Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



September 7, 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.

For thus says the high and exalted One who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell on a high and holy place, and also with the contrite and lowly of spirit in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite."

Isaiah 57:15

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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 7, 2025 —

Fourteenth 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: Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His

mighty heaven!

People: Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His

excellent greatness!

Pastor: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

Psalm 150:1-2, 6

† Hymn of Praise

ONLY A HOLY GOD

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire What other power can raise the dead What other name remains undefeated Only a Holy God *(Chorus)*

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God (Chorus)

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† Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Psalm 145: 8-13

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

People: The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

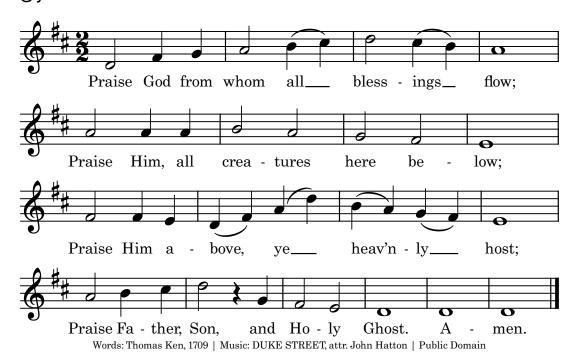
Pastor: All Your work shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your saints shall bless You!

People: They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and tell of Your power,

Pastor: To make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

All: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations. Amen!

† Doxology



Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

People: O Lord, who has mercy on all; take away from us our sins and mercifully kindle in us the fire of Your Holy Spirit that we may love and adore You above all. Amen.

Adapted Prayer from Ambrose AD 339

Silent Confession

† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!

Romans 8:1

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

JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS

Jesus! What a Friend for sinners!

Jesus! Lover of my soul;

Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!

Let me hide myself in Him;

Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,

He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. [Refrain]

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul. /Refrain/

Jesus! What a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high, Storms about me, night o'ertakes me, He, my pilot, hears my cry. [Refrain]

Jesus! I do now receive Him, More than all in Him I find; He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine. [Refrain]

COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Confession of Faith

Rev. Bob Schwartzbeck

Pastor: Christian, who is the Lord Jesus Christ?

All:

The Lord Jesus is the Beloved Son of God, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the Image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the Head of the Body the Church, the Firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross. Amen.

From Colossians 1:14-20

Prayer of Intercession

David Welch

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Grant us, O Lord, to trust in Your will with all our hearts; for as

You always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so You never forsake those who make their boast in Your

mercy. In Jesus' name, 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

Psalm 51

A Psalm of David. When Nathan the Prophet came to him, when he had gone into Bathsheba.

¹ Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your covenant love; According to the greatness of Your compassion, blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and purify me from my sin. 3 For my transgressions – I know, and my sin is before me – continually. ⁴ Against You, You alone, I have sinned, and the evil – before Your eyes I have done. So that You may be in the right when You speak; You may be pure when You judge. ⁵ Behold, in iniquity I was brought forth in birth, and in sin she conceived me my mother. ⁶ Behold, truth You desired in the inward part, and in the hidden part you were making me know wisdom. 7 May You de-sin me with hyssop that I may be pure; May You wash me that I may be whiter than snow. 8 May You cause me to hear joy and gladness. May You make rejoice – the bones You have crushed. 9 Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. 10 A pure heart – create in me, O God. And a right spirit – renew within me. 11 May You not cast me away from before You, and Your Holy Spirit may You not take from me. 12 Cause to return to me the joy of Your salvation, and with a willing spirit – sustain me. ¹³ I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners - unto You they will return. 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation. May my tongue sing for joy of Your righteousness. 15 O Lord, my lips - may You open, and my mouth will praise You. 16 For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; and with a burnt offering -You are not pleased. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and crushed heart, O God, You do not despise. 18 Do good - by Your favor - to Zion. May You build the walls of Jerusalem. 19 Then may You delight in righteous sacrifices, in burnt offering and whole burnt offering. Then may they be offered upon Your altars – young bulls.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

FROM MOURNING TO JOY: A PORTRAIT OF REPENTANCE

We ask God for forgiveness and purity (vv. 1-2)

We confess to God our personal sins and moral impotence (vv. 3-6)

