

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



December 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 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.

When this world is ruled in true righteousness and peace, then the world itself will be detoxified with no more threat to the poor, the meek, the children, or even the little lamb.

J. Alec Moyter

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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

— December 7, 2025 —

Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

The Gospel Greeting

Rev. Brandon Eggar

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: Our souls magnify the Lord!

People: And our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

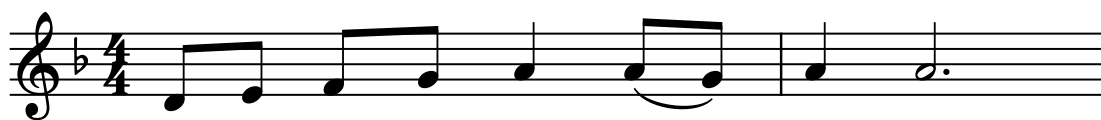
Pastor: The Mighty One has done great things for us!

People: His name is Holy and He is worthy to be praised!

Pastor: Come then, and let us praise His name; for He is our Maker and Redeemer. It is He who has shown us mercy and grace.

† Hymn of Praise

LO! HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING



1. Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing.
2. Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him,
3. Now re - demp - tion long ex - spect - ed,
4. Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee



Once for fa - vored sin - ners____ slain;
 robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 see in sol - emn pomp ap - pear!
 High on Thine e - ter - nal____ throne;



thou-sand thou-sand saints at - tend - ing,
 those who set at naught and____ sold Him,
 All His saints, by man re - ject - ed,
 Sav - ior take the pow'r and____ glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of His train.
 pierced and nailed Him to the____ tree,
 now shall meet Him in the____ air.
 Claim the king - dom for Thine____ own.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 deep - ly wail - ing deep - ly____ wail - ing,
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 O come quick - ly O come____ quick - ly,



God ap - pears on earth to____ reign!
 shall the true Mes - si - ah____ see.
 See the day of God ap - pear!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Come, Lord,____ come!

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† Invocation

† Doxology

O COME O COME EMMANUEL

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: '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.'

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.

Confession of Sin

Travis Robnett

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

All: Almighty God, we have sinned against You and we have offended You. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins, we also confess You to be a merciful God and a loving and favorable Father to all who turn to You. And so, we humbly ask You, for the sake of Christ, to forgive our offenses. By Your Spirit, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths, and even the smallest thoughts of our minds, may be guarded and governed by You. Amen.

Silent Confession

† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse for us – for as it is written, “Cursed be everyone who is hanged on a tree.”

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

GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured,
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain:

*Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,
threaten the soul with infinite loss;
grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
points to the Refuge, the mighty cross. [Refrain]

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today. [Refrain]

COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Bethlehem Candle

Psalm 85,

Luke 1:68-79

The Hodges Family

Reader: We light the second candle of Advent to remind us that the Lord Jesus, who is the light of the world, was born in David's city of Bethlehem to be a King, the King who reigns over all.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Intercession

Scott Hames

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our learning: Grant us hearts to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of Your Holy word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. 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

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

Henry Haas, violin
Lily Whitehurst, piano

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Reading of the Word

Isaiah 11:1-11

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ² And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

¹¹ In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A STUMP AND A SHOOT

The Image of Coppicing

A New Shoot from a Stump - The Promise of a New King

The King Has Come - The Tree Is Growing

Living Before the King - Bearing Fruit

Discussion Questions:

1. What area of your life has become like a stump? How does this passage give hope to stumps?
2. According to this passage, how is Jesus the king we need?
3. How would you put the future hope offered in this passage in your own words?
4. How should you live before King Jesus according to this passage?

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.

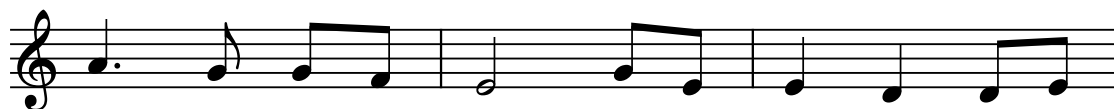
For those who desire to profess faith in Christ: Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing 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.

