

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



February 9, 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.

Amazing love, how can it be that You my God would die for me? Amazing love, I know it's true, and it's my joy to honor You.

Billy J. Foote, Amazing Love (You Are My King)

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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 9, 2025 —
Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

The Gospel Greeting

Rev. Brandon Eggar

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD!

People: For He is the Maker of heaven and earth!

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness!

People: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned forever.

Pastor: May the LORD give strength to His people! May the LORD bless His people with peace!

Adapted from Psalm 29

HOLY HOLY HOLY (NICAEA)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

† Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Psalm 50:1-2, 22-23

Pastor: The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

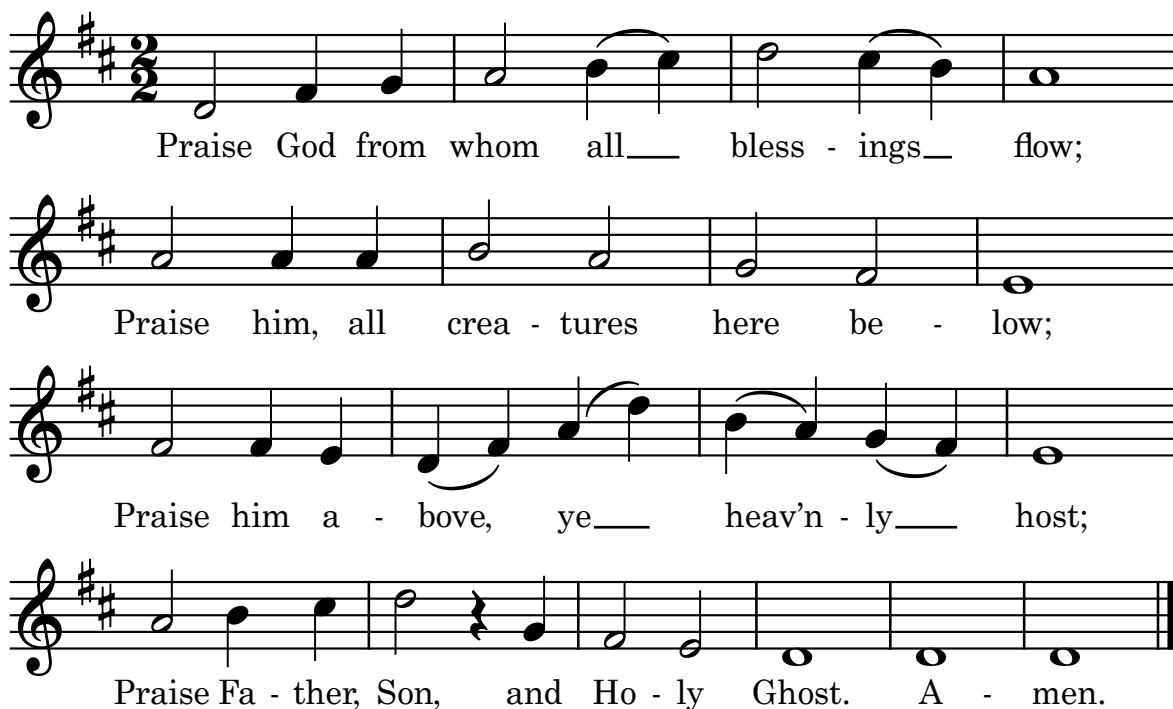
Pastor: Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest.

People: Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver.

Pastor: The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies Me; to the one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!

† Doxology

DUKE STREET



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: Let us confess our sins together:

All: O Lord, we confess that transgression speaks deep in our hearts, so that we do not reverence You as our good Father, and in turn we cease to act wisely and do good. Cleanse us of our foolishness and set up once again in our hearts Your way that is good and right and beautiful. Amen.

From Psalm 36:1-4

Song of Confession

Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy on____ us.

Lord have mer-cy, Christ have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy on____ us.

For what we have done and left un-done, we fall on Your count-less mer-cies.

For sins that are known and those un-known, we call on Your name so ho - ly.

For en - vy and pride, for clos-ing our eyes, for scorn-ing our ver - y neigh-bor.

In thought word and deed we've failed You our King; how deep-ly we need a Sav - ior.____

Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy on____ us.

Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy on____ us.

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Silent Confession

† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.

Psalm 36:9

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.

