

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



August 17, 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 are currently green as this is the time in the Christian Year known as ordinary time or the Sundays after Pentecost. Green represents life and growth in Christ.

We are 'debtors,' not in the sense of owing God a grudging obedience, but in the sense of discovering our vocation to be God's agents, his prayerful stewards, in the present task, within the groaning of the old creation, of witnessing to the promise of the new.

N.T. 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

— August 17, 2025 —

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted.

People: Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Amen!

Isaiah 12:3-4

† Hymn of Praise

FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES

From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise;
let the Redeemer's name be sung
through every land, by every tongue.

In every land begin the song;
to every land the strains belong.
In cheerful sound all voices raise
and fill the world with joyful praise.

Eternal are Your mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends Your word.
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
till suns rise and set no more.

† Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Psalm 103:6-18

Pastor: The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

People: He made known His ways to Moses, and His acts to the people of Israel.

Pastor: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever.

Pastor: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

People: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him.

Pastor: As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

People: As a father shows compassion to His children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.

Pastor: For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

People: As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field.

Pastor: For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

† Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.
A - - - men, a - - - men, a - -
- - - men.

Music by Jacob Tilton

Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

People: O Lord, in thought, word, and deed we have sinned against You and our neighbor. Therefore, we will acknowledge our sin to You and we will not hide our iniquity. Instead, we will confess our transgressions, trusting that You will forgive the iniquity of our sin, through Your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Adapted from Psalm 32

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

God, be mer-ci - ful to me; On Your love I__ rest my plea.

By Your vast a-bound-ing grace, My trans-gres-sions all e - raise.

From the stain of ev-'ry sin, Wash, and make me clean with - in.

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† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

From Psalm 32:1

All: Praise and glory be to our merciful Father!

† The Greeting of Peace

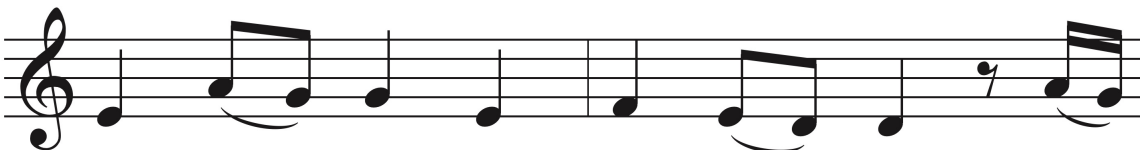
Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

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



1. O Love that will not - let me go, I
2. O Light that foll - ow'st all my way, I
3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I
4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I



rest my wear - y soul in thee; I
 yield my flick' - ring torch to thee; My
 can - not close my heart to thee; I
 dare not ask to fly from thee; I



give thee back the li - fe I owe, That
 heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That
 trace the rain - bow through the rain, And
 lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And



in thine o - cean depths its flow May
 in thy sun - shine's blaze its day May
 feel the prom - ise is not vain, That
 from the ground there bloss - oms red Life



ri - cher, full - er _____ be.
 brigh - ter, fair - er _____ be.
 morn shall tear - less _____ be.
 that shall end - less _____ be.

COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Kingdom Moment

*Kid's Hope USA
Cabrea Bundy, Oakmont Principle*

Prayer of Intercession

Scott Zink

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: As we come to the hearing of Your word, speak O Lord, that in hearing Your voice we may become more and more like Your Son. 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

Romans 8:12-17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

LED BY THE SPIRIT

Realizing Who You Are

Kill Off Remaining Sin

Depending on the Father

Things to Keep in Mind

Discussion Questions:

1. How is Paul's use of being a debtor freeing to the Christian? Do you know this freedom? Why or why not?
2. As a Christian, what are you an heir of according to Romans 8? How should being an heir shape the way you live presently?
3. What areas of your life need to be killed off as a way of demonstrating you're being led by the Spirit?
4. According to Paul, how is our dependence on the Father worked out in our lives? In what ways are you growing in your dependence on the Father through the leading of the Spirit?

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:

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The score consists of six lines of music. The first line ends with a comma, the second with a period, the third with a comma, the fourth with a period, the fifth with a comma, and the sixth with a period. The final note of the sixth line is a whole note, followed by a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.____
____ Ho - san - na in the high - est,_____
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.____
Ho - san - na in the high - est,____ ho - san - na in the
high - - est.

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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

MY WORTH IS NOT IN WHAT I OWN

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

Chorus

*I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone*

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross (*Chorus*)

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross (*Chorus*)

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us pray:

All: Father, we thank You for nourishing us at this Your Son's table. Through it and in the power of Your Spirit, increase our gratitude for His sacrifice on the cross. We also pray that through this meal our communion as Your family would be deepened. 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

Chorus

*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*

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 *Chorus*

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† The Sending

Pastor: As we now go into the world:

All: May our eyes be fixed on Christ.

