

# Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



December 15, 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 is currently blue as this is the time in the Christian Year known as Advent. Blue represents the sky before dawn, signaling the time in which we live "between" - between the first and second coming of Christ, the Light of the world*

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Delivered from both fear and fearfulness, the Lord's people are renewed for action, freed for activity, saved to serve. What activity is this? Prayer, praise, and worship, holiness in life and speech, trusting, resting, rejoicing.

*Alec Moyter*

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*Please turn off or silence all communication devices.*

*For Free Wi-Fi, go to Settings on your device and select network 'FWPCA'*

*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

— December 15, 2024 —

*Third Sunday of Advent*

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

The Gospel Greeting

*Rev. Brandon Eggar*

Pastor: Greetings, O favored ones, the Lord is with us!

**People: Behold, we are the servants of the Lord; let it be to us according to His word.**

## † The Call to Worship

Pastor: It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills and all of the nations shall flow to it.

**People: And many peoples shall come up and say, "Come, let us go up to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths."**

Pastor: For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples.

**People: And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nations shall not lift up sword against nations, neither shall they learn war anymore.**

Pastor: O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD and worship Him in truth.

*From Isaiah 2:2-5*

† Hymn of Praise

LO! HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING



1. Lo! He comes with clouds de - - scend - ing.
2. Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - - hold Him,
3. Now re - demp - tion long ex - - pect - ed,
4. Yea, a - men, let all a - - dore Thee



Once for fa - vored sin - ners\_\_\_\_ slain;  
robed in glo - rious maj - es - - ty;  
see in sol - emn pomp ap - - pear!  
High on Thine e - ter - nal\_\_\_\_ throne;



thou-sand thou-sand saints at - - tend - ing,  
those who set at naught and\_\_\_\_ sold Him,  
All His saints, by man re - - ject - ed,  
Sav - ior take the pow'r and\_\_\_\_ glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of His train.  
pierced and nailed Him to the\_\_\_\_ tree,  
now shall meet Him in the\_\_\_\_ air.  
Claim the king - dom for Thine\_\_\_\_ own.



Al - le - lu - ia!                      Al - le - lu - ia!  
deep - ly wail - ing                      deep - ly — wail - ing,  
Al - le - lu - ia!                      Al - le - lu - ia!  
O come quick - ly                      O come — quick - ly,



God ap - pears on earth to — reign!  
shall the true Mes - si - ah — see.  
See the day of God ap - pear!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Come, Lord, — come!

† Invocation

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: Family of the Living God, let us now confess our sins together:

**All:** Our God, we come to You confessing that although we have begun to live and walk by the Spirit, we are quick to go back to the flesh and as a result we become conceited. We provoke one another. We envy one another and we fail to follow in the way of Jesus, our Lord. Gracious Father, forgive us for trusting in our own strength to Your dishonor, our demise, and the dehumanization of others. We pray for Your renewal in our lives and congregation. Amen.

## Silent Confession

1. Fa - ther en-throned on high. Ho - ly ho - ly,  
 2. Lord, save us from the dark Of our striv-ing,  
 3. Look now u - pon our need Lord be with us,

An - cient e - ter - nal light Hear our prayers  
 Faith-less and troubl-ed heart Weighed down  
 Heal us and make us free From our sin

2.3. Come, Oh Re-deem-er, come Grant us mercy.\_\_\_\_

Come, Oh Re-deem-er come Grant us peace.

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## † Assurance of Pardon

**Pastor:** This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**All:** **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is well-pleased.**

*1 John 1:5,9*

## † 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

ISAIAH 43

When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you,  
And the waves will not  
Overcome you.  
Do not fear,  
For I have redeemed you,  
I have called you by name,  
You are Mine.

*Chorus:*

*For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),  
I am the Lord your God  
(I am) The Holy One of Israel Your Savior  
I am the Lord (do not fear)  
I am the Lord (do not fear)  
I am the Lord (do not fear)  
I am the Lord (do not fear)*

When you walk through the fire  
You'll not be burned  
And the flames will not  
Consume you.  
Do not fear,  
For I have redeemed you,  
I have called you by name,  
You are Mine. *(Chorus)*



## COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Lighting of the Advent Wreath -

*The Shepherds' Candle*

*Psalm 97*

*Luke 3:7-18*

*The Norris Family*

Reader: We light the third candle of Advent, the Shepherds' Candle, to remind us that the announcement of Christ's birth was made to humble men, for God came and called the meek of the earth.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Reception of New Members

*Mary Smith*

*Ella Saadeh*

The Sacrament of Baptism

*Rev. Jim Talarico*

*Caleb Talarico*

*Kelly Talarico*

*Sydney Talarico*

Prayer of Intercession

*Scott Hames*

*(followed by a time of silent prayer)*

## Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

**All:** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let Your bountiful grace and mercy come to help and deliver us through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory. 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.*



*QR Code for online giving*

# LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

## The Reading of the Word

*Zephaniah 3:8-20*

“Therefore wait for me,” declares the Lord, “for the day when I rise up to seize the prey. For my decision is to gather nations, to assemble kingdoms, to pour out upon them my indignation, all my burning anger; for in the fire of my jealousy all the earth shall be consumed.

