

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



January 5, 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 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.

But as for me, I will watch expectantly for the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me. Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy. Though I fall I will rise; Though I dwell in darkness, the LORD is a light for me.

Micah 7:7-8

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Courtesy walker and wheelchair are available at the main entrance.

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† Congregation standing

Order of the Worship of God

— January 5, 2025 —

Second 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: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Serve the LORD with gladness!

Pastor: Come into His presence with singing!

Psalm 100:1

† Hymn of Praise

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
which inspire your heav'nly song? (*Refrain*)

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (*Refrain*)

† Invocation

† Psalm Reading – Psalm 1

Pastor: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

People: But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.

Pastor: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does he prospers.

People: **The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

Pastor: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

All: **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

† Doxology

First Noel



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: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Psalm 51:1-2

Silent Confession

† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: He will create in us a clean heart and He will renew a right spirit within us.

All: Thanks be to God!

† 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.

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father

Praise the Son

Praise the Spirit three in one

God of Glory Majesty

Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died (*Chorus*)

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ

Who has resurrected me (*Chorus*)

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

† Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

Pastor: Christian, in whom do we believe?

**All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of
Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one
substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who
for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was
incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made
man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He
suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is
seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again,
with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose
kingdom shall have no end.**

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets;

And we believe in one holy *catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*universal

Prayer of Intercession

Matt Jones

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: **O God, who wonderfully created, yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of Him who humbled Himself to share our humanity, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. In his name we pray, 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

Luke 2:25-35

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, 28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

29 “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
30 for my eyes have seen your salvation
31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

33 And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed 35 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE MANGER AND THE SWORD

The Sword of Gr_____

The Sword of Sh_____

The Sword of An_____

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is there an aversion in our culture to interpret God's blessings to us to be mixed with both pleasure and pain?
2. How do the appointed "swords" in your life as a believer in Jesus invite you to draw near to Him?
3. How might we as a church together bring comfort and encouragement to believers to endure their appointed "swords" for Jesus?

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.

*"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

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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JESUS, I COME



1.Out of my bon - dage, sor - row and night,
 2.Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss,
 3.Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride,
 4.Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,



Je - sus I come;	Je - sus, I come ____
Je - sus, I come;	Je - sus, I come. ____
Je - sus, I come;	Je - sus, I come. ____
Je - sus, I come;	Je - sus, I come. ____



In - to Thy free - dom, glad - ness, and light
 In - to the glo - rious gain of Thy cross,
 In - to Thy bless - ed will to a - bide,
 In - to the joy and light of Thy home,



Je - sus, I come to ____	Thee, ____
Je - sus, I come to ____	Thee. ____
Je - sus, I come to ____	Thee. ____
Je - sus, I come to ____	Thee. ____



Out of my sick - ness ____ in - to Thy health,
 Out of earth's sor - rows ____ in - to Thy balm,
 Out of my - self ____ to dwell in Thy love,
 Out of the depths ____ of ru - in un - told,



Out of my want - ing and in - to Thy wealth,
 Out of life's storms ____ and in - to Thy calm,
 Out of de - spair in - to rap - tures a - bove,
 In - to the peace of Thy shel - ter - ing fold,



Out of my sin _____ and in - to Thy - self,
Out of dis - tress in - to _____ jub - i - lant psalm,
Up - ward for - ev - er on _____ on wings like dove,
Ev - er Thy glo - rious face to be - hold,



Je - sus, I come to _____ Thee _____
Je - sus, I come to _____ Thee. _____
Je - sus, I come to _____ Thee. _____
Je - sus, I come to _____ Thee. _____

PSALM 1

Your bless-ing is up - on the man who does not walk
 And in the day and night He med - i - tates on You

in coun-sel with the wick-ed He trusts in You a - lone
 His soul, it does not with-er Oh, Lord You are the Truth

And in the sin-ner's path You shall not find him there
 And You are build-ing up and You are bring-ing forth

The scoff-er's seat is emp-ty Oh, Lord, You are the Way
 the fruit of ev-'ry sea-son Oh, Lord, You are the Life

and he de-lights in You_ Oh, we de-light in You_

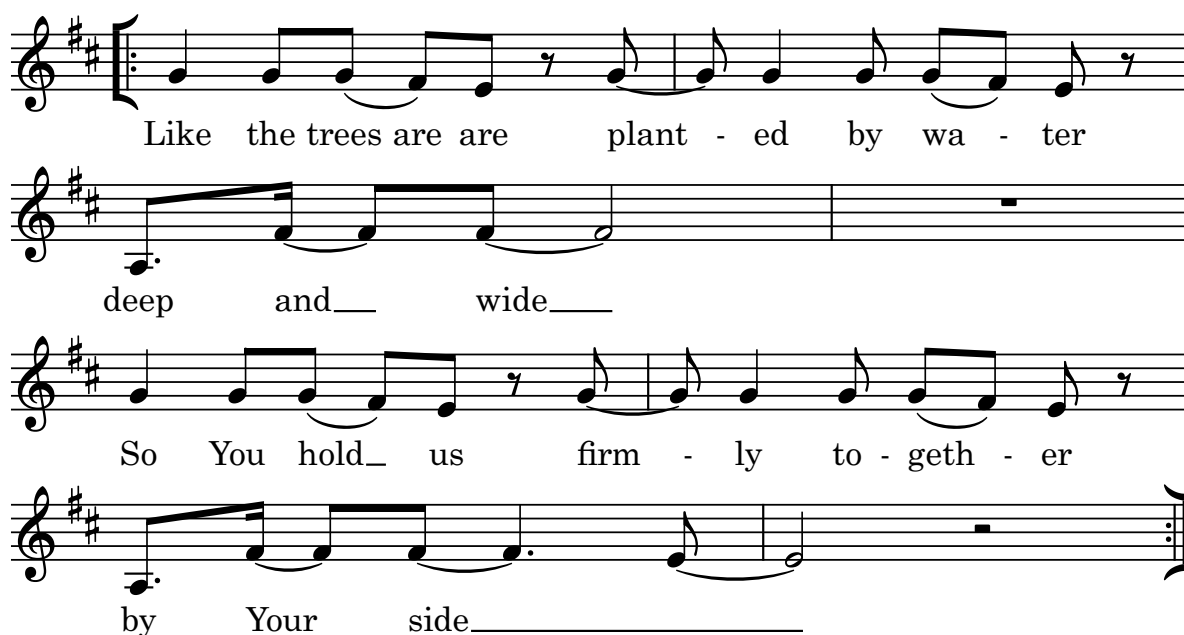
You know the way of the right - eous man_

the wick-ed - ness of this world will per - ish, oh, Lord

You know the way of the right - eous man_

the wick - ed - ness of this world will per - ish

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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

SING WE THE SONG OF EMMANUEL

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;

1. 3

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

2.3. 3

Him.
 sus.



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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

Andy Warren – January 5

Johnny Tassin – January 12

Pete Cansick – January 19

Save the Date

Mon, Jan 6, 7 pm – Ladies Game Night

Sun, Jan 12 – Young Adults Lunch at Torchy's

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 Streamlined: The next new members class is Saturday, January 11, 8:30 am-1:00 pm. 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; continental breakfast and light lunch will be 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.

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.



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



Register at
fortworthpca.org/biblestudy



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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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