Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



January 19, 2025

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 whole movement within the book of Exodus is towards God's living constantly in the midst of his people. To ask the question, "Is YHWH among us or not?" runs counter to all that God is seeking to achieve by bringing his people out of their slavery.

T. Desmond Alexander

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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

— January 19, 2025 —

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

The Gospel Greeting

Rev. Brandon Eggar

Pastor: I was glad when they said to me:

People: Let us go up to the house of the LORD!

Psalm 122:1

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Give praise, O servants of the LORD, in the

courts of the house of our God!

People: Praise the LORD, for He is good!

Pastor: Your name, O LORD, endures forever, Your renown, O LORD,

throughout all ages! Amen.

Adapted from Psalm 135

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

This is my Father's world,
And to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
The battle is not done;
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one.

† Invocation

+ Psalm Reading

Psalm 139:1-6; 23-24

Pastor: LORD, You have searched me and known me!

People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.

Pastor: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

People: Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

Pastor: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

People: And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way of everlasting!

† Doxology *MESSENGER*



Praise and glo-ry to the Fa-ther, Praise and glo-ry to the Son,



Praise and glo-ry to the Spi-rit, ev-er Three and ev-er One.

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Confession of Sin

Pastor: In light of the Father's abiding love for us in Christ, let us confess

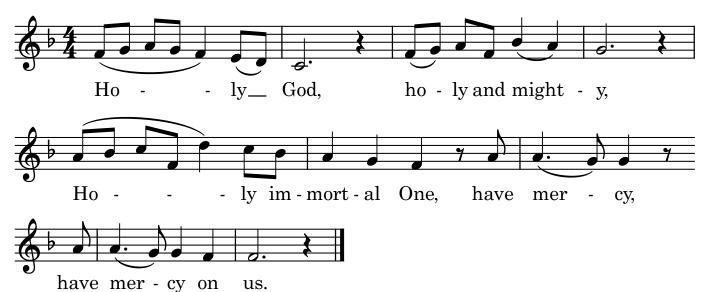
our sins together:

All: Evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me. I am poor and needy, but I trust that You take thought for me. Forgive me, for You are

my help and my deliverer.

Adapted from Psalm 40

Silent Confession



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† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

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

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken For by my side the Saviour He will stay I labour on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need His power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me Through the deepest valley He will lead Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven The future sure the price it has been paid For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Kingdom Moment

Prayer for New Babies

William Buck Liora Ishimwe

Rilian Burris Savannah Kennedy

Charlotte Collamer Lorraine Miller

Blessing Edugu Callen Palomo

Cyrus French Esme Stevenson

Joy Gaba Kessler Stevenson

Eloise Gandy Elizabeth Williams

Prayer of Intercession

Henry Helton

Tim Watt

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices together praying:

All: Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior

Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the good news of His salvation, that the whole world may perceive the glory of His

marvelous works, for His name's sake. Amen.

Morning Offering & KIWI Release

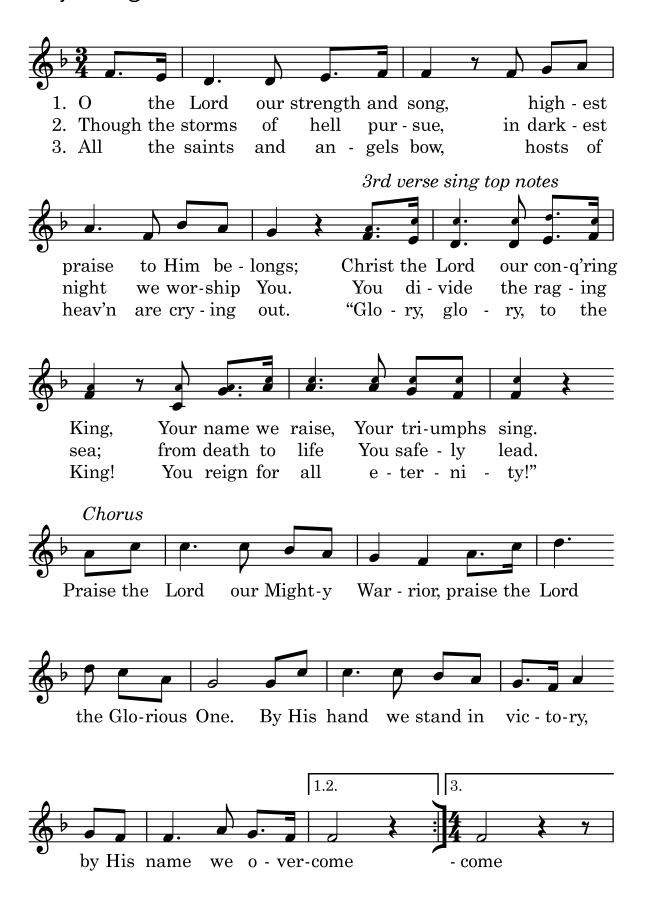
Children Pre-K through 2nd grade can now be dismissed for KIWI (Kids In Worship Instruction).

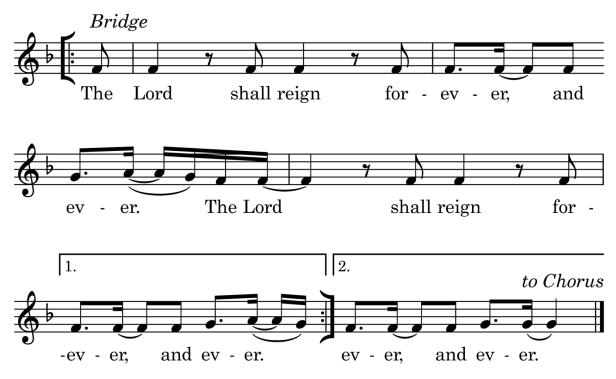
Teachers will meet the children in the foyer to take them to class.

