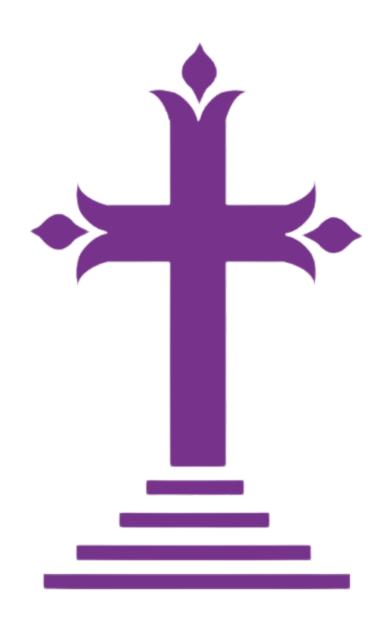
Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



April 6, 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.

A sheep is a stupid animal. It loses its direction continually in a way that a cat or a dog never does. Even when you find a lost sheep, it rushes to and fro in a panic and will not follow you home. When you find it, you must seize it, throw it to the ground, tie its forelegs and hind legs together, throw it over your shoulders, and carry it home.

Douglas MacMillian

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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

— April 6, 2025 —

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one. Therefore, love the

LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with

all your might.

People: For us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things

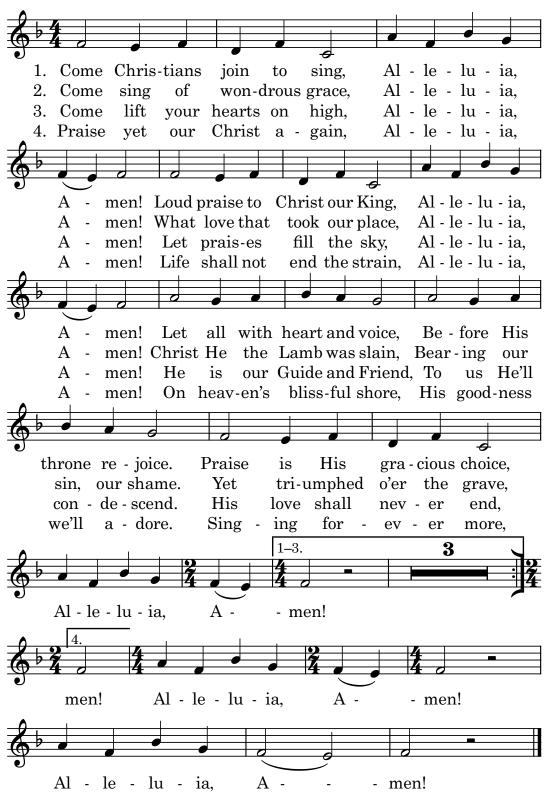
and for whom we exist and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through

whom are all things and through whom we exist.

Pastor: Therefore, do not live in fear, for the LORD your God is in your

midst. So come, let us worship and adore Him.

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING



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† Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Psalm 119:9-16

Pastor: How can a young man keep his way pure?

People: By guarding it according to Your word.

Pastor: With my whole heart I seek You; let me not wander from Your

commandments!

People: I have stored up Your word in my heart, that I might not sin

against You.

Pastor: Blessed are You, O LORD; teach me Your statutes!

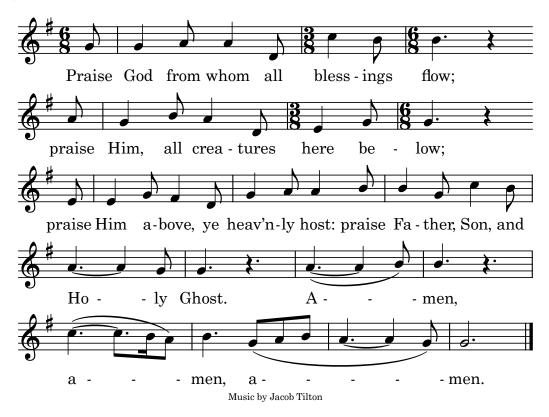
People: With my lips I declare all the rules of Your mouth.

