

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



December 22, 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

Readers of Micah 5:1-5a need to remind themselves that, although Micah clothed this prophecy in the earthly garb of the eighth century, it finds its fulfillment in the heavenly garb of the Son of God

Bruce Waltke

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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

— December 22, 2024 —

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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: Let all who adore Christ Jesus say, "Rejoice in the Lord always!"

People: Rejoice in the Lord always, for He, the Lord, is at hand!

Pastor: The Lord is at hand; therefore, do not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

People: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: Our God will supply our every need according to His riches in Christ Jesus.

People: To our God and Father be glory forever. Amen.

From Philippians 4:4-7;19-20

† Hymn of Praise

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive

What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes (repeat)

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† Invocation

† Doxology

O COME O COME EMMANUEL

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: The heart is deceitful in all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? The Lord searches the heart and tests the mind. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him:

All: **Our God, you have not called us into darkness, rather you have brought us into the light of Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. By Your grace, we are children of light. You have called us to be awake and sober-minded, having put on the breastplate of faith and love as well as the helmet of salvation. In light of Your grace, forgive us for living contrary to who we are in Christ. Restore us that we may seek to do good and honor You, our loving and merciful Father.**

Adapted from I Thessalonians 5

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

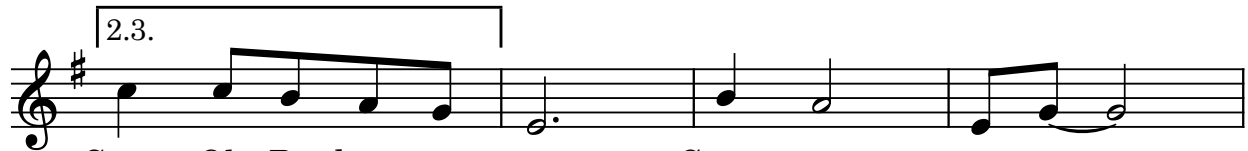
COME OH REDEEMER COME



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



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: What shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?

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

Romans 8:31-32

† 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.



1. Sing we the song of Em - man - u - el;
 2. Come we to wel - come Em - man - u - el;
 3. Go spread the news of Em - man - u - el;



this the Christ who was long fore - told.
 King who came with no crown or throne.
 joy and peace for the wear - y heart.



Lo in the shad - ows of Beth - le - hem,
 Help - less He lay, the in - vin - ci - ble,
 Lift up your heads, for your King has come;



prom - ise of dawn now our eyes be - hold.
 Ma - ker of Ma - ry, now Ma - ry's son.
 sing, for the light ov - er - whelms the dark.



God most high in a man - ger laid; lift your voic - es and
 O what wis - dom to save us all, shep - herds, sa - ges be -
 Glo - ry shi - ning for all to see, hope a - live, let the



now pro - claim: Great and glo - ri - ous, love has come to us.
 -fore Him fall. Grace and maj - es - ty, what hu - mil - i - ty.
 gos - pel ring. God has made a way, He will have the praise;



Join now with the hosts of hea - ven.
 Come on bend - ed knee, a - dore
 tell the world His name is Je

Him.
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Glo - - - - - ri - a,

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Lighting of the Advent Wreath -

The Angels' Candle
Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
John 1:6-8, 19-29
The Birbari Family

Reader: We light the fourth candle of Advent, the Angels' Candle, to remind us that hosts of Heaven proclaimed Jesus' arrival that has brought peace on earth.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Intercession

Pastor Brandon

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Pastor: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by Your daily visitation, that Your Son, at His coming, may find in us a home prepared for Himself. Amen.



Morning Offering

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LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Reading of the Word

Micah 5:1-5a

Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops;
siege is laid against us;
with a rod they strike the judge of Israel
on the cheek.

2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.

3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

4 And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.

5 And he shall be their peace.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Preaching of the Word

Brandon Eggar

ADVENT ROYALTY

The Promise of Royalty

The Promise of Royalty Fulfilled

Our Response

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:



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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

IMMANUEL (FROM THE SQUALOR OF A BORROWED STABLE)



1. From the squalor of a borrowed stable,
2. King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,
3. Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal
4. Now He's standing in the place of honour,



By the Spirit and a virgin's faith;
Humble servant in the Father's hands,
He was lifted on a cruel cross;
Crowned with glory on the highest throne,



To the anguish and the shame of scandal
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit,
He was punished for a world's transgressions,
Interceding for His own beloved



Came the Saviour of the human race!
Filled with mercy for the broken man.
He was suffering to save the lost.
Till His Father calls to bring them home!



