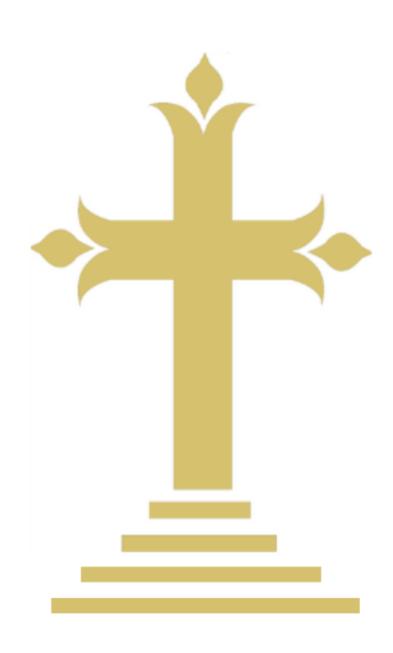
Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



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.

"As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you."

C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

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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 4, 2025 —

Third 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: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD

in the splendor of holiness.

People: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits

enthroned as King forever.

All: May the LORD give strength to His people! May the LORD

bless His people with peace!

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

From Psalm 29

† Hymn of Praise

COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING



† Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Psalm 4:1, 6-8

Pastor: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

People: You have given me relief when I was in distress.

All: Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

Pastor: There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?"

People: Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O LORD!

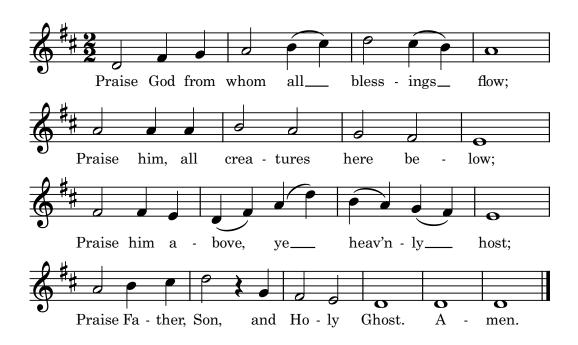
Pastor: You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain

and wine abound.

All: In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for You alone, O

LORD, make me dwell in safety.

† Doxology



Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

People: O Lord, we confess to You that our transgression speaks deep in our hearts, so that we do not reverence You as our good Father and, in turn, we cease to act wisely and do good. Cleanse us of our foolishness and set us once again on Your way that is good, right, and beautiful.

From Psalm 36

Silent Confession

† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.

Psalm 36:9

All: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ: New Creation! The old has passed away, behold, the new has come!

† The Greeting of Peace

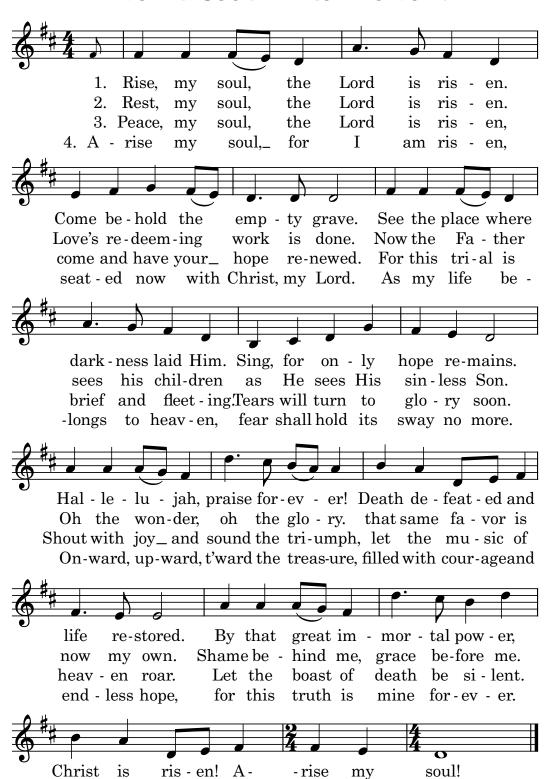
Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

At this time, please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.

† Song of Renewal

RISE MY SOUL THE LORD IS RISEN



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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Recognition of Graduates

Travis Robnett

Ezra Barget Jack Nave

Jack Birbari Ella Percifield

Ellie Booher Skye Ryun

Kate Breedlove Will Saadeh

Ransom Bussey

Alexander Steed

Jackson Giddings Joshua Thom

Jason Helge Luke Tollefson

Adah Jones Mac Unruh
Hannah Lelek Elliott Welch

Nadia Mason

Prayer of Intercession

David Welch

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: O God, whose blessed Son made Himself known to His disciples in the breaking of the bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold Him in all His redeeming work.

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

Mark. 9:30-50

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." ³² But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

them, "What were you discussing on the way?"³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶ And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹ But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ For the one who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

⁴² "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' ⁴⁹ For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make

it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

STAND. SERVE GOD. BE SMALL

We Will Only Stand in the Service of God if We Can Be Big

Christ Invites You to Be Great by Being Small

- Embracing the Small v. 33-37
- Uniting with the Small v. 38-42
- Sacrificing for the Small v. 43-48
- Giving it All v. 49-50

Adopt a Missionary Mindset that Embraces the Small

Christ knows what it is like to Stand, Serve God, and be Small.