Pastor: When we struggle, fear, or fail:

All: May we cast ourselves on the cross of Christ.

Pastor: As we encounter neighbors and co-workers:

All: May we, in the power of the Holy Spirit, speak and show Christ to the glory of our Father.

† 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.

People: To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Deacon of the Day

David Blacklock – August 17

Chris Jordan – August 24

Kris Keffer – August 31

Save the Date

Mon, Sept 8, 7 pm – Ladies Game Night

Sat, Sept 13, 8:30 – Men's Breakfast at FWPC

Sun, Sept 14 – Young Adults Lunch at Robnetts

Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2025-May 2026

<i>Through July 31</i>	<i>This Year</i>	<i>Last Year</i>
Income YTD	\$201,128	\$228,871
Expenses YTD	\$269,174	\$232,081
How we're doing YTD	\$-68,046	\$-9,268

Capital Campaign (as of 6/3/25)	\$146,808
Needed for Capital Goal	\$53,192
Current Capital Reserve (including campaign giving)	\$203,745

Increases in expenses over last year:

- Health insurance up ~20%
- Building & liability insurance up ~40%
- Increased Capital Reserve savings by 40%
- Increased Dental Reserve savings 100%
- Increasing Medical Reserves savings 45%
- Staff Compensation/Benefits up 9.5% from FY25

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 seeking to bring the light of the Gospel to the world.

Information & Events

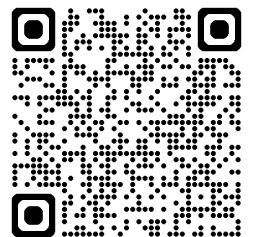
Visitors: Pick up visitor information at the visitor kiosk in the Fellowship Hall immediately following morning worship.

Christian Formation Classes are Sundays at 9:00 a.m. for all ages. Children's and youth class details are available on the Fellowship Hall table. Two adult classes will be offered: *Exploring the Gospels* with Bob Schwartzbeck in Room 201 and a discussion on *God's Big Picture: Tracing the Storyline of the Bible* (book by Vaughan Roberts) led by elders in the Lecture Hall.

FWPC 101: Want to learn more about Fort Worth Presbyterian? Considering joining us or ready to become a member? This class is for you! It will be led by Pastor Brandon in the fellowship hall on Friday, **September 5**, 6:30-8:30 (dinner provided) and Saturday, **September 6**, 8:30 a.m.-noon (continental breakfast served). Completion of a FWPC 101 class is required for membership but participation does not obligate you to be ready to join. Register at fortworthpca.org/adult below to learn about FWPC's mission, purpose, theological vision, membership, and more.

Bridge Builders Seminar: Join us **Saturday, August 23**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Lecture Hall to explore where faith and science meet. We'll hear about Creation Where Rubber Meets the Road (chemical engineering) and The Complex Human Eye (ophthalmology) and conclude with a discussion designed to "build bridges" with others in our work communities. Breakfast will be provided.

Capital Campaign: You can help us steward our beautiful, aging church building well. Our goal is to raise \$200,000 to replenish the facility maintenance fund that has recently covered new sanctuary air-conditioning units, a new front door, flood and roof repairs, drainage correction, and new carpeting. Please prayerfully consider how you can give generously.





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GOD AND PEOPLE

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 12-2 PM
Lunch & Swimming for 5th-6th Graders
Birbari Pool – 6459 Sumac Road


CO-ED FALL BIBLE STUDY

*THE LETTER
TO THE*
Hebrews

SEPTEMBER 2-NOVEMBER 18

TUESDAYS, 7:00-8:30 PM

SAM & CINDY LYNN'S
6140 FOREST HIGHLANDS DRIVE,
FORT WORTH, TX 76132



REGISTER



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM

GOD'S INVITATION TO LIFE AND JOY
IN THE BOOK OF MATTHEW

WEDNESDAYS

September 10 - November 19
January 7 - March 25

MORNING STUDY
9:30-11:30 AM at FWPC
Childcare available.

EVENING STUDY
7:00-8:30 PM
at FWPC



Register at fortworthpca.org/biblestudy



MEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY

ECCLESIASTES



SEPTEMBER 16-NOVEMBER 26 | LECTURE HALL
TUESDAYS | 7:00 PM & WEDNESDAYS | 6:30 AM

REGISTER AT [FORTWORTHPCA.ORG/MEN](https://fortworthpca.org/men)

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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