

# Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



December 29, 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 gold and white as we are currently in the Season of Christmas. These two colors together point to the joy of this festive season when we celebrate the birth of our Lord.*

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He who was the Son of God became the Son of man, that man, having been taken into the Word, and receiving the adoption, might become the son of God.

*Irenaeus*

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*Hearing Assistive Devices (FM Receivers) are at the back sound booth.*

*† Congregation standing*

# Order of the Worship of God

— December 29, 2024 —

*First Sunday of Christmas*

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

The Gospel Greeting

*Rev. Brandon Eggar*

Pastor: Christ is born!

**People: Let us glorify Him!**

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Let all the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!**

Pastor: God is Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship him in Spirit and Truth. Come, therefore, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker, who has shone His saving light to the nations.

*From Psalm 67:3; John 4:24; and Psalm 95:6*

## † Hymn of Praise

### ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing,  
yonder shines the infant Light:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations;  
ye have seen his natal star:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King.

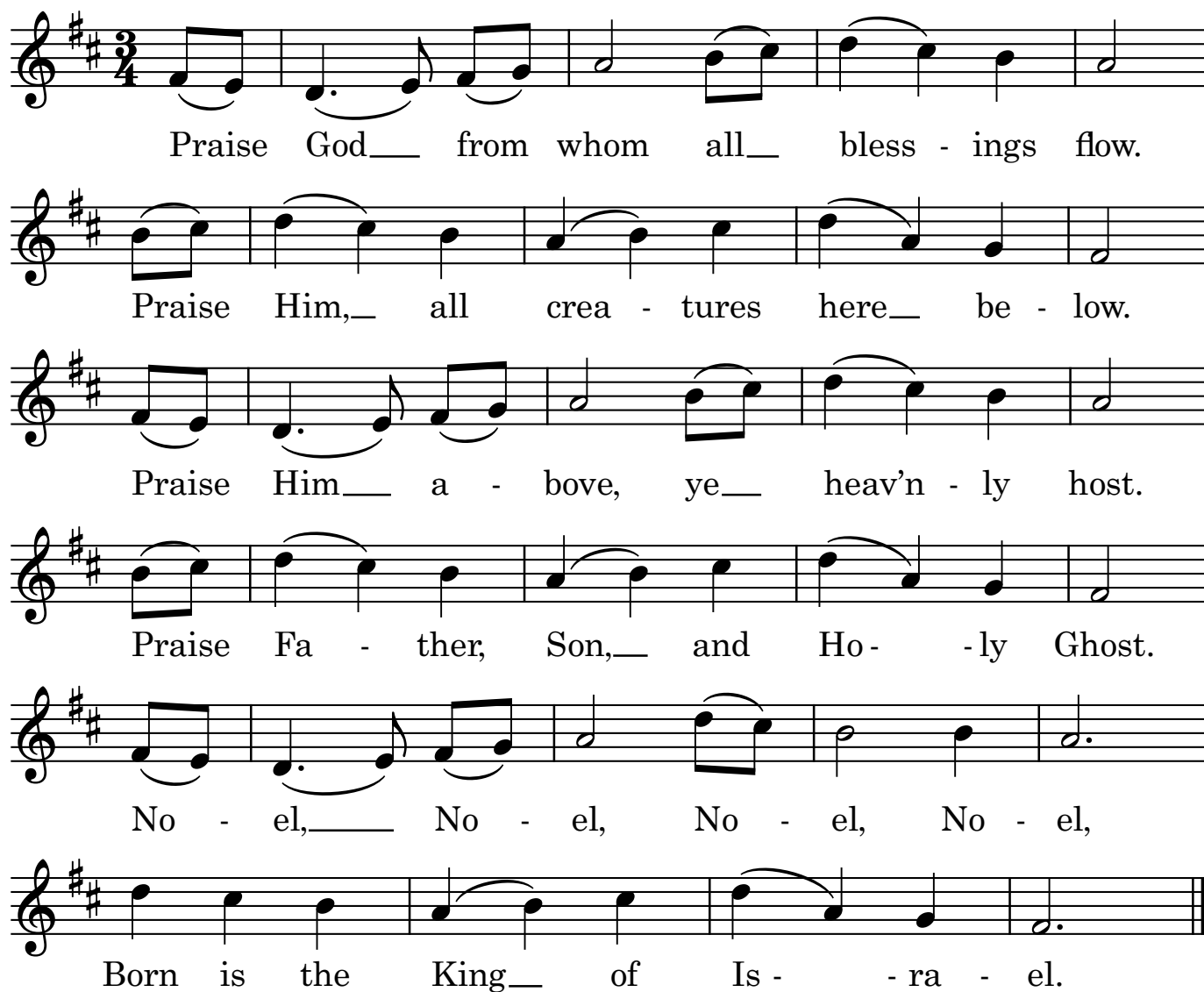
Saints before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending,  
in his temple shall appear:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King.

All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
evermore your voices raising  
to the eternal Three in One:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King.

# † Invocation

## † Doxology

*First Noel*



The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes with various rests and slurs. The lyrics are printed below each staff, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing.

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.

No - el,\_\_ No - el, No - el, No - el,

Born is the King\_\_ of Is - - ra - el.

Traditional English Carol (The First Noel, published in *Carols Ancient and Modern*, 1823)  
with text by Thomas Ken (1674) and original chorus.

## Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

**All:** Our God and Father, when we behold your Son, Jesus, we see Your great love for us; for You sent Your one and only Son into the world to die for sinners like us; so that whoever believes in Him would have eternal life. Yet, our Father, our appetite for things of secondary or even of no importance fills our lives with longings that You never intended us to have. Our love and devotion to our possessions and our fleeting pleasures reveal again our true need of Jesus, our Lord. In this Christmas season, would You please give us Christ more and more. Fill our hearts with a desire to know Him, to love Him, to serve Him, and to follow Him. Give us His presence to guide us in wisdom, to give peace to our troubled souls, to guard and protect our ways. Grant us Your grace and favor in Christ that we might delight in Your forgiveness. Amen.

## Silent Confession

# Song of Confession

*Trisagion*

Ho - - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,

Ho - - - ly im - mort - al One, have mer - cy,

have mer - cy on us.

Words from Traditional Greek Orthodox Liturgical Text CCLI Song # 6513081 | Fernando Ortega | © 2004 Cerdo Verde Music (Admin. by Curb Music Publishing) Curb Songs (Admin. by Curb Music Publishing)

## † Assurance of Pardon

**Pastor:** Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD; though your sins be like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

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

## † 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

## HE IS MAKING ALL THINGS RIGHT



1. Hail the right-ful rul - er Christ who came to save  
2. Hail the hum - ble shep - herd bend - ing low to serve



King of truth and jus - tice Lord of love and grace  
Bread for all\_ our hun - ger wa - ter for\_ our thirst



He who bore the cross to bring His peo - ple peace  
He who helps his neigh - bor loves the least of these



Broke the chains of sin and set the cap - tive free  
Wel - comes in\_ the stran - ger sets the cap - tive free



*He is mak - ing all things right*



*He is mak-ing all things right In His good - ness,*



*in His time He is mak-ing all things right*

3. Hail the coming Savior  
Hope of every heart  
Healer of the nations  
Bright and morning star  
He will win the battle  
Set the world at peace

Finally and forever  
Set the captive free  
Finally and forever  
Set the captive free  
*Chorus*

# 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

*Scott Zink*

*(followed by a time of silent prayer)*

## Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: **Almighty God, who has poured out on us the new light of your Incarnate Word: Grant that the same light enkindled in our hearts may shine forth in our lives, for Jesus' sake, we pray.**

## Morning Offering

*QR Code for online giving*



# LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

## The Reading of the Word

*Matthew 2:13-18*

13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” 14 And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt 15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

16 Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. 17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

18       “A voice was heard in Ramah,  
          weeping and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
          she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE BEST LIFE

Our Insufficiency

Christ's Sufficiency

Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways do you try to take control of your own prosperity and well-being?
2. Why did our Savior have to be God and man?
3. Why did Jesus have to recapitulate Israel's history, but do it perfectly?
4. How do you live the best life God desires for you?

# 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

## IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
from heav’n’s all gracious King”;  
the world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heav’nly music floats  
o’er all the weary world:  
above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hov’ring wing,  
and ever o’er its Babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life’s crushing load,  
whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way  
with painful steps and slow,  
look now! For glad and golden hours  
come swiftly on the wing:  
O rest beside the weary road  
and hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast’ning on,  
by prophet bards foretold,  
when with the ever circling years  
comes round the age of gold;  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world give back the song  
which now the angels sing.

# 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

ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST

Should nothing of our efforts stand,  
No legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house,  
In vain its builders strive.

To you who boast tomorrow's gain,  
Tell me what is your life?

A mist that vanishes at dawn.

All glory be to Christ!

*All glory be to Christ our King!*

*All glory be to Christ!*

*His rule and reign we'll ever sing*

*All glory be to Christ!*

His will be done His kingdom come

On earth as is above

Who is Himself our daily bread

Praise Him the Lord of love.

Let living water satisfy

The thirsty without price

We'll take a cup of kindness yet

All glory be to Christ! *Chorus*

When on that day the great I Am

The faithful and the true

The Lamb who was for sinners slain

Is making all things new.

Behold our God shall live with us

And be our steadfast light

And we shall e'er His people be

All glory be to Christ! *Chorus*

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## † The Sending

Pastor: As we now go into the world:

**All: May our eyes be fixed on our Emmanuel.**

Pastor: When we struggle, fear, or fail:

**All: May we cast ourselves on the cross of our Emmanuel.**

Pastor: As we encounter neighbors and co-workers:

**All: May we speak and show our Emmanuel**

## † 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

David Steed – December 29

Johnny Tassin – January 5

Andy Warren – January 12

## Save the Date

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

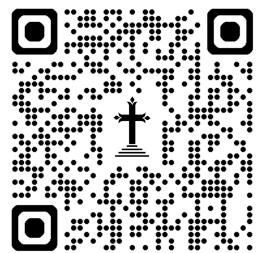
## Information & Events

**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](http://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](http://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.



January 14 - April 1

# CO-ED SPRING BIBLE STUDY

**HAGGAI, ZECHARIAH, MALACHI: POINTING TO THE PROMISED KING**

**TUESDAYS, 7:00 PM**

Sam & Cindy Lynn's  
6140 Forest Highlands Drive  
Fort Worth, TX 76132



Wednesdays, January 15 - April 2

## Women's Spring Bible Study

**Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi:**  
Pointing to the Promised King

### **MORNING STUDY**

9:30-11:30 AM at FWPC  
Childcare available.

### **EVENING STUDY**

7:00-8:30 PM at Sarah Sexton's  
6909 Spring Valley Way  
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Register at  
[fortworthpca.org/biblestudy](http://fortworthpca.org/biblestudy)



## 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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