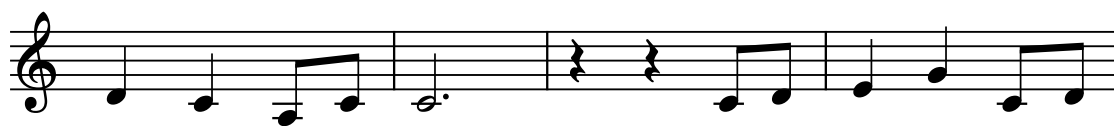
A prayer for covenant children who have not yet made a profession of faith: Lord Jesus, thank You for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the 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.



1. Are you wea - ry, heav - y lad - en? Come and
 2. Are you hope - less? Are you guilt - y? Caught in
 3. Are you wait - ing in your sor - rows for this



lay your bur - dens down. Je - sus calls you, Je - sus
 shame for all your sin? He pur - sues you to for -
 bro - ken world to heal? He is com - ing, soon re -



draws you. Rest in Him. He is gen - tle, He is
 - give you, rest in Him. He has paid for ev - 'ry
 - turn - ing. Rest in Him. We will see him, we will



low - ly, He de - lights to bring us peace. Ten - der
 fail - ure, mer - cy flows in end - less streams. Come and
 know Him. O what heights of grace re - vealed. From His



Shep - herd, might - y Sav - ior. Rest in Him.
 fol - low, free - dom calls you, rest in Him.
 kind - ness ev - 'ry prom - ise then ful - filled.



How sure His com - pas - sion for us! Oh how deep is His



love. So come, come to Je - sus and rest in Him.

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JESUS STRONG AND KIND



1. Je-sus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.
2. Je-sus said if I am weak, I should come to Him.
3. Je-sus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.
4. Je-sus said if I am lost, He will come to me.



No one else can sat - is - fy. I should come to Him.
No one else can be my strength. I should come to
No one else can be my shield. I should come to
And He showed me on that cross He will come to



Him.
Him. For the Lord is good and faith - ful. He will
me.



keep us day and night. We can al-ways run to Je - sus.



Je - sus, strong and kind.

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COME TO THE FEAST

Go to the highways and hedges
Go to the farthest of fields
Go and compel the sick and the well
For our Father's house will be filled
Go to the streets of the city
Bring in the crippled and blind
All who would taste this banquet of grace
Must come and waste no more time

*Come to the feast, Come to the table
The great and the least, the rich and the poor
Come to the feast, Come to the table
Come and hunger no more*

In the robe of the lamb you'll be covered
Dressed in his pure righteousness
For all of your guilt, his blood was spilt
So come by your Father be blessed

*Come to the feast, Come to the table
The great and the least, the rich and the poor
Come to the feast, Come to the table
Come and hunger no more*

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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

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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Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

John Stocker, Sandra McCracken

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† 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

Cody Bailey – December 7

David Blacklock – December 14

Pete Cansick – December 21

Save the Date

Sun, Dec 14 – Young Adults Lunch at Robnetts

Sun, Dec 14, 6 pm – Lessons & Carols

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

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 next Sunday, 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.

Jazz at St. John: Swing into the season with The Justin Pierce Jazz Group at St. John Presbyterian Church in Arlington on Sunday, December 7. Concert begins at 5 p.m. Scan the QR code to reserve your free tickets (donations appreciated).



Caroling at Evergreen: You're invited to join the choir to sing carols through the apartment halls at Evergreen (6301 Granbury Cutoff) on Wednesday, December 10. Meet in the lobby at 6:00 p.m. Questions? Contact David Blacklock at 281-605-0595.





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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 6:00 PM

LESSONS & CAROLS

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