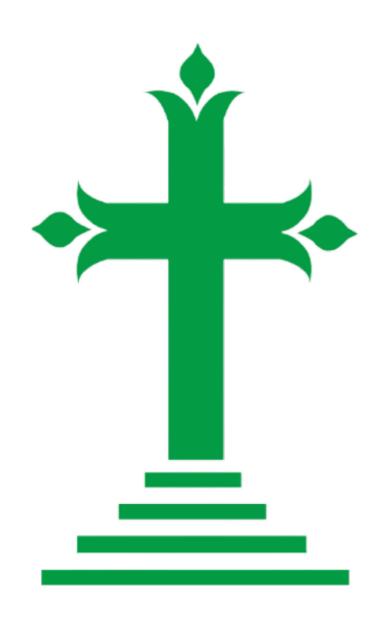
# Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



August 24, 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.

Our slight momentary affliction is producing for us an absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory.

2 Cor. 4:17

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

— August 24, 2025 —

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

#### **ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE**

The Gospel Greeting

Rev. Brandon Eggar

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

Spirit.

People: Amen!

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD

with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

People: Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us; and

we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Pastor: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give

thanks to Him; bless His name!

People: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever; His

faithfulness to all generations. Amen!

Psalm 100

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing, help us to praise.

Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore.

His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

### † Invocation

## † Psalm Reading

Psalm 103:19-22

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy

name.

People: Bless the LORD, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do

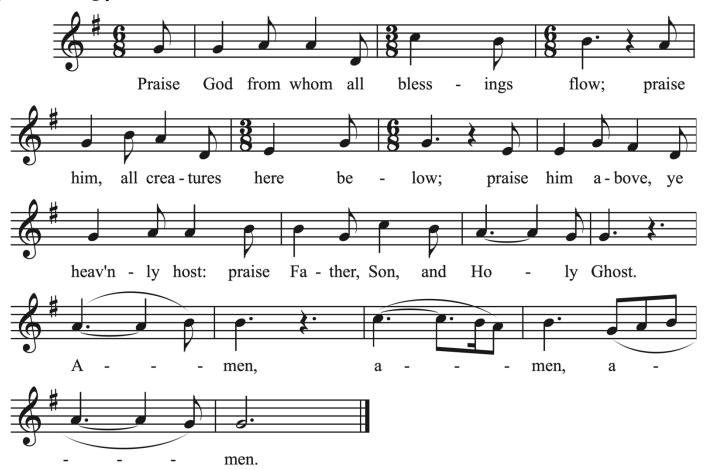
His word, obeying the voice of His word!

Pastor: Bless the LORD, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will!

People: Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion.

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul. Amen!

## † Doxology



Music by Jacob Tilton

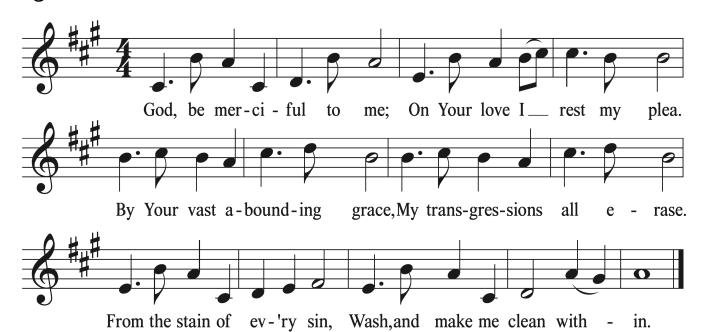
Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

People: O Father, I confess that my transgression speaks deep in my heart. I acknowledge that I do not fear You. Often, I make light of Your grace. I flatter myself believing my iniquity will not be found out. I cover and hide my sin. But You know. So, I pray: Rescue me from my arrogance and my desire for autonomy. Refresh me in the preciousness of Your steadfast love that I might turn from sin to feast on the abundance of Your house.

Adapted from Psalm 36

#### Silent Confession

#### Song of Confession



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## † Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: O Lord, You will continue Your steadfast love to those who know

You, and Your righteousness to the upright of heart!

From Psalm 36:10

#### All: How precious is Your steadfast love, O 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.

## † Song of Renewal

DEATH WAS ARRESTED

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin Lost without hope with no place to begin Your love made a way to let mercy come in When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

#### Chorus

Oh Your grace so free washes over me You have made me new now life begins with You It's Your endless love pouring down on us You have made us new now life begins with You Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend When death was arrested and my life began (Chorus)

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began (Chorus)

Oh we're free free forever we're free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes we're free free forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began (repeat)
When death was arrested and my life began
When death was arrested and my life began

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## COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

## Reception of New Members

Andrey and Elena Bondarenko

Nathan and Hannah Braswell

Ethan and Lauren DeLong

Kerry Hoods

Tom and Donna Hunnell

Jacob and Elizabeth Perez

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Pastor: Let us now join our voices praying:

All:

Lord of all power and might, the Author of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of Your name. Increase our genuine faith. Nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of Your Spirit, for Jesus' sake. 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.



