

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



March 16, 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 is currently purple, which signifies the season of Lent – the season when the Church intentionally remembers Christ's temptation in the wilderness and His sacrificial death on the cross.

John 17 is holy ground, and at least metaphorically, we need to take off our shoes if we are to walk on it.

Sinclair Ferguson

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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

— March 16, 2025 —

Second Sunday in Lent

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: Shout for joy, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!

People: Say to God, “How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing before You.”

Pastor: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name! Amen!

From Psalm 66:1-4

† Hymn of Praise

AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN

And can it be that I should gain
an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain:

*Amazing love! How can it be
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

'Tis myst'ry all! 'Th'Immortal dies:
who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more. [*Refrain*]

He left His Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite His grace!),
humbled Himself (so great His love!)
and bled for all His chosen race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me! [*Refrain*]

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
'Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee. [*Refrain*]

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own. *[Refrain]*

† Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Psalm 57:1-5

Pastor: Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in You my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of Your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.

People: I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills His purpose for me.

Pastor: He will send from heaven and save me; He will put to shame him who tramples on me. God will send out His steadfast love and faithfulness.

People: My soul is in the midst of lions; I lie down amid fiery beasts - the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords.

All: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let Your glory be over all the earth!

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;

Praise him all crea - tures here be - low; Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;

Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Confession of Sin

Pastor: Both we and our fathers have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness.


People: We have not considered Your wondrous works; we have forgotten the abundance of Your steadfast love.

All: Lord, steep us in Your mercy. Give to us the gift of repentance. Help us to see the foolishness of sin in order to see the beauty of Christ.

Adapted from Psalm 106

Silent Confession

Song of Confession



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

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

Lyrics: Public Domain, Music: Gregory D. Wilbur, 2009

† Assurance of Pardon

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

Isaiah 1:18

All: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalms 51:10

† 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.



1. Re - joice in the Lord now and al - ways.
2. Re - joice and be anx - ious for noth - ing,
3. Re - joice in the Lord now and al - ways;



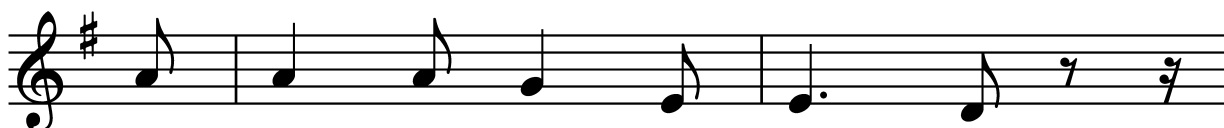
Sing it a - gain, we re - joice._
 pray - ing for all_ that you need._
 tell of the good He has done._



De - light in the love He has shown us;
 Come with a song_ of thanks - giv - ing;
 Wor-ship the Lord to re - mem - ber



grate - ful - ly lift_ up your voice.
 lay your re - quests at His feet.
 all of the joy_ yet to come.



His gen - tle - ness a - mong us
 His peace will fall up - on us
 The hope that burns with - in us



will join our hearts with praise.
 to guard our hearts and minds
 the dark can - not de - stroy.



We gath - er in His good - ness,
in Christ Who reigns e - ter - nal,
With praise that's nev - er end - ing,



a fam - i - ly of grace. With each breath He's
the Shep-herd of our lives.
we say a - gain, "re - joice!"



giv - en, — praise the Lord. In these times we



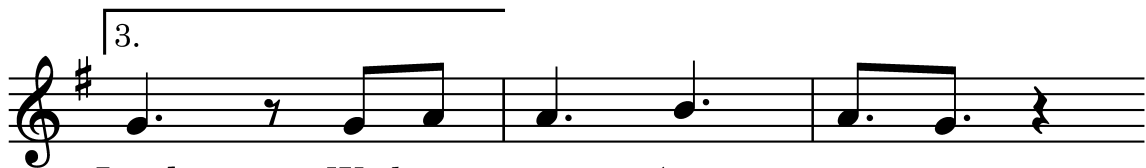
live in, we will praise — the Lord. Through out



ev - 'ry sea - son, I — am sure we have



ev - 'ry rea - son to praise the Lord.



Lord. We have ev - 'ry rea - son



to praise — the Lord.

COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Sacrament of Baptism

Savannah Kennedy, child of Mallory and David

† Confession of Faith

From Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Pastor: Let us now confess our faith:

**All: I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead;
His eye to watch, His might to stay, His ear to listen to my
need. This wisdom of my God to give me speech, His heavenly
host to be my guard.**

**Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ beside me, Christ
to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath
me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ
in the hearts of all who love me, Christ in the mouth of friend
and stranger.**

**I bind unto myself the strong Name of the Holy Trinity; the
Three in One, and One in Three, of whom all nature has
creation – Eternal Father, Word, and Spirit.**

Praise the Lord of my salvation! Salvation is of Christ the Lord!

