# Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



April 13, 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.

Christ's death will look and feel like a tragedy. But in fact, it will be a triumph: the triumph of God's self-giving love, the love that looks death itself in the face and defeats it by meeting it voluntarily on behalf of the world.

Adapted from Tom Wright

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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 13, 2025 — *Palm Sunday* 

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

Song of Entry

FWPCA Children's Choir

Welcome, welcome—with a blessing! Welcome to the Lord Most High. Peace in heaven, glory in the highest. Welcome to the Lord Most High. Alleluia. Alleluia. Hosanna, Hosanna. Welcome to the Lord Most High.

## **ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE**

† The Gospel Greeting

Rev. Brandon Eggar

Pastor: The LORD, in cleansing us in Christ says to us, "These are my

people."

People: And we in return say, "The LORD is our God."

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O Daughter of

Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal

of a donkey.

People: He shall speak peace to the nations, His rule shall be from sea

to sea, from the River Euphrates to the end of the earth.

Pastor:

For how great is His goodness, and how great is His beauty! Save us, we pray, O LORD! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

From Zechariah 9 and Psalm 118

# † Hymn of Praise

#### ALL GLORY LAUD AND HONOR

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went; our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present: to Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

## † Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 5-9, 25-29

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

endures forever! Let Israel say:

People: His steadfast love endures forever!

Pastor: Out of my distress I called to the LORD; and the LORD answered

me and set me free.

People: The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to

me?

Pastor: The LORD is on my side and my helper; I shall look in triumph on

those who hate me.

People: It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in men.

Pastor: It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

All: Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success.

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless You

from the house of the LORD.

People: The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine on us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar.

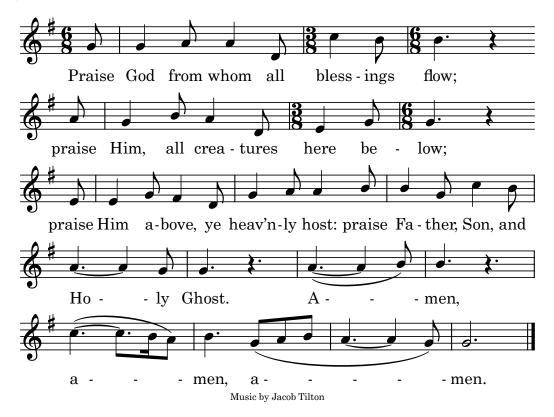
Pastor: You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I

will extol You.

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

endures forever! Amen!

# † Doxology



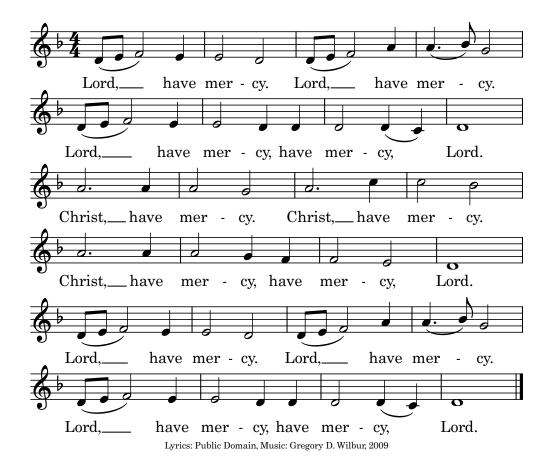
#### Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

People: O Lord, as we journey through this Holy Week, remind us that sin has reduced us to garbage. It has ground us down again to the red dust of death; and because of sin, Your image in us has been defaced and discarded. Yet, in reminding us of this, help us to see Your Son, Your true Image, going to the place of the skull for us; to the dunghill where He was willingly staked on a tree that we who lie in death might be forgiven and free. There He cried, "It is finished," but these words were no ending, but our true beginning. In Him, help us to live as people who are more and more finished with our sin, because we have been embraced by Him.

#### Silent Confession

## Song of Confession



# † Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

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

John 3:16-17, 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.

## † Song of Renewal

Red Trinity Hymnal #465

#### GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt, yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

#### Refrain:

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss; grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the Refuge, the mighty cross. [Refrain]

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today. [Refrain]

## COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

# Kingdom Moment

# Reception of New Members

Wright Geebee Scott and Mona Sands
David Livingston Matt and Lori Spahn
Will and Hannah Maddux Kent and Fran Sutton
Sam Myers Sam and Maria Warren
Amy Norton Mike and Mary Witt

# Sacrament of Baptism

Amy Norton

# Prayer of Intercession

Matt Jones

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

# Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

**A11:** 

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



JESUS STRONG AND KIND

Jesus said
That if I thirst
I should come to Him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to Him

Jesus said
If I am weak
I should come to Him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to Him

For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus strong and kind

Jesus said
That if I fear
I should come to Him
No one else can be my shield
I should come to Him

Jesus said
If I am lost
He will come to me
And He showed me on that cross
He will come to me

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#### **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.

## LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

# The Reading of the Word

John 12:12-26

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup> And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup> "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

<sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup> The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup> The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.<sup>24</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### SEEING JESUS

SEEING JESUS	
The Crowds	
The Disciples	
The Pharisees	
The Greeks	
Jesus	

## Discussion Questions:

- 1. How did the crowds and Pharisees see Jesus? How is this reflected in your life?
- 2. How did the disciples see Jesus? How is this reflected in your life?
- 3. Who do you know in your life that would fit under the category of 'Greeks' in this passage? How are you showing them Jesus?
- 4. How does Jesus see Himself and what are the implications for His followers?

#### 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.

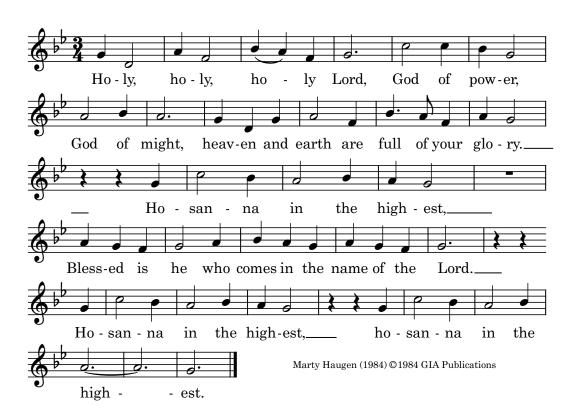
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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 Song

#### JESUS I COME



2.Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus I come; Jesus, I come
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus I come to Thee.

3.Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus I come; Jesus, I come
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus I come to Thee.

4.Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus I come; Jesus, I come
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus I come to Thee.
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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 Is HE WORTHY

[Women]:
Do you feel the world is broken?
We do.
Do you feel the shadows deepen?
We do.

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from

getting through? We do.

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

[Men]:
Is all creation groaning?
It is.
Is a new creation coming?
It is.
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst?
It is.
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?
It is.

[All]: Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
Is he worthy? Is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is he worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us?

Does the Spirit move among us?

And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those he loves?

He does.

Does our God intend to dwell again with us?

He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,

He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,

he has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? He is.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is. He is.

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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

Johnny Tassin – April 13

Andy Warren – April 20

Pete Cansick – April 27

#### Save the Date

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: 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. 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.

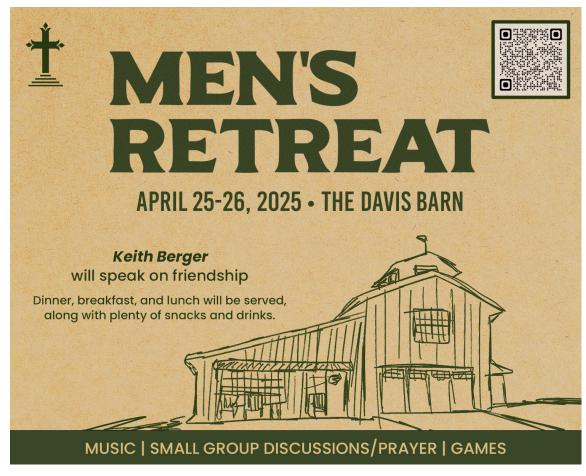
**Churchwide Garage Sale:** The annual garage sale benefitting the summer missions team will be held **Saturday, May 10**, 8 am-1 pm. Volunteers are needed for prep days May 5-9. Donations will be accepted during April in the church office. If you have large items requiring pickup, please text Johnny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

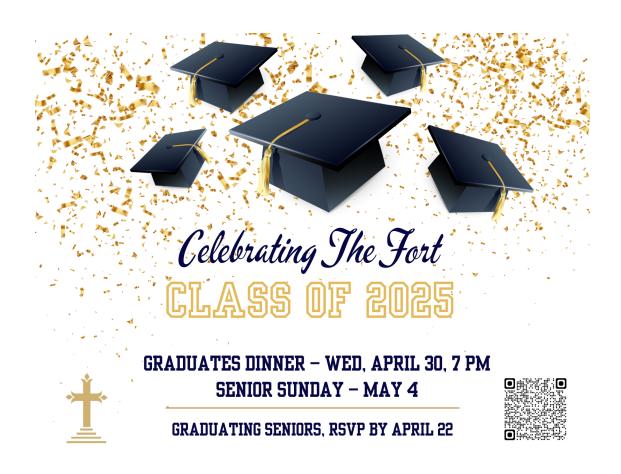
Men's Book Study: From April 23 to May 28, men will meet on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 a.m., to discuss J.I. Packer's *Concise Theology* in the Lecture Hall. Come join us! Questions? Contact Gary Fredricks at gary.fredricks@cru.org or 407-694-068

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.









#### 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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