

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



April 27, 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, which signifies the Easter season – the season when the Church celebrates Christ's glory and triumph over death which was demonstrated in His resurrection.

Jesus' resurrection is the beginning of God's new project.

Tom Wright

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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

— April 27, 2025 —

Second Sunday after Easter

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† The Gospel Greeting

Rev. Brandon Eggar

Pastor: Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

People: Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us; and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Pastor: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

People: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever; His faithfulness to all generations.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Rise, O church, and lift your voices,
Christ has conquered death and hell.
Sing as all the earth rejoices;
resurrection anthems swell.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid Him,
empty now, its mouth declares:
“Death and I could not contain Him,
for the throne of life He shares.”
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble,
see the stone removed with pow’r;
all hell’s minions may assemble,
but cannot withstand His hour.
He has conquered, he has conquered,
Christ the Lord, the risen King!

Doubt may lift its head to murmur,
scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
but the truth proclaims a wonder
thoughtful hearts received with cheer.
He is risen, He is risen,
now receive the risen King!

We acclaim your life, O Jesus,
now we sing Your victory;
sin or hell may seek to seize us,
but Your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph,
worship Christ, the risen King!

† Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Psalm 133

Pastor: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity.

People: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

Pastor: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

All: For there the **LORD** has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

† Doxology

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 now confess our sins together:

People: O Lord, we confess that we are ready to fall, and our pain is ever before us. We confess our iniquity; we are sorry for our sin. Make haste to help us, O Lord, our salvation.

From Psalm 38

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy
on me; Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy;
Lord, have mer - cy on me.

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† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: The Lord will not forsake those who call upon Him! He will not be far from us.

Adapted from Psalm 38:21

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

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam

Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive

What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected

As we will be when He comes (repeat)

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

† Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Pastor: Christians, in whom do we believe:

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.*
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**While Jesus didn't literally descend to hell, he did endure the torment of hell on the cross and remained under the power of death until his resurrection.*

***universal*

Prayer of Intercession

Tim Watt

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant all who have been born again the power to show forth in their lives the reality of Jesus' resurrection in all they do and say. 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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Offertory Song

RISE MY SOUL THE LORD IS RISEN



1. Rise, my soul, the Lord is ris - en.
2. Rest, my soul, the Lord is ris - en.
3. Peace, my soul, the Lord is ris - en,
4. A - rise my soul, - for I am ris - en,



Come be - hold the emp - ty grave. See the place where
Love's re - deem - ing work is done. Now the Fa - ther
come and have your - hope re - newed. For this tri - al is
seat - ed now with Christ, my Lord. As my life be -



dark - ness laid Him. Sing, for on - ly hope re - mains.
sees his chil - dren as He sees His sin - less Son.
brief and fleet - ing. Tears will turn to glo - ry soon.
- longs to heav - en, fear shall hold its sway no more.



Hal - le - lu - jah, praise for - ev - er! Death de - feat - ed and
Oh the won - der, oh the glo - ry. that same fa - vor is
Shout with joy - and sound the tri - umph, let the mu - sic of
On - ward, up - ward, t'ward the treas - ure, filled with cour - age and



life re - stored. By that great im - mor - tal pow - er,
now my own. Shame be - hind me, grace be - fore me.
heav - en roar. Let the boast of death be si - lent.
end - less hope, for this truth is mine for - ev - er.



Christ is ris - en! A - - rise my soul!

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Reading of the Word

John 20:19-23

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SEEING JESUS

A New Day

A New Humanity

Living Humanly

Discussion Questions:

1. How has Jesus' resurrection fulfilled God's Plan of having humans in His image? (Hint: Jesus is the true human.)
2. Consider the echoes of Genesis 1-3 in this passage (Christ the true image-bearer, the breathing of the Spirit, Christ coming in the evening). How does this tell us that Jesus has not only reversed the curse but brought about God's New Creation?
3. From the sermon, what does it look like for us to live humanly in light of the resurrection?

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:

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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." The score consists of six staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fifth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The sixth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line.