Prayer of Intercession

David Welch

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Almighty God, You know that we have no power to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls. Keep us always dependent on Christ who alone is our source, strength, and stability in this unstable world. 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

John 17:1-5

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GLORY OF CHRIST

Introduction

The Glory of Christ's Retrieval

The Glory of Christ's Cross

The Glory of Christ's Gift

Discussion Questions:

1. What are the connections between the glory we've seen in Exodus and the glory we see in John 17:1-5.
2. How is Christ's retrieval of glory (see v.5) good news for us?
3. According to this prayer, what is Christ most passionate about? How should this shape our passion?
4. How is the glory of God displayed in the horror of the cross?
5. What is eternal life according to this prayer and how does one receive it?

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

JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN



1. Je - sus I my cross have ta - ken,
2. Let the world de - spise and leave me
3. Man may trou - ble and di - stress me,
4. Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure,



All to leave and fol - low Thee
They have left my sa - vior too
Twill but drive me to thy breast
Come di - sa - ster, scorn and pain



Des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sa - ken
Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me,
Life with tri - als hard may press me,
In Thy ser - vice, pain is plea - sure,



Thou from hence my all shalt be
Thou art not like them un - true
Heaven will bring me sweet - er rest
With Thy fa - vor, loss is gain



Per - ish ev - ery fond am - bi - tion,
Oh while thou dost smile u - pon me,
Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me,
I have called Thee A - bba fa - ther,

All I've sought or hoped or known
 God of wis - dom, love and might
 While thy love is left to me
 I have stayed my heart on Thee
 Yet how rich is my con - di - tion,
 Foes may hate and friends dis - own me,
 Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me,
 Storms may howl, and clouds may ga - ther;
 God and heaven are still my own
 Show thy face and all is bright
 Were that joy un - mixed with thee
 All must work for good to me

5. Soul then know thy full salvation
 Rise o'er sin and fear and care
 Joy to find in every station,
 Something still to do or bear
 Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
 Think what Father's smiles are thine
 Think that Jesus died to win thee,
 Child of heaven, canst thou repine

6. Haste thee on from grace to glory,
 Armed by faith and winged by prayer
 Heaven's eternal day's before thee,
 God's own hand shall guide thee there
 Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
 Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
 Hope shall change to glad fruition,
 Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

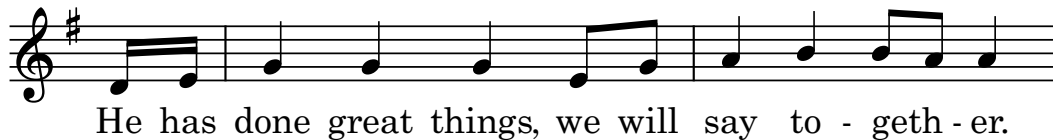
Pastor: Let us pray:

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.

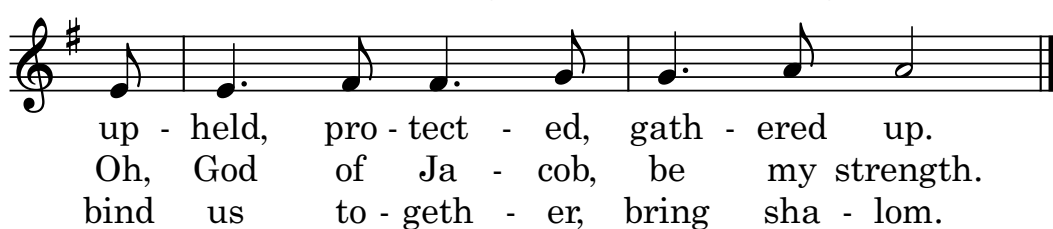
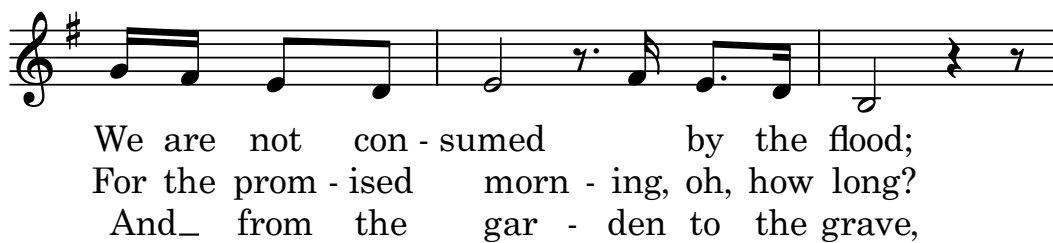
GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION



2. In the dark of night, be - fore the dawn,
3. Ev - 'ry vow we've bro - ken and be - trayed,



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† The Sending

Pastor: As we go from this gathering:

All: May our eyes be fixed on Christ crucified.