† Song of Renewal

DEATH WAS ARRESTED

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began
Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

Chorus

*Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with You*

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began (*Chorus*)

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began (*Chorus*)

Oh we're free free forever we're free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes we're free free forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began (*repeat*)

When death was arrested and my life began
When death was arrested and my life began

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

† Confession of Faith

Pastor: Let us now confess this trustworthy saying:

All: Jesus was manifested in the flesh. He was vindicated by the Spirit. He was seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, and taken up in glory.

From 1 Timothy 3:16

Prayer of Intercession

Pastor Brandon

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Pastor: Let us now join our voices together praying:

All: O Lord, You have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing; send Your Holy Spirit and pour afresh into our hearts Your love, which is the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before You. Grant this for the sake Your dear Son, Jesus. 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 24:1-11

Then he said to Moses, “Come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar. ² Moses alone shall come near to the Lord, but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him.”

³ Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do.” ⁴ And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵ And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. ⁶ And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” ⁸ And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

⁹ Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰ and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹ And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE COVENANT CEREMONY

The Context

The Content

The Culmination

Discussion Questions:

1. How is the covenant ceremony in Exodus 24 like a wedding ceremony? What does this teach us about God's relationship with us?
2. What makes it possible for a holy God to dwell with sinful people? Hint: Think about the altar, the sacrifices, and the blood. How is this fulfilled in Christ?
3. Why was the meal the culmination of this covenant ceremony? What does this teach us about the role of communion in weekly worship?

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 Song

HEAL US EMMANUEL



Heal us, Em - man - uel, here we are.

We long to feel Thy touch.

Deep wound - ed souls to Thee we fly;

O, Sav - ior hear our — cry.

1.Our faith is fee - ble we con - fess,
2.Re - mem - ber him who once ap - plied,
3.She, too, who touched you in the press,
4.Like her, with hopes and fears we come

We faint - ly trust Thy — word;
with tremb - ling for re - lief;
And heal - ing vir - tue — stole,
to touch you if we — may;

But will you pi - ty us the less?
"Lord, I be - lieve," with tears he cried;
Was an - swered, "Daught - er, go in peace;
O send us not de - spair - ing home;

Be that far from you, — Lord!
"O help my un - be - lief!"
thy faith has made thee — whole!"
Send none un - healed a - - way.

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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

CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus

*O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ (*Chorus*)

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore (*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

Daniel Sneed – February 9

David Steed – February 16

Johnny Tassin – February 23

Save the Date

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

June 8-14 – HS RYM at YMCA of the Rockies

Mon-Thurs, June 23-26 – VBS

August 2-6 – MS RYM at Allaso Ranch

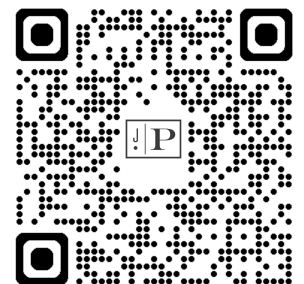
Information & Events

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.

Jazz at St. John: You are invited to an unforgettable night of live jazz featuring the Justin Pierce Jazz Group on Sunday, March 2, at 5:00 p.m. An opening set will be performed by the Kennedale High School Jazz Band. St. John Cumberland Presbyterian is located at 6007 W. Pleasant Ridge Rd in Arlington. Reserve your free tickets today. Seating is limited, and donations are appreciated.



YOUNG ADULTS

SECOND SUNDAY WATCH PARTY

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

Travis & Cassidy's – Apt 1247
3964 Watercourse Drive



VARIETY SHOW

& Missions Fundraiser

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

DINNER - 5:00 | AUCTION - 6:00 | SHOW - 6:30

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BY FEB 9**



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SPRING AT THE FORT

Sundays, 9:00 am, Jan 5-May 18 – Christian Formation Classes

HS - Room 204 on Worship

MS - Room 203 on Westminster Shorter Catechism

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, Feb 5-Apr 30 – Youth Group

friends, food, fellowship, large group lesson, small group discussions

Sunday, March 30 – Deposit deadline for RYM Summer Conference

Sunday, April 13 – Full Payment deadline for RYM Summer Conference



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MS TX



Details: fortworthpca.org/youth | Questions? travis@fortworthpca.org | [@atthefort_fwpc](https://www.instagram.com/atthefort_fwpc)



Women's Winter Social
Tuesday, February 18

Join us for 2-for-1 Tuesday
happy hour at Pinstripes
from 5-7 pm.

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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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