QR Code for online giving

### LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

## The Reading of the Word

Romans 8:18-30

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### THE SPIRIT HELPS US

The	Gro	aning	of	Crea	ation
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The Groaning of the Church

The Groaning of the Spirit

### Discussion Questions:

- 1. How does Paul make the argument that present sufferings cannot compare with future glory? How is his argument comforting and assuring?
- 2. In light of this passage, what is the role of the church amidst this groaning creation?
- 3. How does the Spirit help us according to our weakness?
- 4. List some ways this passage gives you assurance during your own sufferings and groanings.

#### 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.

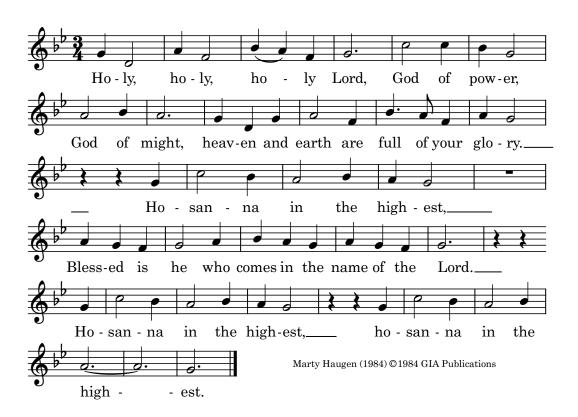
Pastor: It is good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all

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.



# 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

#### HE IS MAKING ALL THINGS RIGHT



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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 speak and show Christ, for His name's sake.

# † 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

Chris Jordan - August 24

Kris Keffer – August 31

Randy Shannon – September 7

#### Save the Date

Wed, Sept 3, 7 pm – The Fort Youth Group returns

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

Through July 31	This Year	Last Year
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	\$203,745
(including campaign giving)	

#### 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.

Women's Covenant Groups: A new year begins in September, and all women who are regular-attenders of FWPC, committed to living in community with us, are invited to participate. Moms Groups meet monthly

during the school year for fellowship, prayer, and discussing biblically living out the calling of motherhood. **Women-to-Women Groups** of mixed ages and stages meet monthly year-round for prayer, book study, and mutual encouragement designed to deepen their knowledge of and relationship with God. Scan the QR code to complete an interest form by August 31.

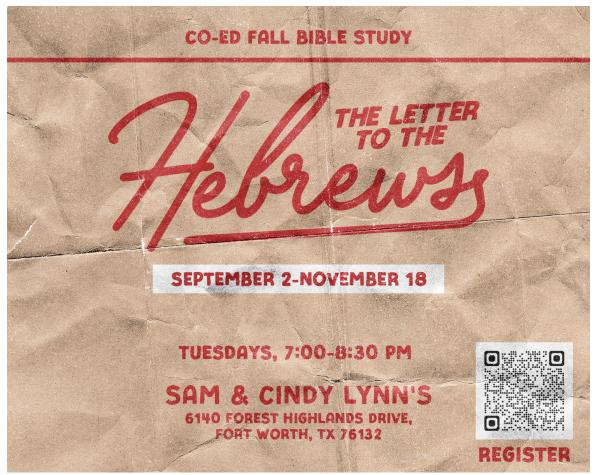


**FWPC 101:** Want to learn more about Fort Worth Presbyterian? Considering joining us or ready to become a member? This class is for you! It will be led by Pastor Brandon in the fellowship hall on Friday, **September 5**, 6:30-8:30 (dinner provided) and Saturday, **September 6**, 8:30 a.m.-noon (continental 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.

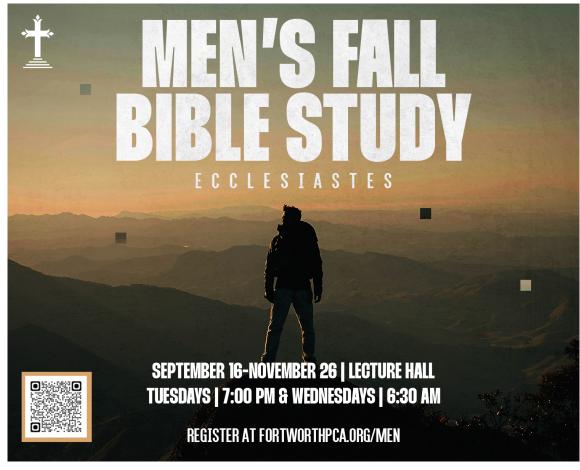
Capital Campaign: You can help us steward our beautiful, aging church building well. Our goal is to raise \$200,000 to replenish the facility maintenance fund that has recently covered new sanctuary air-conditioning units, a new front door, flood and roof repairs, drainage correction, and new carpeting.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











#### 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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