Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



November 3, 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.

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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 3, 2024 —

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

The Gospel Greeting

Rev. Brandon Eggar

Pastor: God is our salvation!

People: Therefore, we will trust in Him and will not be afraid. He is our strength and our song.

From Isaiah 12:2

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation. And together we will say:

People: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is

exalted!

Pastor: Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously.

From Isaiah 12:3-5

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight; Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day; The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

† Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Psalm 146:3-10

Pastor: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no

salvation.

People: When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very

day his plans perish.

Pastor: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the

LORD his God,

People: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

Pastor: Who keeps faith forever; Who executes justice for the oppressed,

Who gives food to the hungry.

People: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes

of the blind.

Pastor: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves

the righteous.

People: The LORD watches over the sojourners; He upholds the

widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked He brings

to ruin.

Pastor: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

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:

We, poor sinners, confess ourselves before You, our Lord and God and Maker, that sadly we have sinned much, with our desires, thoughts, words, and deeds, as You, eternal God, know very well. We regret them and ask humbly for Your good grace.

Amen.

Heinrich Bullinger

Silent Confession

† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed

is interceding for us.

Romans 8:33-34

All: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ: New Creation! The old has passed away; behold, the new has come!

From 2 Corinthians 5:17

† 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

HIS MERCY IS MORE

What love could remember no wrongs we have done Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more Stronger than darkness new every morn Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more (Chorus)

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

† Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #1

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Prayer of Intercession

Pastor Brandon

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Pastor: Let us now join our voices praying:

All:

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, as we live among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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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PSALM 116

I love You Lord
For You have delivered me
I love You Lord
For You have delivered
My soul from death
My feet from stumbling
I will walk in the land of the living
My soul from death
My feet from stumbling
I will walk in the land of the living

I will bless You Lord For You heard my cry I reached out my hand And You saved my life I will bless You Lord For You heard my plea And the God of Heaven Turned His ear to me I will bless You Lord For unending love For Your grace and mercy Raining down from above And I will bless You Lord To the very end I will call on You As long as I may live (Chorus)

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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.

⁸Then 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:



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 Songs

JESUS PAID IT ALL

I hear the Savior say,
"Your strength indeed is small,
child of weakness, watch and pray,
find in Me your all in all."

Refrain:

Jesus paid it all,

all to Him I owe;

sin had left a crimson stain,

He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find Your power, and Yours alone, can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone. (Refrain)

For nothing good have I whereby Your grace to claim — I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. (Refrain)

And when, before the Throne,
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
my lips shall still repeat. (Refrain)

LOVE STILL BIDS YOU WELCOME

Oh God of grace, how often have I grieved Thee
How seldom have I sung thy praise
And little do I know how much I need Thee
And time again I turn away
For how my heart is hard and unbelieving
For all I've done and left undone Your love is
not reluctant to receive me
My soul draws back but Love says "come"

Chorus

He will not cast you out, He will not cast you out

Whoever enters in, will forever dwell with him

Draw near, faint heart, draw near Love still bids you welcome here

Oh Father when I sin against my neighbor
I turn away Your very Son
Who died to call us friends when we were strangers
And says to ev'ry sinner "come" (Chorus)

Oh Lord of light you call us out of darkness

To turn aside from sin and live

And prodigals, we come to you for pardon

Oh Abba Father take us in (Chorus)

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Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

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
Songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee

Land me safe on Canaan's side
Bid my anxious fears
Bid my anxious fears
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Bid my anxious fears
Bid my anxious fears
Bid my anxious fears goodbye

Jeremy Casella, John Hughes

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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,

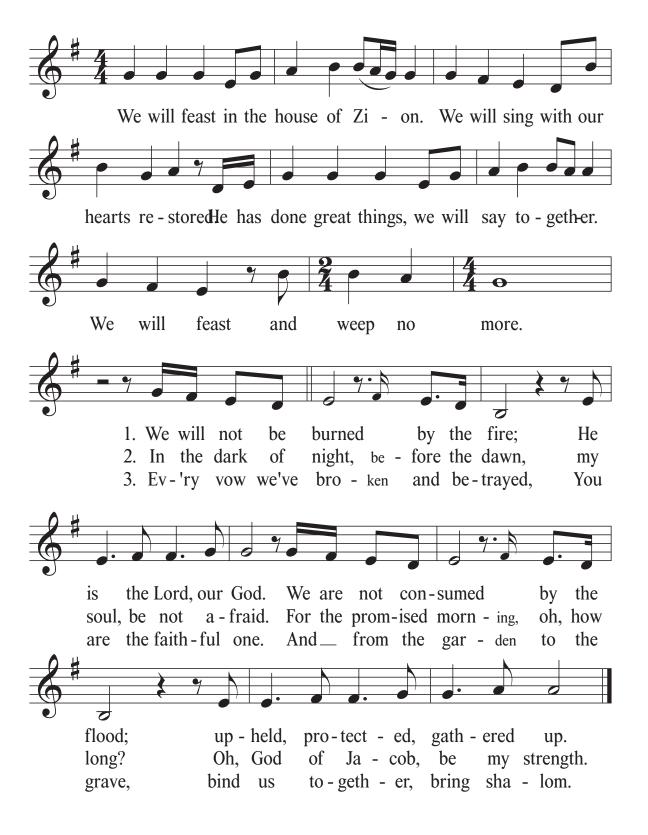
Father, send us out to do the work You have given us to do, to

love and serve as faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ. Amen.

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION



† 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

Daniel Sneed – November 3

David Steed – November 10

Johnny Tassin – November 17

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 this week, 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 **today**. 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.

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, or you can print a complete schedule at MTW.org/30dop. Today is an International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, and we hope you will join us in remembering those who live and serve the Lord in places where it is difficult or dangerous.

Pregnancy Lifeline Benefit Concert: 2024 American Idol contestant Cate Gartner will perform at the Babies & Boots Benefit Concert on Friday, November 15, 6:30 p.m. at Doxology Church (4805 Arborlawn). Enjoy music, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, door prizes and support a great cause. For details on tickets and sponsorships or to make donations, visit pregnancylifeline.net/babies-boots.

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 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





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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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