We ask God for purity and forgiveness (vv. 7-9)

We ask God for spiritual enablement (vv. 10-12)

We praise God through His sacrificial work for us (vv. 13-17)

We ask God to restore corporate worship and praise (vv. 18-19)

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What often prevents believers from offering prayers of confession? Why are such prayers important to God and crucial for our worshiping and serving Him?
- 2. In verses 1-2, what did David include in his petition from what God declared to Moses in Exodus 34:6-7?
- 3. In verses 3-6, what did David include in his confession of sin?
- 4. Notice that David uses the verb "blot out" when asking for forgiveness, and the verbs "wash" and "purify" when asking for ritual cleansing in service to God. The order of the three verbs in verses 1-2 is then reversed in verses 7-9, both sets of verses framing his confession in verses 3-6. What does this teach us about the purpose of our prayers of confession?
- 5. In verse 17, what must accompany a sacrifice pleasing to God? Describe the ongoing repentance of Christians who believe that Christ's atoning sacrifice on the cross for us is most pleasing to God?

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.

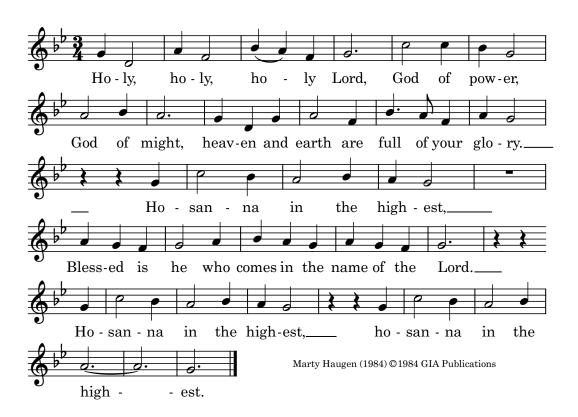
Pastor: It is good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all

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 Songs

COME TO JESUS (REST IN HIM)



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JESUS PAID IT ALL

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

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)

JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show Thy face, and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast. Life with trials hard may press me; Heaven will bring me sweeter rest. Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me While Thy love is left to me; Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, Come disaster, scorn, and pain. In Thy service, pain is pleasure, With Thy favor, loss is gain. I have called Thee Abba, Father, I have stayed my heart on Thee. Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; All must work for good to me.

Soul, then know thy full salvation,
Rise o'er sin and fear and care.
Joy to find in every station
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.
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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us pray:

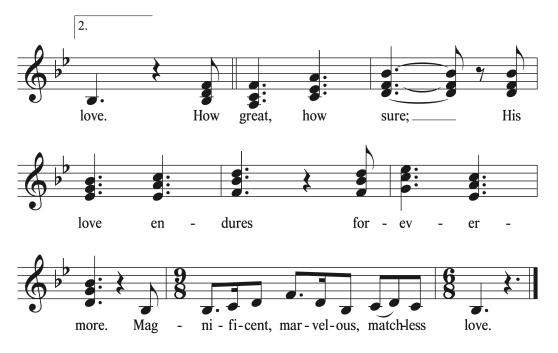
All: Father, we thank You for nourishing us at this Your Son's table. Through it and in the power of Your Spirit, increase our gratitude for His sacrifice on the cross. We also pray that through this meal our communion as Your family would be deepened. Amen.

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

MAGNIFICENT MARVELOUS





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: 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: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the

fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Christ is in our midst!

People: He is and ever shall be. Amen!

Deacon of the Day

Randy Shannon – September 7

Daniel Sneed – September 14

Johnny Tassin – September 21

Save the Date

Mon, Sept 8, 7 pm – Ladies Game Night

Sat, Sept 13, 10 am - Kids Hope Training

Sun, Sept 14 – Young Adults Lunch at Robnetts

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

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 8/27/25)	\$177,286
Needed for Capital Goal	\$22,714
Current Capital Reserve (including	\$224,399
campaign giving)	

Increases in expenses over last year:

- Health insurance up $\sim 20\%$
- Building & liability insurance up ~40%
- Increased Capital Reserve savings by 40%
- Increased Dental Reserve savings 100%
- Increasing Medical Reserves savings 45%
- Personnel Cost/Add'l Staff 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.

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.



