

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



September 28, 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.

Warnings are not designed to rob people of hope, but to steer them away from danger in order to preserve them so that they might persevere and inherit what has been promised.

Craig R. Koester

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Courtesy walker and wheelchair are available at the main entrance.

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† Congregation standing

Order of the Worship of God

— September 28, 2025 —

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

The Gospel Greeting

Travis Robnett

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: 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: Oh, magnify the LORD with me!

All: Let us exalt His name together!

Psalm 34:1-3

† Hymn of Praise

REJOICE THE LORD IS KING

Rejoice, the Lord is King:
your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore.

Refrain:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when He had purged our stains,
He took his seat above. *[Refrain]*

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n. *[Refrain]*

He sits at God's right hand
till all His foes submit,
and bow to His command,
and fall beneath His feet. *[Refrain]*

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
and take His servants up
to their eternal home. *[Refrain]*

† Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Rev. Bob Schwartzbeck

Psalm 37:1-7

Pastor: Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!

People: **For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.**

Pastor: Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

People: **Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.**

Pastor: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act.

People: **He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.**

Pastor: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him.

† 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.

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Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

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

Adapted from Psalm 51:1-3

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

Heal us, E - mman - uel here we are.
We long to feel Thy touch.
Deep wound - ed souls to Thee we fly;
O, Sav - ior hear our____ cry.
Our faith is fee - ble we con - fess,
We faint - ly trust Thy____ word;
But will you pi - ty us the less?
Be that far from you,____ Lord!

The musical score is written on ten staves in treble clef, key of D major (indicated by two sharps), and 3/2 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some measures containing rests. The final measure of the last line ends with a double bar line.

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† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: By the Holy Spirit, the Lord Jesus creates in us clean hearts. He renews us, and He upholds us with a willing spirit.

Adapted from Psalm 51:10, 12

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.

† Song of Renewal

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive

What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected

As we will be when He comes (repeat)

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

† Confession of Faith

Rev. Bob Schwartzbeck
Apostles' Creed

Pastor: Christians, in whom do we believe:

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and
born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.*
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**While Jesus didn't literally descend to hell, he did endure the torment of hell on the cross and remained under the power of death until his resurrection.*

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Prayer of Intercession

Matt Jones

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Grant us, O Lord, not to mind only earthly things, but to love Your Kingdom; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those things that will last. For Jesus' sake, we pray. 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

Hebrews 1:5-2:4

⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”? ⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God's angels worship him.” ⁷Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.” ⁸But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. ⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.” ¹⁰And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; ¹¹they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, ¹²like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.” ¹³And to which of the angels has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”? ¹⁴Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? **2**Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

FINAL MESSAGE FROM THE KING

Christ is Supreme

The Angels are Servants

Do Not Ignore the Gospel Message

Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways is Christ superior to the angels?
2. What is the purpose of the angels?
3. Look at Deut 33:2; Acts 7:53; Gal 3:19. Why is the message of Christ even more important to pay attention to than the angels' message?
4. In what ways have you ignored the gospel message or made Christ subservient to other priorities in your life? How can you prioritize Christ as Lord?

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 staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fifth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The sixth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The score ends with 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

JESUS I AM RESTING RESTING

Jesus I am resting resting
In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee
And Thy beauty fills my soul
For by Thy transforming power
Thou hast made me whole

*Jesus I am resting resting
In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart*

Oh how great Thy loving kindness
Vaster broader than the sea
Oh how marvelous Thy goodness
Lavished all on me
Yes I rest in Thee Beloved
Know what wealth of grace is Thine
Know Thy certainty of promise
And have made it mine (*Chorus*)

Simply trusting Thee Lord Jesus
I behold Thee as Thou art
And Thy love so pure so changeless
Satisfies my heart
Satisfies its deepest longings
Meets supplies its ev'ry need
Compasseth me 'round with blessings
Thine is love indeed (*Chorus*)

Ever lift Thy face upon me
As I work and wait for Thee
Resting 'neath Thy smile Lord Jesus
Earth's dark shadows flee
Brightness of my Father's glory
Sunshine of my Father's face
Keep me ever trusting resting
Fill me with Thy grace (*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 IS MINE FOREVERMORE

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings

But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good

But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name

But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore (repeat)

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore

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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 LORD bless you and keep you; may the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen!

