

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



December 14, 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 is currently blue as this is the time in the Christian Year known as Advent. Blue represents the sky before dawn, signaling the time in which we live "between" - between the first and second coming of Christ, the Light of the world.

Joy is our home...God created us in joy and for joy, and in the long run not all the darkness there is in the world and in ourselves can separate us finally from that joy. We have God's joy in our blood.

Frederick Buechner

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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

— December 14, 2025 —

Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

The Gospel Greeting

Rev. Brandon Eggar

Pastor: Greetings, O favored ones, the Lord is with us!

People: Behold, we are the servants of the Lord; let it be to us according to His word.

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills and all of the nations shall flow to it.

People: And many peoples shall come up and say, "Come, let us go up to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths."

Pastor: For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples.

People: And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Pastor: O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD and worship Him in truth.

From Isaiah 2:2-5

† Hymn of Praise

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes;
praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,
 blows the wind and it is gone;
 but while mortals rise and perish,
 God endures unchanging on.
 Praise him, praise him,
 praise him, praise him,
 praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him;
 you behold him face to face;
 sun and moon, bow down before him,
 dwellers all in time and space,
 praise him, praise him,
 praise him, praise him,
 praise with us the God of grace.

† Invocation

† Doxology

O COME O COME EMMANUEL

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.

Pastor: Family of the Living God, let us now confess our sins together:

All: Our God, we come to You confessing that although we have begun by the Spirit, we are quick to go back to the flesh, and as a result we become conceited. We provoke one another. We envy one another, and we fail to follow in the way of Jesus, our Lord. Gracious Father, forgive us for trusting in our own strength to Your dishonor, our demise, and the dehumanization of others. We pray for Your renewal in our lives and congregation. Amen.

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

COME OH REDEEMER COME

1. Fa - ther en - throned on high. Ho - ly ho - ly,
 2. Lord, save us from the dark Of our striv - ing,
 3. Look now u - pon our need Lord be with us,

An - cient e - ter - nal light
 Faith - less and troubl - ed heart
 Heal us and make us free

Hear our prayers down sin
 Weighed From our sin

2, 3.
 Come, Oh Re - deem - er, come Grant us
 mercy. Come, Oh Re - deem - er come
 Grant us peace.

By Fernando Ortega

† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:5, 9

**All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those
 with whom He is well-pleased.**

† 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 suff'ring
 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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Shepherds' Candle
Psalm 97,
Luke 3:7-18
The Perez Family

Reader: We light the third candle of Advent, the Shepherds' Candle, to remind us that the announcement of Christ's birth was made to humble men, for God came and called the meek of the earth.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Intercession

Matt Jones

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let Your bountiful grace and mercy come to help and deliver us through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory. 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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Offertory Song

*WHAT CHILD IS THIS?
Jude Welch*

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Reading of the Word

Isaiah 35:1-10

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, ²it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God.

³Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; ⁴say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you."

⁵Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. ⁶Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. ⁷The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

⁸And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it. ⁹No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, ¹⁰and those the Lord has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOD'S COMING IS OUR HOMECOMING

Hope Extinguished?

Hope Extended

Hope Enfleshed

Hope Embraced

Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways are you presently experiencing dislocation and despair? How does this passage comfort you amidst the difficulty of life?
2. How did Jesus' first coming fulfill this passage? How will his second coming bring it to its consummation?
3. How are we to embrace and live out this passage? What emotion is prominent in this passage, and do you experience it? Why or why not?

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:

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.

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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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us pray:

**All: Our Father, we thank You for feeding us at Your Son's Table.
As we leave this gathering, may it continue to strengthen our
trust in You in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare Him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness
and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love,
and wonders, wonders of His love.

Based on Psalm 98. Isaac Watts, 1719. ANTIOCH C.M. rep., George Frederick Handel,
1742; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1836.

† The Sending

Pastor: As we now go into the world:

All: May we be on the lookout for the return of Christ.

Pastor: When we are downcast:

All: May we remember that we are God's children in Christ.

Pastor: As we encounter neighbors and co-workers:

All: May we pursue peace because we belong to the God of peace.

† The Blessing

Pastor: And now may the God of peace, who, through the blood of the eternal covenant, brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, and work in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ.

People: To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen!

Deacon of the Day

David Blacklock – December 14

Pete Cansick – December 21

Chris Jordan – December 28

Save the Date

Wed, Dec 24, 5 pm – Christmas Eve Worship

Tues, Jan 6 – Men's Bible Study returns

Wed, Jan 7 – Women's Bible Study returns

Sun, Jan 18 – Prayer Albums presented to New Babies

Tues, Jan 27 – Co-Ed Bible Study returns

Wed, Jan 28 – The Fort Youth Group returns

Fri-Sat, Jan 30-31 – Men's Retreat

Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2025-May 2026

<i>Through November 30</i>	<i>This Year</i>	<i>Last Year</i>
Income YTD	\$716,676	\$649,579
Expenses YTD	\$758,048	\$704,168
How we're doing YTD	\$-41,372	\$-54,589

Capital Campaign (as of 12/3/25)	\$262,848
Current Capital Reserve (including campaign giving)	\$342,584

Your generous giving over the year has exceeded our Capital Campaign goal while also putting us ahead of last year's general fund giving. Your faithfulness is a blessing to this church body and the community. Please prayerfully consider your year-end giving to help us finish the year in a positive financial position.

Information & Events

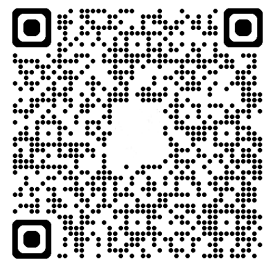
Visitors: Pick up visitor information at the visitor kiosk in the Fellowship Hall immediately following morning worship.

Christian Formation Classes, regularly Sundays at 9 am, will break for holidays on December 21, 28, and January 4. On December 7 and 14, *Exploring the Gospels* will move to the Lecture Hall, and the second adult option will be Bagels & Coffee in the Fellowship Hall.

Benevolence Offering: A special offering for widows and families in need in our congregation will be taken today, December 14. Please make checks payable to FWPC and list Benevolence Offering on the memo line or give online at continuetogive.com/FWPben.

RYM Deposits: Youth, it's time to register for summer conference in 2026! RYM High School in Colorado is June 7-13, and RYM Middle School at Allaso Ranch is August 1-5. **The deposit deadline for both is Saturday, January 10.** For registration links with details, visit fortworthpca.org/youth.

Young Adults Lunch: Today's Second Sunday Lunch for Young Adults (20's-30's) will be at the home of Travis and Cassidy Robnett (4454 Chedlea Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76133). Scan the QR code to see if any items are still needed. To be added to the GroupMe for young adults events, please contact Travis at 405-831-2831. Need to find future info online? ---> fortworthpca.org/adult





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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 6:00 PM

LESSONS & CAROLS



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