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 15:22-16:12; 17:1-7

Exodus 15:22-27

²²Then Moses made Israel set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water. ²³When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. ²⁴ And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" ²⁵ And he cried to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.

There the Lord made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them, ²⁶ saying, "If you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and

keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, your healer."

²⁷ Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, and they encamped there by the water.

Exodus 16:1-12

16 They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. ² And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³ and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against the Lord. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" ⁸And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling." ¹⁰ And

as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ And the Lord said to Moses, ¹² "I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God."

Exodus 17:1-7

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" 4So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 5 And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

WILDERNESS WANDERINGS

The	Place	of the	Wilderness

The Purpose of the Wilderness

The Rock in the Wilderness

Discussion Questions:

- 1. In the Bible, what does the wilderness represent? In what ways do we still live in the wilderness (see Rom. 8:18-25)? In what places in your life is the wilderness overwhelming you? Where is hope found in the wilderness?
- 2. What's the common theme in the three stories found in Exodus 15:22-17:7? How do these themes show up in your life?
- 3. Compare Exodus 17:1-7 with 1 Corinthians 10:4? How is Christ the Rock in the wilderness?

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.

ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfil Thy law's demands; Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears for ever flow, All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling; Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace; Foul, I to the Fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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

MAY THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU

You have called us out of darkest night
Into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ
May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy
With endless life

Chorus

May the peoples praise You

Let the nations be glad

All Your blessing comes

That we may praise

May praise the Name of Jesus

All the earth is Yours and all within

Each harvest is Your own

And from Your hand we give to You

To make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread Your Word *Chorus*

This our holy priv'lege to declare Your praises and Your name To every nation tribe and tongue Your church proclaim *Chorus*

Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty
Worthy worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty
All creation praise Your glorious Name (Repeat)
Chorus

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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

Pete Cansick – January 19

Chris Jordan – January 26

Randy Shannon – February 2

Save the Date

Mon, Feb 3, 7 pm – Ladies Game Night

Wed, Feb 5 – The Fort Youth Group returns

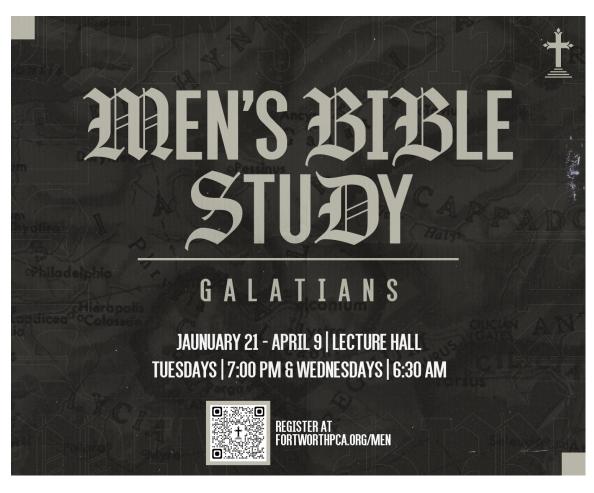
Sun, Feb 9, 5 pm – Young Adults Watch Party at Robnetts

Information & Events

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

Volunteers Needed: Do you have a passion for working with kids? Or do you want your 6th through 12th grade kids to learn to serve God working with kids? Are you interested in connecting with our neighborhood and the kids at Oakmont Elementary? We need leaders and helpers to show God's love to the school kids that come on Super Wednesdays. Starting on January 29th and running for 6 weeks, Super Wednesdays are packed with fun and meaningful activities for the kids from 3:00-6:00 PM each week. (Your school kids who are helpers can miss the beginning and start as late as 4:00). The program begins with Good News Club led by a team already trained by Rebecca Tanner. Our leaders and helpers then use already-prepared materials in small groups to help the kids learn about God and his Good News. Afterward we all come together for a family dinner. Interested? Call or text Candace Hilton at 407-637-6764, or Rebecca Tanner at 817-298-9236.

New Covenant Child: Congratulations to Mike and Betsey Foley on the birth of their son Reid William Foley. He came into the world on Friday, January 3, weighing 7 lbs, 10 oz. Praise be to God for this good and perfect gift!







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 Fort Worth, TX 76132



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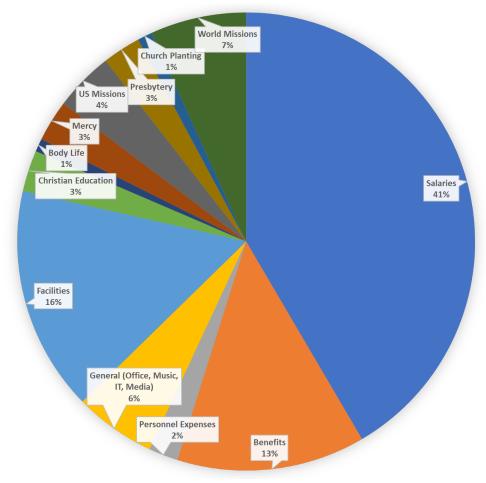
Register at fortworthpca.org/biblestudy

End of Calendar Year Financial Update

Highlights

• Internal Benevolence giving (30% more than last year)	\$21,191
Geneva Ministerial Relief giving	\$15,370
General Fund giving for December	\$280,299
• Cash after liabilities	\$272,693
• Increase in giving from 2023	2.4%
• Average attendance for 2024	359
Average month giving (excluding Dec)	\$102,460
Average month giving (including Dec)	\$117,280
Average month expenses	\$122,074

Expenses Breakdown



Coming Needs (not currently funded)

- Assistant Pastor
- Sanctuary HVAC replacement
- 21% increase in health care premiums
- 75% increase in Super Wednesday bus cost

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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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