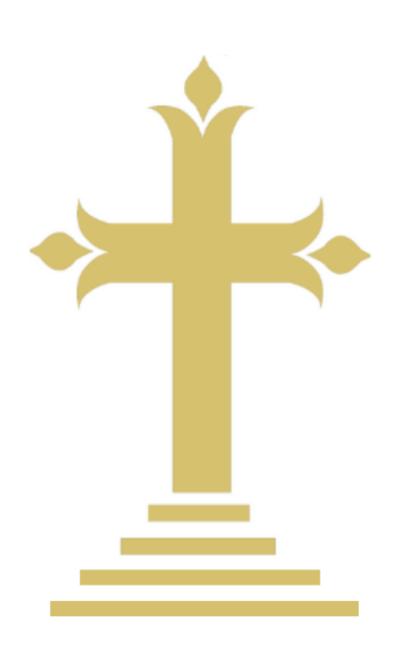
# Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



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.

Christ is the cause of the greatest division, but He is also the medium of the greatest union.

Charles Spurgeon

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

— May 18, 2025 —

Fifth Sunday after Easter

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: Behold the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, on those

who hope in His steadfast love, that He may deliver their soul from

death and keep them alive in famine.

People: Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.

For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy

name.

Pastor: Let Your steadfast love, O LORD be upon us, even as we hope in

You. Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

From Psalm 33

### THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

This is my Father's world,
And to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
The battle is not done;
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one.

This is my Father's world:

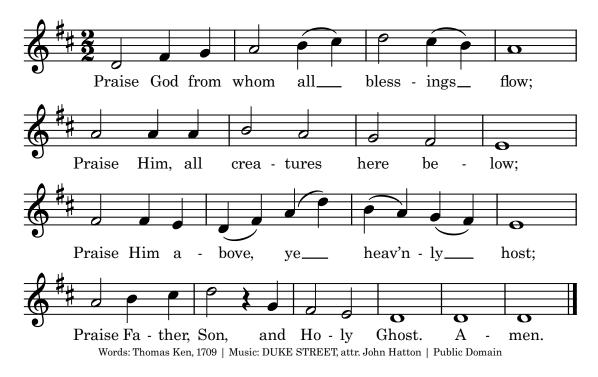
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Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied,

And earth and heav'n be one.

## † Invocation

## † Doxology



#### Confession of Sin

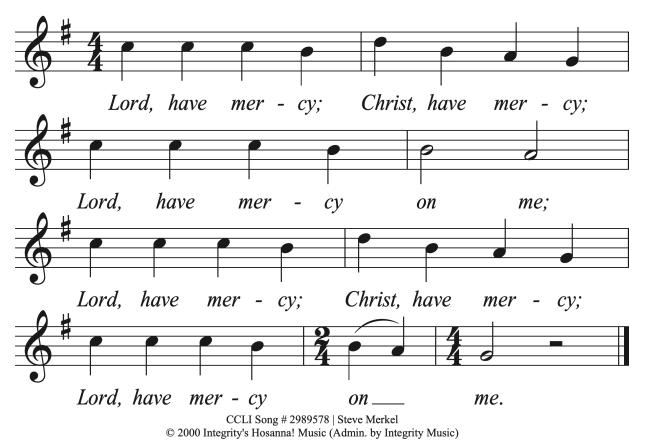
Pastor: Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and His arm rules for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him. Let us now confess our sins together:

People: O Lord, forgive us for the corrupting talk that comes out of our mouths, for You have called us to speak words that are good for building up and not tearing down, words that fit the occasion and that give grace to those who hear.

From Psalm 36

#### Silent Confession

# Song of Confession



## † Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: In Christ, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

Ephesians 1:7

#### All: Thanks be to God!

# † 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.



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## COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

#### Ordination & Installation of Deacons

Cody Bailey

David Blacklock

Kris Keffer

Questions to the Candidates

Question to the Congregation

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as deacons, and do you promise to yield them all honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

Prayer and the Laying on of Hands

The Pronouncement

The Charge to the Officers and Congregation

Scott Wade

Prayer of Intercession

Pastor Brandon

Common Prayer

Pastor: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Almighty God, to know You is abundant life. Therefore, grant us to know You through Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who

is none other than the Way and the Truth and the Life. By Your Spirit, help us to follow Him as He leads us in His true way

that is life. 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

Luke 12:49-59

<sup>49</sup> "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. <sup>52</sup> For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup> They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

<sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming.' And so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

<sup>57</sup> "And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? <sup>58</sup> As you go with your accuser before the magistrate, make an effort to settle with him on the way, lest he drag you to the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer put you in prison. <sup>59</sup> I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## The Preaching of the Word

Bradford Green RUF Campus Minister

### JESUS THE LOVING DIVIDER

The Fire and the Family: Vv. 49-53

The Times and the Trial: Vv. 54-59

#### Discussion Questions:

- 1. Why do you think Jesus is so unapologetic about the division He causes?
- 2. What do you think would help us in our daily life focus on the cross as Jesus did?
- 3. What are some things clamoring for supremacy in your life that are not Jesus?
- 4. Are there any family members you are praying would know Jesus?
- 5. What are some practical things you can do to not "blend into the wallpaper" of your life, but instead point others to Jesus?

