equipped for battle. <sup>19</sup> Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for Joseph had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones with you from here." <sup>20</sup> And they moved on from Succoth and encamped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness. <sup>21</sup> And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

14 Then the Lord said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> "Tell the people of Israel to turn back and encamp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baalzephon; you shall encamp facing it, by the sea. <sup>3</sup> For Pharaoh will say of the people of Israel, "They are wandering in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.' <sup>4</sup> And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord." And they did so.

<sup>5</sup>When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the mind of Pharaoh and his servants was changed toward the people, and they said, "What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?" So he made ready his chariot and took his army with him, <sup>7</sup> and took six hundred chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of

them. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the people of Israel while the people of Israel were going out defiantly. <sup>9</sup> The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them encamped at the sea, by Pihahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

<sup>10</sup> When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord. 11 They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? 12 Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." <sup>13</sup> And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again.<sup>14</sup> The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

<sup>15</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. <sup>16</sup> Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup> And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>18</sup> And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

<sup>19</sup> Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup> coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the nightwithout one coming near the other all night.

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup> And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>24</sup> And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, <sup>25</sup> clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians."

<sup>26</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." <sup>27</sup>So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. <sup>28</sup>The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup>But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

<sup>30</sup>Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup>Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## The Preaching of the Word

Brandon Eggar

#### GOD GUIDES HIS PEOPLE

God Guides Compassionately

God Guides Personally

God Guides Purposefully

God Guides Powerfully

#### Discussion Questions:

- 1. What was something new that you learned from this passage?
- 2. Think of a time when God led you compassionately? How did He do this?
- 3. How does the Holy Spirit guide us?
- 4. Compare God's salvation of Israel through the sea with how He has saved us in Christ. How does God fighting for us enable us to go forward in the Christian life?

#### 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.

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah Pilgrim through this barren land I am weak but Thou art mighty Hold me with Thy powerful hand Bread of heaven Feed me now and evermore Bread of Heaven Feed me now and evermore Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing waters flow Let the fiery cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through Strong deliverer Be thou still my strength and shield Strong deliverer Be thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee
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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

#### IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand
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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

Andy Warren – November 24

Pete Cansick – December 1

Herb Haertner – December 8

#### Save the Date

Sun, Dec 1 – No Christian Formation classes at 9 am

Sun, Dec 8 – Young Adults Lunch at Kincaid's

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.

**Prison Fellowship Angel Tree:** Beginning December 8, select an angel from the tree in the Fellowship Hall to purchase a Christmas gift for a child on behalf of an incarcerated parent. Each angel includes a child's name, age, and suggested gift. Questions? See Rich Saadeh.

**Geneva Relief Fund:** Today, an increasing number of retired PCA pastors, pastors' widows, and ministry staff live near the poverty line. Our denomination launched the Geneva Relief Fund to support these servants by meeting their practical needs and reminding them they are not alone. A special offering will be taken on Sunday, December 8.

**Benevolence Offering:** A special offering for widows and families in need in our congregation will be taken Sunday, December 15. Please make checks payable to FWPC and list Benevolence Offering on the memo line.

Ladies Game Night is Monday, December 2. Join us for a night of fun in the Lecture Hall from 7:00-9:00 p.m. It's the annual holiday edition with a gift exchange game; bring a wrapped gift under \$15 to participate. Friends and snacks to share are welcome. Decaf coffee and water are provided. Ladies Game Night occurs monthly on the first Monday of the month (with exceptions made for holidays). Questions? Contact Alice Miller (817-721-3578) or Margaret Kunkel (214-802-5554).

Lessons and Carols: Volunteers are needed to bring Christmas cookies and to help with setup and cleanup for the reception following this special service on Sunday, December 15. If you are willing to serve our church family in this way, please Sign Up using the QR code or via the link at fortworthpca.org/advent.









## 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.





#### Fort Worth Presbyterian Church

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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