But the skies were filled with the praise of heav'n,
Yes, He walked my road and He felt my pain,
He fights for breath, He fights for me,
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds



Shepherds listen as the angels tell
Joys and sorrows that I know so well;
Loosing sinners from the claims of hell;
Hope of heaven or the fear of hell;

Of the gift of God come down to man___
 Yet his right - eous steps give me hope a - gain___
 And_ with a shout our__ souls are free___
 But the bride will run to her Lov - er's arms,___

At the dawn-ing of Im - man - u - -el.
 I will fol - low my Im - man - u - -el!
 Death de - feat - ed by Im - man - u - -el!
 Giv - ing glo - ry to Im - man - u - -el!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

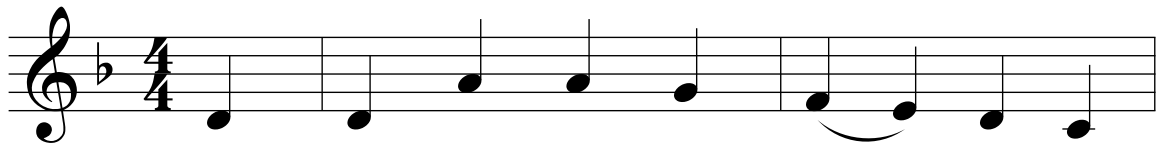
Pastor: Let us pray:

**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.**

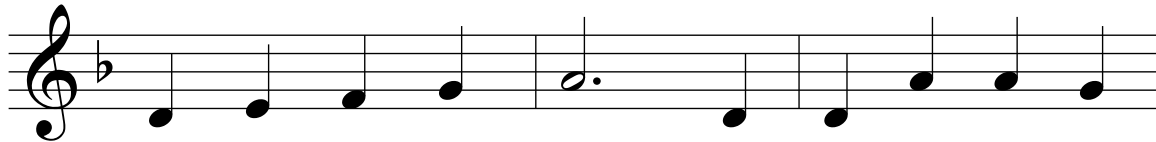
GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION



1.Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on! Ye
2.Fling wide thy port - als, Zi - on and
3.He com - eth not with war - riors, and
4.The throne which He asc - end - eth is



aw - ful deeps, rise high; sink low, ye tow - 'ring
hail thy glor - ious king; his tid - ings of sal -
not with pomp and show; yet smit - eth He with
fixed in heav'n a - bove; His sanc - ti - fied dom -



moun - tains, the Lord is draw - ing night; the
va - tion to ev - 'ry peo - ple bring, who,
ter - ror sing, death, and ev - 'ry foe. The
in - ion is light a - lone and love. His



right - eous King of glor - ry, fore - told in sac - red
wait - ing yet in sad - ness, would still His prais - es
Spi - rit's sword He wields to give to death a fa - tal
praise be ev - er sound - ing for grace and peace and



time. O — tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com-fort and
sing.
blow.
love.



joy, O — tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

Words by Frans M. Franzèn, Translated by Augustus Nelson

† The Sending

Pastor: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, come quickly!

All: By God's grace may we learn to long for and love our Lord's appearing.

Adapted from Revelation 22:20 and 1 Timothy 6:8

† 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

Daniel Sneed – December 22

David Steed – December 29

Johnny Tassin – January 5

Save the Date

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

Tues, Jan 14 – Co-Ed Bible Study begins

Wed, Jan 15 – Women's Bible Study begins

Sat, Jan 18 – Men's Breakfast at the Barn

Sun, Jan 19 – Prayer Albums presented to new babies

Tues/Wed, Jan 21/22 – Men's Bible Study begins

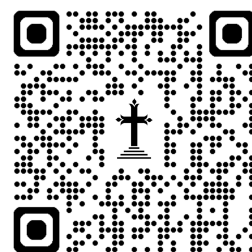
Information & Events

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. Nursery is available upon request.

Financial Peace University: If you are among the 40% of Americans who say their financial situation has caused them to lose sleep in the past month, it's time to make a change. Take the first step to take control of your finances by signing up for Financial Peace University classes hosted by Don Judd and Dowell Stackpole here at FWPC. Registration is \$79 at fortworthpca.org/adult and covers both spouses attending, if married. Class (and better sleep) starts on Thursday, January 9, 6-8 p.m. and runs for nine weeks in the Lecture Hall. Scholarships are available. Questions? Contact Don at 817-874-4205.

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.



The poster features a light blue background with several orange, four-pointed starburst shapes of varying sizes. A large orange crescent moon is positioned to the left of the center. At the bottom, there is a dark silhouette of a nativity scene with figures under a stable structure, set against a backdrop of rolling hills in shades of grey and orange. A small cross icon is located in the bottom right corner.

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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