Information & Events

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

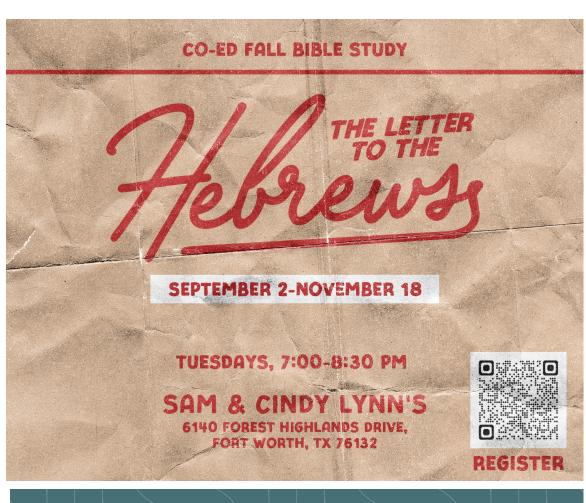
Christian Formation Classes are Sundays at 9:00 a.m. for all ages. Children's and youth class details are available on the Fellowship Hall table. Two adult classes will be offered: *Exploring the Gospels* with Bob Schwartzbeck in Room 201 and a discussion on *God's Big Picture: Tracing the Storyline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

Ministry Fair: Are you wanting to find a place to get "plugged in" and serve our congregation? Please take time to visit FWPC's Annual Ministry Fair in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service on **September 14**. There will be leaders from each ministry to answer questions and sign up sheets at each table. Now is the time to be an essential part of our growing church!

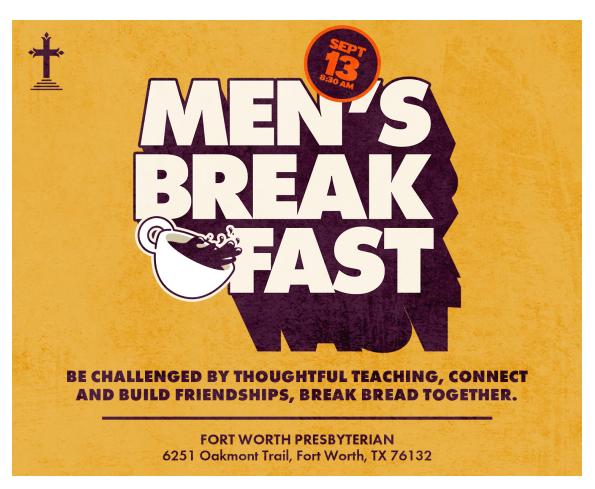
Kids Hope USA: Our local elementary school (Oakmont) needs people willing to build positive, caring, one-on-one relationships with students, to walk alongside them as friends and cheerleaders. Kids Hope mentors (supported by behind-the-scenes prayer partners) spend one hour per week talking, reading, playing, and listening to a child at school. Will you be that someone who shows up once a week or who prays for a mentor and child? Contact Jill Davis at 817-896-7113 or jill@fortworthpca.org.

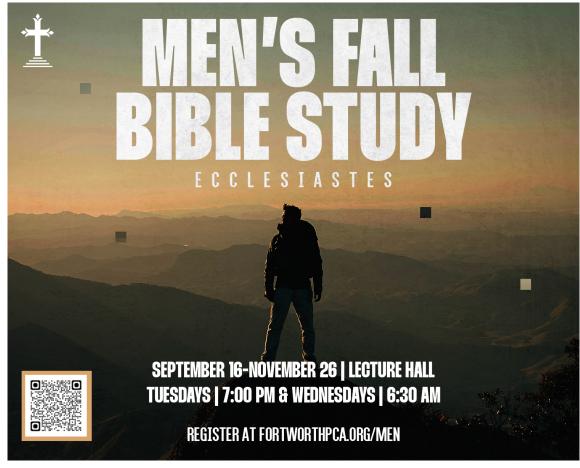
The Fort Youth Group continues Wednesdays through November 19. 7th-12th Graders, join us 7-9 p.m. at FWPC for food, friends, fun, large group lesson, and small group discussions.

40 Days for Life: You're invited to join a campaign of prayer and fasting Sept 24-Nov 2. Find details at 40daysforlife.com or pick up a flyer in the fellowship hall.









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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