Pastor: When we're anxious, doubting, and failing:

All: May we cast ourselves on the Risen Christ.

Pastor: In in all we do and say:

All: May we honor the reigning and returning Christ, who is our good and gracious Lord.

† The Blessing

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my dear family.

Galatians 6:18

People: Amen!

Deacon of the Day

Randy Shannon – March 16

Chris Jordan – March 23

Daniel Sneed – March 30

Save the Date

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

Mon-Thurs, June 23-26 – VBS

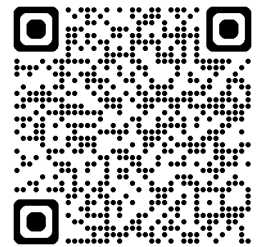
August 2-6 – MS RYM at Allaso Ranch

Information & Events

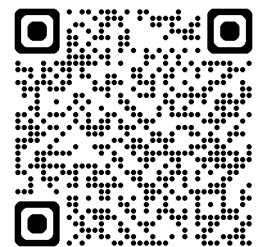
Visitors: Pick up visitor information at the visitor kiosk in the Fellowship Hall immediately following morning worship.

Choir Rehearsals for Holy Week Services are Thursday nights at 7 p.m. on March 27 and April 3 & 10 followed by a potluck lunch/rehearsal after church on Sunday, April 13. We welcome both adults and teens in the FWPC Choir and elementary age kids in the FWPC Children's Choir. Nursery is available for preschoolers. Contact Justin Pierce with questions.

Buy/Sell/Trade Facebook Group: We have launched a private Facebook group for FWPC members and regulars to post any items you're looking to buy, trade, or give to someone else. We hope this will be helpful to connect our church community in a way that is tangible and beneficial. Matt Jones will approve requests to join (use the QR code), so please allow for a bit of time to be given access.



Family Lenten Project: We have an opportunity to give thanks for the resources we have by sharing them with others. Ben and Anna Graber, members of FWPC and missionaries in Germany, would love to be able to use the same resources we do to teach children the gospel. Please consider contributing during the Lenten season to this effort to translate The Biggest Story Curriculum into German. The QR code will direct you to a FWPC-specific donation drive.



Congratulations to Pride and Kerry MacEtchu on the birth of their daughter Amari-Iris Eretti McEtchu on Thursday, February 20. She came early so please pray for growth, development, and strength. Praise be to God for this good and perfect gift!



APRIL 4-5, 2025

WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT

A GOD FOR THE EXHAUSTED

WITH ABBY HUTTO AT THE DAVIS BARN

Friday evening includes happy hour, dinner, first session

Saturday includes light breakfast, two sessions, and lunch
(9am - 5pm)



2025 FORT WORTH PRESBYTERIAN

MEN'S RETREAT



April 25-26 at The Davis Barn

*Three sessions with speaker Keith Berger
music, small groups, prayer
dinner, breakfast, lunch, archery range, games*





SPRING AT

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)



Bluebonnet Sessions

Live Music | Sundays, 5 pm | FWPC

MARCH 16
COMMON MAN

MAY 4
JUSTIN PIERCE

JUNE 1
SONGBIRD JONES

Tickets: 

Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2024-February 2025

June-October	This Year	Last Year
Income YTD	\$1,143,537	\$1,094,482
Expenses YTD	\$1,076,521	\$1,040,379
How we're doing YTD	\$67,016	\$54,103

Ministry done with these funds:

- \$4,100 in Alms funds distributed
- \$23,650 in Benevolence giving for members in need
- \$8,635 paid for counseling
- \$15,370 to Geneva Ministerial Relief
- \$8,153 providing for congregational needs
 - Rent/bills support
 - Support during job loss
 - Car repairs
- \$4,628 to partner agencies that help people get out of poverty
- \$6,930 to Oakmont ministries
 - Super Wednesday
 - Kids Hope
 - Student of the Month
- \$26,730 for RUF ministries
- \$60,650 in world missions

As always, we are thankful for the ways that you generously answer our Lord's call to give to His work. Your giving is a beautiful picture of God's gracious way of providing for His children through His church and bringing the light of the Gospel to the world.

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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