Deacon of the Day

Andy Warren – September 28

Cody Bailey – October 5

David Blacklock – October 12

Save the Date

Wed, Oct 1, 3:30 pm – Super Wednesdays Training

Mon, Oct 6, 7 pm – Ladies Game Night

Wed, Oct 8-Nov 12, 3-6 pm – Super Wednesdays

Sat, Oct 11, 9 am – Grove Workday

Sun, Oct 12 – Young Adults Lunch at Robnetts

Information & Events

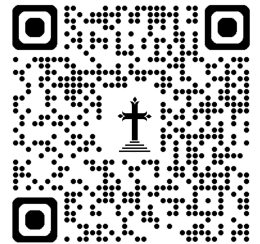
Visitors: Pick up visitor information at the visitor kiosk in the Fellowship Hall immediately following morning worship.

The Fort Youth Group continues Wednesdays through November 19. 7th-12th Graders, join us 7-9 p.m. at FWPC for food, friends, fun, large group lesson, and small group discussions.

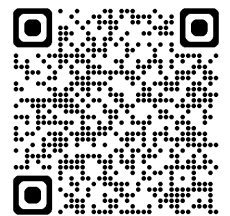
Capital Campaign: You can help us steward our beautiful, aging church building well. Our goal is to raise \$200,000 to replenish the facility maintenance fund that has recently covered new sanctuary air-conditioning units, a new front door, flood and roof repairs, drainage correction, and new carpeting.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



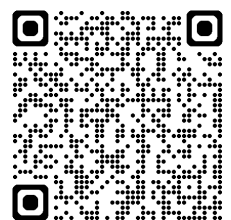
Quarterly Alms Offering: The diaconate's Mercy Ministry assists both our congregation and the surrounding neighborhood and plays a vital role in meeting the financial, emotional, and spiritual needs of our community. A special collection for this ministry will be taken by the deacons as you are sent through the sanctuary doors after the service **today**, or you can give online using the QR code.



Volunteers Needed: Super Wednesdays for Oakmont Elementary kids at FWPC begin October 8 and run for six weeks from 3-6 pm. The program starts with Good News Club (a team already trained by Rebecca Tanner) followed by small groups that use prepared lessons to teach the kids about God and his Good News. Afterward we all come together for a family dinner. Adult and youth volunteers are needed to lead and help with small groups (6th-12th graders can start as late as 4 pm). Scan the QR code to volunteer.



Join the Choir! Come sing the story of Christ's birth in our Festival of Lessons & Carols. Rehearsals are Thursdays, October 16-December 11, 7-8 p.m., for Adult and Children's Choirs. Nursery is available upon request. All voices are welcome – no audition required! Scan the QR code to complete an interest form.





WOMEN'S

fall fellowship

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 7 PM

Join us for desserts &
Amy Norton's testimony

Liz Saadeh's Home
11370 Chapin Road



3RD-4TH GRADE

**AROUND
THE
CAMPFIRE**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 5:30-7:30
GAMES, HOT DOGS, SMORES

BLACKLOCK HOME
7781 HENCKEN RANCH ROAD

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ROCTOBER X

CAMP COPASS - DENTON, TX | OCTOBER 17-18


- What?** North Texas Presbytery's Annual All-Youth Fall Retreat (7-12 grades)
- Who?** Speaker Justin Smith
RUF-I Campus Minister at UTD
- How much?** \$100 includes one night's lodging, three meals on Saturday, and a t-shirt
- When?** Register by Friday, October 3.
Scholarships are available. See Henry.





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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