9 “For at that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call upon the name of the Lord and serve him with one accord.

10 From beyond the rivers of Cush my worshipers, the daughter of my dispersed ones, shall bring my offering.

11 “On that day you shall not be put to shame because of the deeds by which you have rebelled against me; for then I will remove from your midst your proudly exultant ones, and you shall no longer be haughty in my holy mountain.

12 But I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord,

13 those who are left in Israel; they shall do no injustice and speak no lies, nor shall there be found in their mouth a deceitful tongue. For they shall graze and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.”

14 Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

15 The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

16 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

17 The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

18 I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

19 Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

20 At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ADVENT REJOICING

A Day of Retribution Coming

A Day of Rejoicing Promised

A Day of Rejoicing Given

Discussion Questions:

1. What does God promise to do in verses 9-13? Which of these things most amaze you and why?
2. How should knowing that God sings over us shape our singing to Him?
3. How can you be confident God rejoices over you with gladness? How might your life change if you believed this?

# 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](mailto: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

### MY JESUS I LOVE THEE

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know 'Thou art mine;  
for Thee all the follies of sin I resign.

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because 'Thou hast first loved me,  
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on 'Thy brow;  
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death;  
and praise Thee as long as 'Thou lendest me breath;  
and say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow:  
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:  
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us pray:

**All: Our Father, we thank You for feeding us at Your Son's Table.  
As we leave this gathering, may it continue to strengthen our  
trust in You in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

# GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

## † Song of Sending

### JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare Him room,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:  
let men their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of His love,  
and wonders of His love,  
and wonders, wonders of His love.

## † The Sending

Pastor: As we now go into the world:

**All: May we be on the lookout for the return of Christ.**

Pastor: When we are downcast:

**All: May we remember that we are God's children in Christ.**

Pastor: As we encounter neighbors and co-workers:

**All: May we pursue peace because we belong to the God of peace.**

## † The Blessing

Pastor: And now may the God of peace, who, through the blood of the eternal covenant, brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, and work in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ.

**People: To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen!**

## Deacon of the Day

Randy Shannon – December 15

Daniel Sneed – December 22

David Steed – December 29

## Save the Date

Sun, Dec 22 – No Christian Formation classes at 9 am

Sun, Dec 29 – No Christian Formation classes at 9 am

## Information & Events

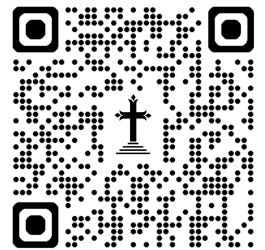
**Visitors:** Pick up visitor information at the visitor kiosk in the Fellowship Hall immediately following morning worship.

**FWPC 101:** The next new members class is January 10-11. Learn about FWPC's vision, purpose, ministries, service and fellowship opportunities, membership, and more. This class is required for membership but does not commit you to be ready to join. It will be led by Pastor Brandon in the Lecture Hall on Friday, January 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (dinner provided) and Saturday, January 11, 8:30 a.m.-noon (continental breakfast served). Please register at [fortworthpca.org/adult](http://fortworthpca.org/adult). Nursery is available upon request.

**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 or give online at [continuetogive.com/FWPben](http://continuetogive.com/FWPben).

**Prison Fellowship Angel Tree:** Stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall following worship to select a family for whom you may purchase children's Christmas gifts on behalf of an incarcerated parent. Each angel includes a child's name, age, and suggested gift. Five families, each with three children, are still available. Questions? See Rich Saadeh.

**2025 Summer Mission Trip:** The missions team has announced two opportunities to join them next summer: a mid-June trip to North Carolina to assist Mission to North America Disaster Relief with Hurricane Helene recovery efforts and a mid-July trip to Durango, Mexico, to serve alongside Mission to the World missionaries with work ranging from light construction to community outreach and VBS. Scan the QR code for more information and to complete an interest form.





# Lessons & Carols

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 6:00PM**

**Nursery provided for infant-4 years.  
Christmas Cookie fellowship follows.**



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# CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP



**5 PM**



## 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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