Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



March 30, 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.

Disunity in the church breeds atheism in the world

Thomas Manton

Please turn off or silence all communication devices.

For Free Wi-Fi, go to Settings on your device and select network 'FWPCA'

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 30, 2025 —

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

The Gospel Greeting

Rev. Brandon Eggar

Pastor: I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of

Egypt.

People: Let us open our mouths wide, and He will fill it.

Adapted from Psalm 81:10

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations;

I will be exalted among the earth!

People: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

From Psalm 46

† Hymn of Praise

O WORSHIP THE KING

O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love; Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, Your pow'r has founded of old; Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree, And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?

It breathes in the air; It shines in the light;

It streams from the hills; It descends to the plain;

And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In You do we trust, nor find You to fail; Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love! While angels delight to hymn You above, The humbler creation, though feeble their lays, With true adoration shall lisp to Your praise.

† Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, 43

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD for He is good, for His steadfast love

endures forever!

People: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He has redeemed

from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and

from the west, from the north and from the south.

Pastor: Some were fools through their sinful ways, and because of their

iniquities suffered affliction;

People: They loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates

of death.

Pastor: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He delivered them

from their distress.

People: He sent out His word and healed them, and delivered them

from their destruction.

Pastor: Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love, for His wondrous

works to the children of man!

People: And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of His

wondrous deeds in songs of joy!

All: Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them

consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

ALL CREATURES





Confession of Sin

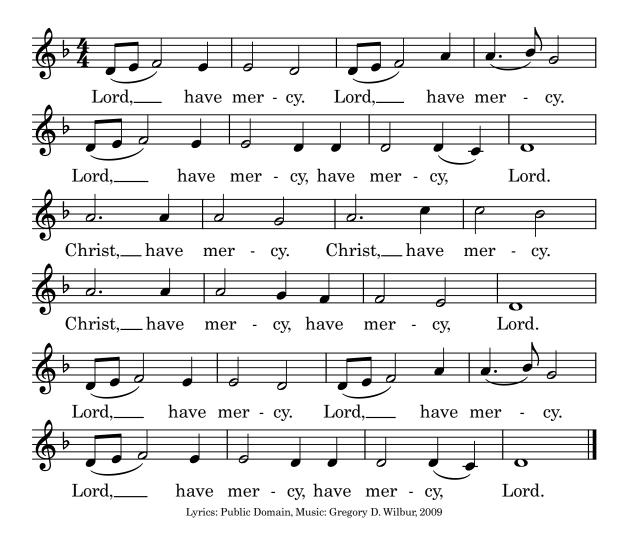
Pastor: Let us confess our sins together:

All: O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, faintheartedness, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to Your servant. Yes, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my sister or brother, for You are blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

A Prayer from St. Ephraim the Syrian

Silent Confession

Song of Confession



† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His

own Son but gave Him up for all, how will He not also with Him

graciously give us all things?

Romans 8:31-32

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

Psalm 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.



3.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

4.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

Kingdom Moment

Alms Giving

Prayer of Intercession

Pastor Brandon

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Pastor: Let us now join our voices praying:

All:

O Almighty God, who alone can order the unruly wills and affections of sinful humanity: Grant unto us Your people that we would love the things that You have commanded, and desire that which You have promised; so that our hearts may be fixed on Your Son who is our life and joy. 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: 20-26

²⁰ "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me

through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in

me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe

that you have sent me.²² The glory that you have given me I have given to

them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in

me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that

you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that

they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see

my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the

foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world

does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent

me. 26 I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it

known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I

in them."

Reader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

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The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Brandon

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The Foundation of Our Unity

The Fruit of Our Unity

The Formation of Our Unity

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Based on this text and the sermon, what is Christian unity and upon what is it founded?
- 2. In what way are we to live out our unity in the Body of Christ?
- 3. How is our unity a witness to the world? What's at the heart of it?
- 4. How is our unity formed based on the sermon?
- 5. Do you believe you are loved in the same way the Father loves Jesus? In what way is this 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.

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is His new creation
by water and the Word:
from heav'n He came and sought her,
to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her,
and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish!

Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish,
is with her to the end;
though there be those that hate her,
and false sons in her pale,

against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, a nd mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:

O happy ones and holy!

Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us pray:

All: The eyes of all living things look to You, O God, and You give them their food in due season and for this we give You thanks. But most of all, we give You thanks for the Bread from Heaven, the Lord Jesus Christ, who alone satisfies our hearts and will renew our bodies at the resurrection. Amen.

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

ACROSS THE LANDS



† 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: May the God of all grace who has called you to His eternal glory in

Christ, restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be

the dominion forever and ever.

1 Peter 5:10-11

People: Amen!

Deacon of the Day

Daniel Sneed – March 30 David Steed – April 6 Johnny Tassin – April 13

Save the Date

Mon, Apr 7, 7 pm – Ladies Game Night Sun, Apr 13 – Young Adults Lunch at Torchy's 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 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.

Churchwide Garage Sale: The annual garage sale benefitting the summer missions team will be held Saturday, May 10, 8 am-1 pm. Volunteers are needed for prep days May 5-9. Donations will be accepted during April in Room 206. If you have large items requiring pickup, please text Johnny Giddings at 682-248-9542.

Quarterly Alms Offering: The diaconate's Mercy Ministry assists both our congregation and the surrounding neighborhood and plays a vital role in meeting the financial, emotional, and spiritual needs of our community. A special collection for this ministry will be taken by the deacons as you are

sent through the sanctuary doors after the service next Sunday, or you can give online using the QR code. This donation is intended to be above and beyond regular giving to the General Fund, and contributions of any amount will make a difference!



Capital Campaign: You can help us be good stewards of our beautiful,

aging church building. The two large HVAC units that serve the sanctuary have outlived their expected lifespan and are failing. Please prayerfully consider how you can give generously to help fund the \$200,000 purchase of new airconditioning units.











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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Details: fortworthpca.org/youth | Questions? travis@fortworthpca.org | @thefort_fwpc

Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2024-February 2025

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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
 - o Rent/bills support
 - o Support during job loss
 - o Car repairs
- \$4,628 to partner agencies that help people get out of poverty
- \$6,930 to Oakmont ministries
 - o Super Wednesday
 - o Kids Hope
 - O 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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