Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



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 minister's stole is currently green, which signifies that this is the season of Epiphany — the season when the Church has historically remembered that the one Lord Jesus was revealed to all the nations that we may know that our life, growth and hope is in Him.

The Law of God is good and wise and sets His will before our eyes. It shows what deeds are His delight and should be done as good and right. To Jesus we for refuge flee, who from the curse has set us free. And humbly worship at His throne, saved by grace through faith alone.

From the hymn "God is Good and Wise"

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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

February 2, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

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: One thing I have asked of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I

may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze

upon the beauty of the LORD and meditate in His temple.

People: You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to You, "Your

face LORD do I seek."

Pastor: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait

for the LORD! Amen!

Adapted from Psalm 27

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; All praise we would render; O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee! † Invocation

+ Psalm Reading

Psalm 147:1-11

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

People: For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

Pastor: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

People: He determines the number of stars; He gives to all of them their names.

Pastor: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.

People: The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked to the ground.

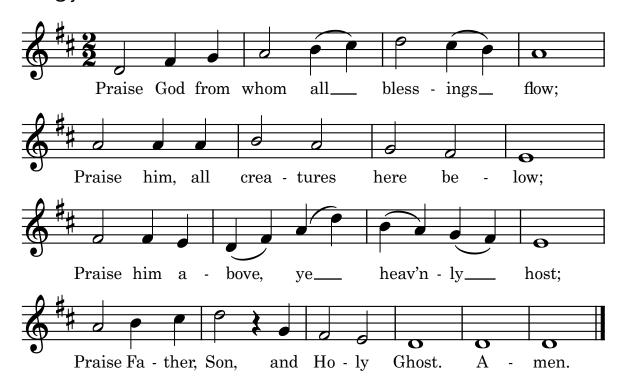
Pastor: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

People: He covers the heavens with clouds; He prepares rain for the earth; He makes grass grow on the hills.

Pastor: He gives beasts their food, and the young ravens that cry.

All: His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor His pleasure in the legs of a man, but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love. Praise the LORD!

† Doxology Duke Street



Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us confess our sins together:

All: O Lord, when we keep silent concerning our sins, our bones waste away as Your hand is heavy upon us. Therefore, we acknowledge our sins to You. We will not hide our iniquity. We will confess our transgressions, trusting that You forgive the iniquity of our sin.

From Psalm 32:3-5

Silent Confession

† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is

covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no

iniquity, and in whose spirit, there is no deceit.

Psalm 32:1-2

All: We praise You, O Lord, that You have forgiven us in Your Son,

our Lord Jesus Christ!

† 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.

GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN



COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

+ Confession of Faith

Pastor: Let us now confess this trustworthy saying:

All: If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ; if we

endure, we will also reign with Christ; if we deny Christ, Christ will deny us; if we are faithless, Christ remains faithful – for He

cannot deny Himself.

2 Timothy 2:11-13

Prayer of Intercession

Scott Zink

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices together praying:

All:

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You: Mercifully accept our prayers, for in our weakness we can do no good thing apart from Your Son. Therefore, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments in word and in deed through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. 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 20:1-21

And God spoke all these words, saying,

- ² "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
- ³ "You shall have no other gods before me.
- ⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.
- ⁷ "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.
- ⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land

that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ "You shall not murder.

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

15 "You shall not steal.

¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your

neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his

donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

¹⁸ Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the

sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and

trembled, and they stood far off 19 and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we

will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." 20 Moses said to the

people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may

be before you, that you may not sin." ²¹ The people stood far off, while Moses

drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

Reader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

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J	THE TEN WORDS
Introduction	
The Prelude	
The Shape and Substance	
The Uses	

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What does the prelude to the Ten Words teach us about the gospel?
- 2. In what areas of your life are you trying to "tweak" the Ten Words?
- 3. In pondering the shape and purpose of the Ten Words, what does it teach us about God's character and will for our lives? Why should we not consider the Ten Words as merely rules?
- 4. What are the three uses of God's Law according to the sermon? How is the third use (a guide) being worked out in your 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.

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.

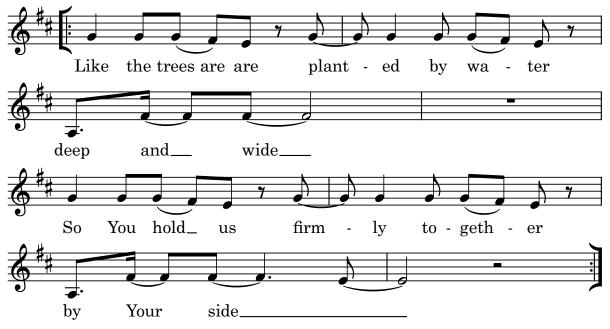
Lord, now indeed I find Your power, and Yours alone, can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone. *Refrain*

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*

PSALM 1





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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us pray:

All:

Our Father, it is this meal that Your Son gave to us that expresses our unity in Him. Through this meal, form us into the family He died and rose again to make us – a family that honors You and blesses others in the name of Jesus. 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, the Light of the world.

† 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

Randy Shannon – February 2 Daniel Sneed – February 9 David Steed – February 16

Save the Date

Wed, Feb 5, 7 pm – The Fort Youth Group returns
Tues, Feb 18, 5-7 pm – Women's Winter Social at Pinstripes
Sat, Mar 15, 8:30 am – Men's Breakfast at FWPC
Apr 4-5 – Women's Retreat at The Davis Barn
Apr 25-26 – Men's Retreat at The Davis Barn
Mon-Thurs, June 23-26 – VBS

Information & Events

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

Workdays in The Grove: We'll be working in the garden on the church property two upcoming Saturdays – Feb 15 and Mar 15, 9:00-11:30 a.m. – composting, weeding, expanding beds, and planting. If you're able to join, we would welcome your help! Bring your garden tools, including: cardboard boxes, wheelbarrows, shovels, bagged leaves and greens/browns/coffee grounds for compost. Questions? See Anne Santana (817-874-4001).

MTW in Ukraine: Please join the Missions Committee in praying for Doug and Masha Shepherd and their church in Lviv, Ukraine, where war rages on. The Crates for Ukraine program is still going strong, and is coordinated in Lviv by Ruslan who is undergoing surgeries to recover from a foot fracture. Pray also for Bogdan & Anya serving college students and the church in Nikolaev receiving those fleeing Kherson. For Doug's video updates and how to give or pray, visit CratesforUkraine.com.

Ladies Game Night is tomorrow, February 3. Join us for a night of fun in the Lecture Hall from 7:00-9:00 p.m. 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 at 817-721-3578 or Margaret Kunkel at 214-802-5554.



SECOND SUNDAY WATCH PARTY

Sunday, Feb. 9 | 5:00 PM taco bar & drinks

Travis & Cassidy's – Apt 1247 3964 Watercourse Drive







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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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