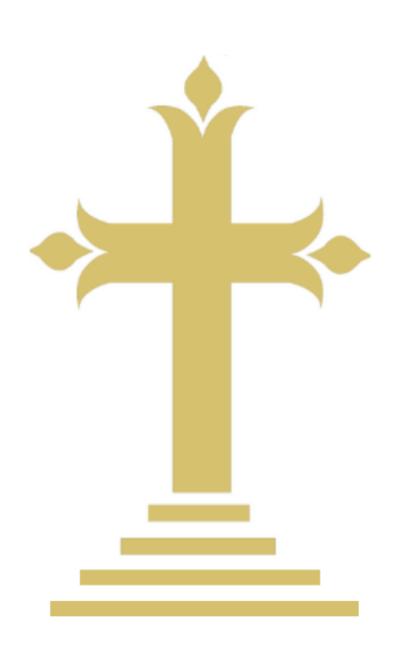
# Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



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.

Worship is the gift of participating through the Spirit in the incarnate Son's communion with the Father.

James B. Torrance

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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

— May 25, 2025 —

Sixth Sunday after Easter

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

## **ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE**

† The Gospel Greeting

Travis Robnett

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

Spirit.

People: Amen!

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in

my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and

be glad.

Pastor: O magnify the LORD with me!

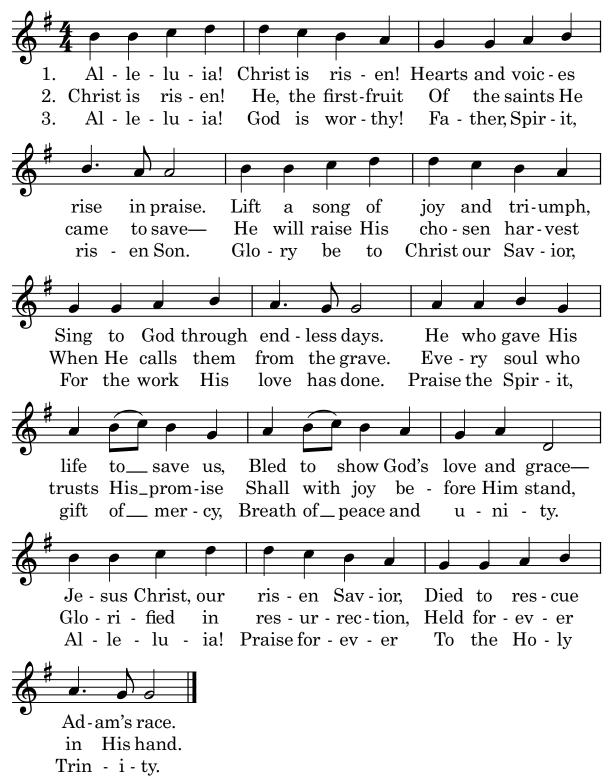
People: And let us exalt His name together!

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

From Psalm 34

#### ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!



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† Invocation

† Psalm Reading Psalm 2

Pastor: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

People: The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and His Anointed, saying,

Pastor: "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

People: He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

Pastor: Then He will speak to them in His wrath, and terrify them in His fury, saying,

People: "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

Pastor: I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you.

People: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

Pastor: You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.

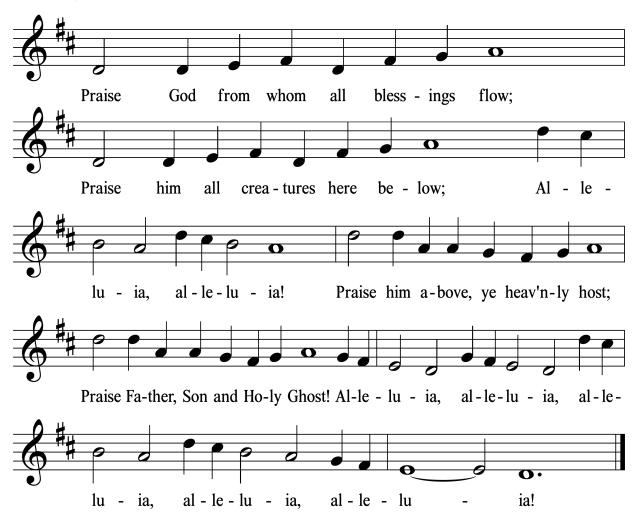
People: Now therefore, O kings of the earth, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Pastor: Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

People: Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath is quickly kindled.