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.

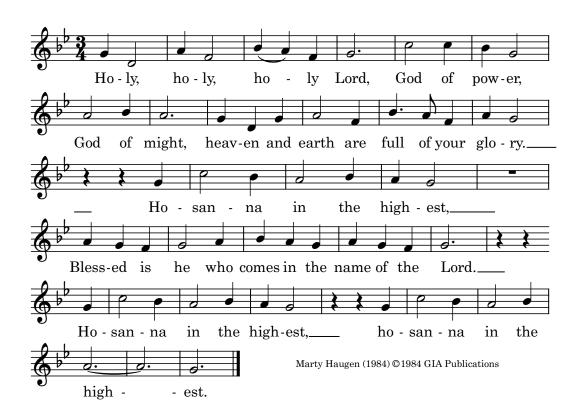
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

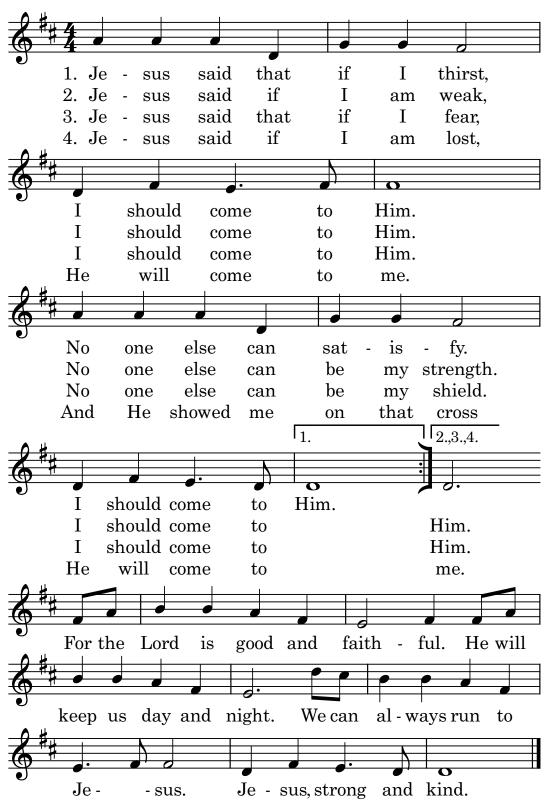
Prayers for Those Not Communing

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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THIS IS ALL MY JOY (PSALM 16)



Brian Moss (2014)

I hear the Savior say,
"Your strength indeed is small,
child of weakness, watch and pray,
find in Me your all in all."

Refrain:

Jesus paid it all,

all to Him I owe;

sin had left a crimson stain,

He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find Your power, and Yours alone, can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone. *Refrain*

For nothing good have I whereby Your grace to claim — I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. Refrain

And when, before the Throne,
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
my lips shall still repeat. Refrain

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

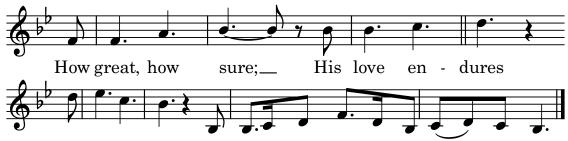
longer our own. Amen.

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

MAGNIFICENT MARVELOUS





for-ev-er-more. Mag-ni-fi-cent, mar-vel-ous, match-less love.

What grace that You entered our brokenness You came in the fullness of time How far we had fallen from righteousness But not from the mercies of Christ Your cross is our door to redemption Your death is our fullness of life That day how forgiveness flowed as a flood Magnificent marvelous matchless love

Chorus

How great how sure His love endures forevermore Magnificent marvelous matchless love

United in Your resurrection You lift us to infinite heights Could anything sever or take us from Magnificent marvelous matchless love *Chorus*

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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

Chris Jordan – May 4 Randy Shannon – May 11 Daniel Sneed – May 18

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 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

On Mission for Missions: We will hear updates from the missions field during the Christian Formation hour this month. Join us in the Lecture Hall for the only adult class offered at 9:00 a.m. through May 18. On May 4, Cyril Chavis will be with us from RUF at Howard University. On May 11, we'll hear from Paul Miller of Metanoia Prison Ministries, and on May 18, Al & Annie Olsen will update us on the FWPC Missions Committee.

Bridge Builders Seminars will focus on how our daily occupational work connects to our belief in a God-designed universe, throughout which His fingerprints are evident. Each seminar will offer two presentations and conclude with a discussion featuring thought-provoking questions designed to "build bridges" with others in our working communities that connect our work with our faith in Christ. On Saturday, May 17, we will explore the compatibility of God's two books (Book of Nature and Book of Scripture) and the scientific method. Join us from 9:00-10:30 am in the Lecture Hall.

Garage Sale is this Saturday, 8am-1pm. Volunteers are needed Tuesday-Saturday to prep and host. If you can help, please text Johnny Giddings at 682-248-9542.

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 airconditioning units.







Financial Report Fiscal year June 2024-May 2025

June-March	This Year	Last Year
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
 - o Rent/bills support
 - Support during job loss
 - o Car repairs
- \$4,920 to partner agencies that help people get out of poverty
- \$7,370 to Oakmont ministries
 - o Super Wednesday
 - o Kids Hope
 - O 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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