Pastor: In the way of Your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.

People: I will meditate on Your precepts and fix my eyes on Your ways.

Pastor: I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

† Doxology



Confession of Sin

Pastor: In Jesus, we have put off the old humanity, which belonged to our former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires and we have put on the new humanity, which is created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

People: Forgive us Lord for the ways we betray this and for the corrupting talk that comes out of our mouths, talk that tears down, rather than builds up and gives grace to those who hear.

From Ephesians 4

Silent Confession

† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: In Jesus we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of

our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

Ephesians 1:7

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.

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

> On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. /Refrain/

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

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.

Prayer of Intercession

Scott Hames

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

^{*}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

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: O Father, in Your faithfulness, continue Your steadfast love to this congregation. Let not the foot of arrogance come upon us,

nor the hand of the wicked drive us away. In Jesus 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

John 10:1-18; 27-30

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber.2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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The Meaning of the Image

The Response to the Image

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Do you live as if Jesus owns and cares for you? In what areas are you not living in this way?
- 2. How is it comforting to you that Jesus knows you with all your failure and stupidity, and yet values you?
- 3. What is the chief way Jesus has shown us that He cares for us? How has His care redeemed us?
- 4. Jesus says we're doubly protected? How should this free us to live for Him no matter the consequences?

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.

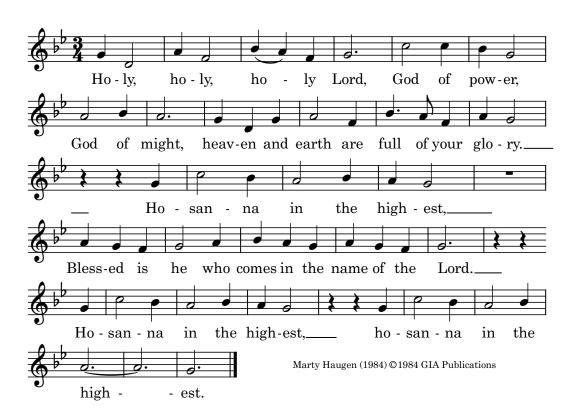
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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.

Communion Songs

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS



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JESUS, WITH THY CHURCH ABIDE



We be-seech Thee, hear us.

6. May her lamp of truth be bright, bid her bear aloft its light through the realms of heathen night: we beseech thee, hear us, we beseech thee, hear us.

7. Arm her soldiers with the cross, brave to suffer toil or loss, counting earthly gain but dross: we beseech thee, hear us, we beseech thee, hear us.

We be-seech Thee, hear us.

8. May she holy triumphs win, overthrow the hosts of sin, gather all the nations in: we beseech thee, hear us, we beseech thee, hear us.

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HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus He will hold me fast He will hold me fast For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast *Chorus*

For my life He bled and died Christ will hold me fast Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast

Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last *Chorus*

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us pray:

All:

