Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



October 5, 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.

There are many possible reactions to the news that the 'heir of all things,' the Son who 'sustains all things by his powerful word' was bullied around by a weak and vacillating Roman pupper named Pilate and sent packing like a criminal up Golgotha to a brutal execution, but 'fitting and proper' would not be one of them.

Thomas Long

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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

- October 5, 2025 -

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

name!

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul and forget not all His benefits,

All: Who forgives all our iniquity, who heals all our diseases, who

redeems our life from the pit, who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy, and satisfies us with good so that our youth is

renewed like the eagle's.

Psalm 103:1-5

O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love; Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, Your pow'r has founded of old; Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree, And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; It shines in the light; It streams from the hills; It descends to the plain; And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In You do we trust, nor find You to fail; Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love! While angels delight to hymn You above, The humbler creation, though feeble their lays, With true adoration shall lisp to Your praise.

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† Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Travis Robnett

Psalm 37:27-33

Pastor: Turn away from evil and do good; so shall you dwell forever.

People: For the LORD loves justice; He will not forsake His saints.

Pastor: They are preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall be

cut off.

People: The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever.

Pastor: The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks

justice.

People: The law of his God is in his heart; his steps do not slip.

Pastor: The wicked watches for the righteous and seeks to put him to death.

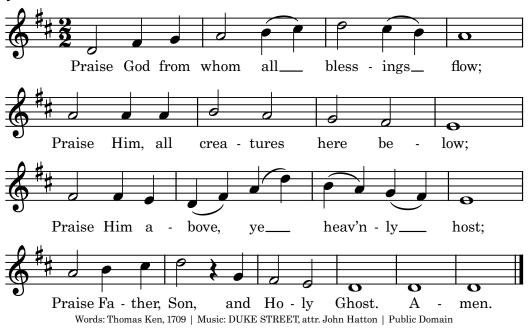
People: The LORD will not abandon him to his power or let him be

condemned when he is brought to trial.

Pastor: Wait for the LORD and keep His way, and He will exalt you to

inherit the land; you will look on when the wicked are cut off. Amen.

† Doxology



Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

People: O Lord, we confess that 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 and right and beautiful. Amen.

From Psalm 36:1-4

Silent Confession

† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: With our God is the fountain of life; in His light we see the light of His love and forgiveness.

From Psalm 36:9

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

THY MERCY

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here
Sin would reduce me to utter despair
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground And weep for the praise of the mercy I found

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Sacrament of Baptism

Samuel Reynolds Ogden Hazel Mercy Burris Rilian Patrick Burris Margot Deann Burris

Prayer of Intercession

Scott Zink

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All:

O God, You declare Your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and compassion: Grant us the fullness of Your grace, that we, resting in Your promises, may become partakers of Your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 2:5-18

⁵ For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶ It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? ⁷ You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, ⁸ putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹ But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹ For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹² saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise." ¹³ And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me." ¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE HUMANITY OF THE SUPERIOR SON

Introduction
The Ruler (vv. 5-9)
The Founder (vv. 10-13)
The Deliverer (vv. 14-16)
The Helper (vv. 17-18)

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Why do we need a balanced view of Jesus' person like the one we're given in Hebrews 1 and 2?
- 2. How is it an encouragement to you that Jesus fully embraced your humanness, temptation, suffering, and death? Be specific.
- 3. Why was it fitting for the Superior Son to become a human being?
- 4. Jesus became perfect through suffering. What does this mean if it's not saying that Jesus was at some point sinful or morally flawed? How does this connect to God's goal of perfecting our humanity?

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.

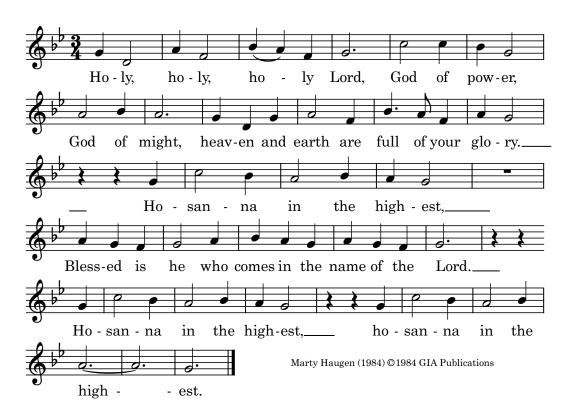
Pastor: It is good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all

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

ABIDE WITH ME: FAST FALLS THE EVENTIDE

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide: when other helpers fail, and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away; change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour; what but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r? Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless: ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.

Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?

I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes: shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies: heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee: in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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I WILL WAIT FOR YOU (PSALM 130)

Lord from the depths I call to you; Lord, hear me from on high. And give attention to my voice when I for mercy cry.

Out of the depths I cry to You In darkest places I will call Incline Your ear to me anew And hear my cry for mercy Lord

Were You to count my sinful ways
How could I come before Your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace alone

I will wait for You I will wait for You
On Your word I will rely
I will wait for You surely wait for You
Till my soul is satisfied

So put Your hope in God alone Take courage in His power to save Completely and forever won By Christ emerging from the grave

His steadfast love has made a way And God Himself has paid the price That all who trust in Him today Find healing in His sacrifice I will wait for You I will wait for You Through the storm and through the night I will wait for You surely wait for You For Your love is my delight

I wait, my soul waits for the Lord; my hope is in His Word. More than the watchman waits for dawn, my soul waits for the Lord

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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 BI FSSING

† Song of Sending

MAY THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU

You have called us out of darkest night
Into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy
With endless life

May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus

All the earth is Yours and all within

Each harvest is Your own

And from Your hand we give to You

To make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread Your Word (Chorus)

This our holy priv'lege to declare Your praises and Your name To every nation tribe and tongue Your church proclaim *(Chorus)*

Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty
Worthy worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty
All creation praise Your glorious Name (Chorus)
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: 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

Cody Bailey – October 5 David Blacklock – October 12 Pete Cansick – October 19

Save the Date

Mon, Oct 6, 7 pm – Ladies Game Night Wed, Oct 8-Nov 12, 3-6 pm – Super Wednesdays Sun, Oct 12 – Young Adults Lunch at Robnetts Sat, Oct 25, 9 am – Bridge Builders Seminar

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 are 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.

Scripture Journals: Hebrews scripture journals are available on the fellowship hall table for \$4 to aid you in following along, highlighting, and note taking during the fall/winter sermon series.

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.

The Grove Workdays: You're invited to join the Garden Committee on two upcoming Saturdays from 9-11 am for composting, weeding, mulching, and planting. On October 11, we'll focus on the vegetable garden, and on October 25, we'll turn our attention to the other gardens. Have a wheelbarrow, garden tools, and gloves? Please bring those along! Questions? Contact Anne Santana at 817-874-4001.

Holiday Market: FWPC will host a Holiday Market on November 22, 10:00-2:00, to support crafters and small businesses in our church/community and raise funds for missions. If you'd like to sell homemade goods, please register as a vendor (\$35/table) via the QR code or contact Marilyn Schwartzbeck at 832-618-7894.



Saturday,











Come sing the story of Christ's birth in our Festival of Lessons & Carols

Thursday Rehearsals: Oct 16-Dec 11, 7-8 PM Adult & Children's Choir options Nursery available by request

INTEREST FORM



All voices welcome. No audition required!

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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