### 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.

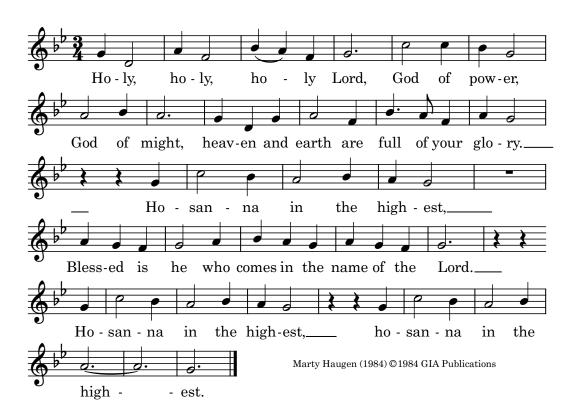
Pastor: It is good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all

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

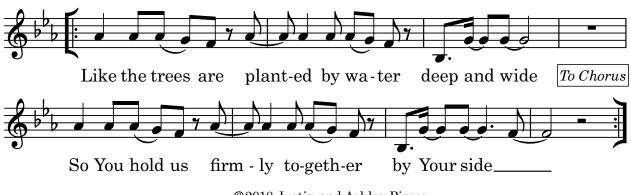
For those searching for truth: Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Give me the ability to follow You no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for You that is coherent, 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.





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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us pray:

All: O Lord, may this precious meal that we have just consumed be a source of strength to us this week. Through it, may we know more and more our true identity - that we are Yours and no longer our own. Amen.

## GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

PSALM 150 (PRAISE THE LORD)

You made the starry hosts You traced the mountain peaks You paint the evening skies with wonders The earth it is Your throne From desert to the sea All nature testifies Your splendor

> Praise the Lord Praise the Lord Sing His greatness All creation Praise the Lord Raise your voice

You heights and all you depths
From furthest east to west
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord

You reached into the dust
In love Your Spirit breathed
You formed us in Your very likeness
To know Your wondrous works
To tell Your mighty deeds
To join the everlasting (Chorus)

Let symphonies resound
Let drums and choirs ring out
All heaven hear the sound of worship
Let every nation bring
Its honors to the King
A roar of harmonies eternal

Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord
Sing His greatness
All creation
Praise the Lord
Raise your voice
You heights and all you depths
From furthest east to west
You distant burning stars
All creatures near and far
From sky to sea to shore
Sing out forevermore
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord

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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

Daniel Sneed – May 18

David Steed – May 25

Johnny Tassin – June 1

#### Save the Date

May 25, 12 pm – GAP lunch & swim at the Thoms

May 25-Aug 10 – Summer Break for 9am Classes

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

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.

**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

**Officer Nominations** are being accepted this month for the Offices of Deacon and Elder. Nomination forms, including officer qualifications, are available on the Fellowship Hall table. The Session encourages each member to read over this material with prayer and consider who you might nominate. Return completed forms to the box on the Fellowship Hall table by May 31.

**FWPC 101:** The next new members class is **June 6-7**. Learn about FWPC's vision, purpose, ministries, service and fellowship opportunities, membership, and more. This class is required for membership but does not commit you to be ready to join. It will be led by Pastor Brandon in the fellowship hall on Friday, June 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (dinner provided) and Saturday, June 7, 8:30 a.m.noon (continental breakfast served). Please register at **fortworthpca.org/adult**. Nursery is available upon request.

Men's Ministry Feedback: As we plan for 2025-26, the Men's Ministry Leadership Team would love to have your input. Please take a few minutes to complete a quick 5-question survey. Scan the QR code to answer online or pick up a printed form on the fellowship hall table.



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.





#### TUESDAYS, 10 AM

BRYNN COSGROVE'S - 6717 ASHBROOK DRIVE

#### TUESDAYS, 7 PM

MONA SANDS' - 11508 NORTHVIEW DRIVE

#### WEDNESDAYS, 10 AM

FWPC WITH CHILDCARE

Register at fortworthpca.org.

**MAY 28-JUNE 18** 



# IOVING YOUR ADULT CHILDREN

co-ed summer study

WEDNESDAYS, 7 PM STEED HOME – 6809 WOODSTOCK

Register at fortworthpca.org/adult.





# Financial Report Fiscal year June 2024-May 2025

June-April	This Year	Last Year
Income YTD	\$1,365,374	\$1,298,279
Expenses YTD	\$1,327,404	\$1,328,645
How we're doing YTD	\$37,976	\$-29,985
Capital Campaign (as of 5/7/25)	<b>\$</b> 74 <b>,</b> 610	
Needed for Capital Goal	\$125,390	
Current Capital Reserve (including	\$127,252	
campaign giving) Quarterly Alms (as of 5/7/25)	\$11,536	

## Ministry done thanks to your generosity:

- \$8,300 in Alms funds distributed
- \$10,985 paid for counseling
- \$13,803 providing for congregational needs
- \$5,212 to partner agencies helping people get out of poverty
- \$7,816 to Oakmont ministries
  - o Super Wednesday
  - o Kids Hope
  - o Student of the Month
- \$40,590 for RUF ministries
- \$22,440 to US missions
- \$88,608 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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