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

LOVE STILL BIDS YOU WELCOME

Oh God of grace, how often have I grieved Thee
How seldom have I sung thy praise
And little do I know how much I need Thee
And time again I turn away
For how my heart is hard and unbelieving
For all I've done and left undone Your love is
not reluctant to receive me
My soul draws back but Love says "come"

Chorus

*He will not cast you out, He will not cast you out
Whoever enters in, will forever dwell with him
Draw near, faint heart, draw near Love still bids you welcome here*

Oh Father when I sin against my neighbor
I turn away Your very Son
Who died to call us friends when we were strangers
And says to ev'ry sinner "come" (*Chorus*)

Oh Lord of light you call us out of darkness
To turn aside from sin and live
And prodigals, we come to you for pardon
Oh Abba Father take us in (*Chorus*)

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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

HIS MERCY IS MORE



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam?
3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us.



Om - nis - cient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum.
What Fa - ther so ten - der is cal - ling us home?
His blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost.



Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore;
He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;
We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;



Our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.



Praise the Lord!_ His mer - cy is more!_____



Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn; Our



sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.

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† The Sending

Pastor: Therefore, my dear family, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain!

All: Thanks be to God!

1 Corinthians 15:58

† The Blessing

Pastor: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever! Christ is risen!

Hebrews 13:20-21

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Go forth in the power of Jesus' resurrection!

Deacon of the Day

Randy Shannon – April 27

Chris Jordan – May 4

Pete Cansick– May 11

Save the Date

Mon, May 5, 7 pm – Ladies Game Night

Sun, May 11 – Young Adults Lunch at Kincaid's

Fri-Sat, June 6-7 – FWPC 101 New Members Class

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.

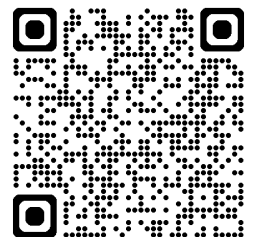
Choir Rehearsals: Potluck lunch/rehearsal after church today.

Deacon Nominees: David Blacklock, Cody Bailey, and Kris Keffer were nominated by you, have undergone officer training and been examined by the Session, and are now being recommended by the Session for your prayerful consideration for the office of Deacon. The election for these men will be held on **Sunday, May 4**, at a congregational meeting directly following worship. You can learn more about these men by picking up a bio sheet on the fellowship hall table.

Men's Book Study: From April 23 to May 28, men will meet on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 a.m., to discuss J.I. Packer's *Concise Theology* in the Lecture Hall. Come join us! Questions? Contact Gary Fredricks at gary.fredricks@cru.org or 407-694-0687

Summer Mission Trips: Hurricane Relief help is no longer needed in North Carolina, and we are no longer traveling to Durango, Mexico due to security issues. However, a wonderful opportunity has opened up in Dallas to work with refugees during the week of June 16-20. Come to a meeting in the lecture hall immediately after church for details, or contact Marilyn Schwartzbeck at 932-618-7894.

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 air-conditioning units.



Bluebonnet Sessions

COMMON MAN
SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 5 PM

THE JUSTIN PIERCE JAZZ GROUP
SUNDAY, MAY 4, 5 PM

SONGBIRD JONES
SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 5 PM

RAMOTH-GILEAD
SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 5 PM

CAROLINE COBB
SUNDAY, JULY 13, 5 PM

TICKETS

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**Churchwide
Garage
SALE**

Donations are accepted during
April in the Church Office
Volunteers are appreciated
on prep days May 5-9.

If you have furniture or
other large items needing
pickup, text **Johnny Giddings**
at 682-248-9542.

Saturday, May 10 | 8am-1pm
Proceeds benefit the summer missions team

Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2024-May 2025

<i>June-March</i>	<i>This Year</i>	<i>Last Year</i>
Income YTD	\$1,253,325	\$1,186,628
Expenses YTD	\$1,202,930	\$1,209,149
How we're doing YTD	\$50,395	\$-22,521

Capital Campaign (as of 4/16/25)	\$ 46,942
Current Reserve for HVAC/building	\$103,752
Quarterly Alms (as of 4/16/25)	\$8,786

Ministry done thanks to your generosity:

- \$4,100 in Alms funds distributed
- \$23,650 from Benevolence offering for members in need
- \$9,560 paid for counseling
- \$15,370 to Geneva Ministerial Relief
- \$13,803 providing for congregational needs
 - Rent/bills support
 - Support during job loss
 - Car repairs
- \$4,920 to partner agencies that help people get out of poverty
- \$7,370 to Oakmont ministries
 - Super Wednesday
 - Kids Hope
 - Student of the Month
- \$36,900 for RUF ministries
- \$20,300 to US missions
- \$66,300 to world missions

As always, we are thankful for the ways that you joyfully 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 seeking to bring 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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