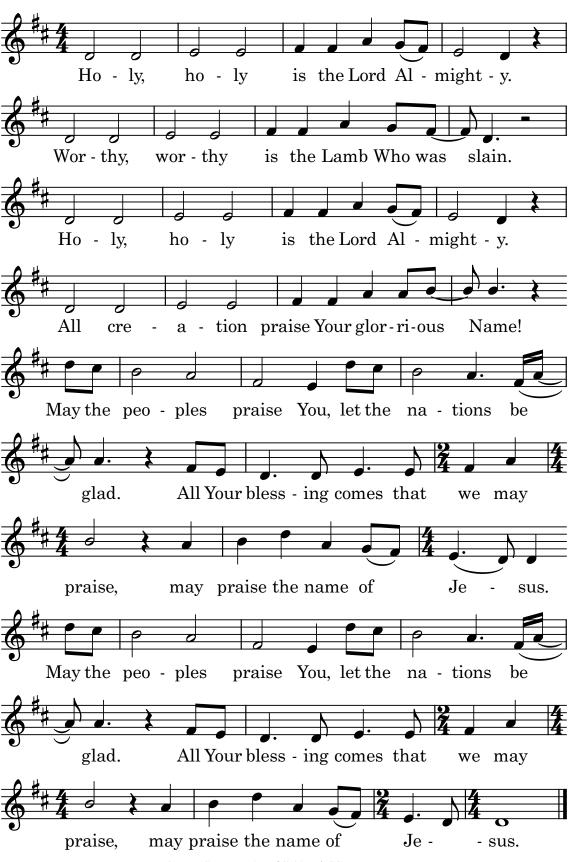
The eyes of all living things look to You, O God, and You give them their food in due season and for this we give You thanks. But most of all, we give You thanks for the Bread from Heaven, the Lord Jesus Christ, who alone satisfies our hearts and will renew our bodies at the resurrection. Amen.

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

MAY THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU





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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 Shepherd.

† 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

David Steed - April 6

Johnny Tassin – April 13

Andy Warren – April 20

Save the Date

Mon, Apr 7, 7 pm – Ladies Game Night

Sun, Apr 13 – Young Adults Lunch at Torchy's

May 4, 5 pm – Justin Pierce Jazz Group Concert

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: Thursday at 7 p.m. on April 10 followed by a potluck lunch/rehearsal after church on Sunday, April 13.

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. We will make bios for these men available in the near future, and you will have a chance to hear from them at the end of the Christian Formation class in the Lecture Hall on April 27.

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

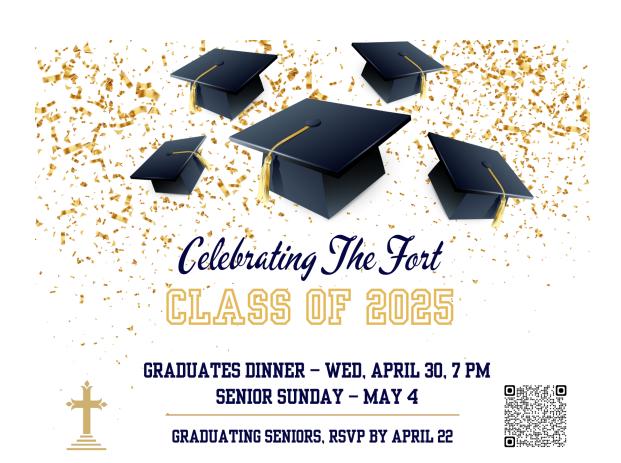
serve the sanctuary have outlived their expected lifespan and are failing. Please prayerfully consider how you can give generously to help fund the \$200,000 purchase of new air-

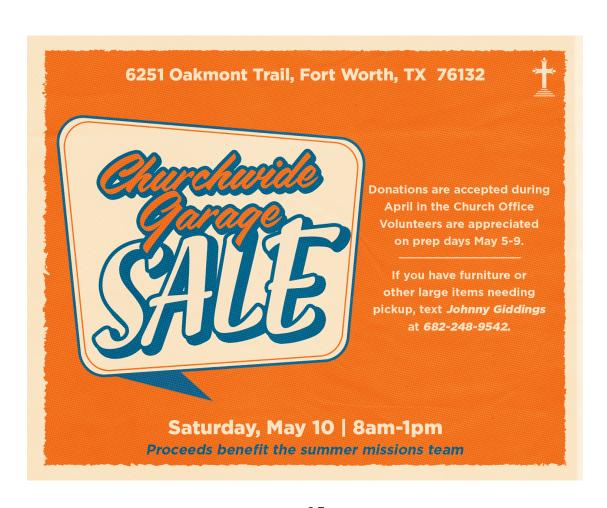
conditioning units.











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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