Pastor: Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.

## † Doxology



#### Confession of Sin

Bob Schwartzbeck

Pastor: God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. Let us now confess our sins:

People: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Psalm 51:1-3

Silent Confession

# Song of Confession



# † Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, in His great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins for all who repent and trust in His Son. In Christ, we have pardon and deliverance from all our sins. So, rest yourself in Christ.

#### All: Amen!

† 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

WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR

Wonderful, merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper Spirit we long to embrace You offer hope when our hearts have Hopelessly lost our way Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way

Chorus
You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

Almighty, infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your throne (Chorus)

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## COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

+ Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q. #21

Pastor: What is true faith?

All:

True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in His Word is true; it is also a deeprooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

Prayer of Intercession

Scott Hames

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All:

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards You, that we, loving You in all things, may rest in Your promises, which exceed all that we can or ever will desire. 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

2 Sam 6:1-11

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. <sup>2</sup> And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale-judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who sits enthroned on the cherubim. <sup>3</sup> And they carried the ark of God on a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. And Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart, <sup>4</sup> with the ark of God, and Ahio went before the ark.

<sup>5</sup> And David and all the house of Israel were celebrating before the Lord, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. <sup>6</sup> And when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. <sup>7</sup> And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah, and God struck him down there because of his error, and he died there beside the ark of God. <sup>8</sup> And David was angry because the Lord had broken out against Uzzah. And that place is called Perez-uzzah to this day. <sup>9</sup> And David was afraid of the Lord that day, and he said, "How can the ark of the Lord come to me?" <sup>10</sup> So David was not willing to take the ark of the Lord into the city of David. But David took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. <sup>11</sup> And the ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months, and the Lord blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### **ENCOUNTERING GOD**

God is present with us in worship

God commands right worship

God blesses right worship

#### Discussion Questions:

- 1. Is God specially present with us in worship, and how?
- 2. Was the killing of Uzzah justified? Why?
- 3. Are there any ways in your life in which you are acting like Uzzah?
- 4. Do you trust God to meet you and bless you in your worship of Him? Why, or why not?

### 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.

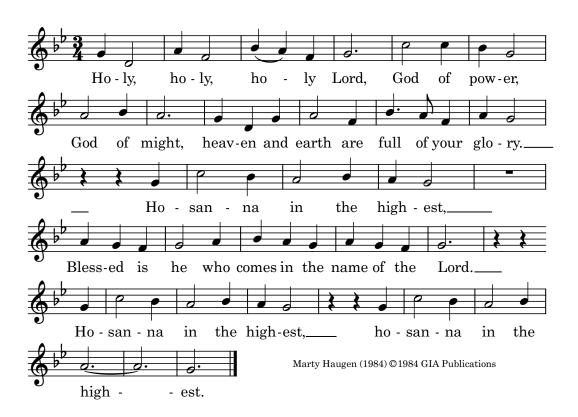
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

#### HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom
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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

CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise

Who stands above the stormy trial Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Unto the shore the rock of Christ Chorus

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

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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

David Steed – May 25

Johnny Tassin – June 1

Andy Warren – June 8

#### 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

Mon, June 23, 7 pm – Women's Summer Social

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 Softball Team: Men, do you have any interest in playing softball this fall? It might be in a city league, an intrasquad game, a game vs. Trinity Presbyterian... just depends upon the level of interest. If you'd like to participate, please contact David Blacklock at 281-605-0595.

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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