

# Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



May 17, 2026

*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 minister's stole are currently gold and white, which signifies the Easter season – the season when the Church celebrates Christ's glory and triumph over death which was demonstrated in His resurrection.*

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In [the *Ascension Gift* of our Lord Jesus Christ] the "Mystery of Godliness," the economy of redemption, came first to its full perfection as the power of God, not in purpose merely, but in actual reality, for the salvation of the world.

*John Williamson Nevin*

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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

— May 17, 2026 —

*Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day*

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: According to the working of God's might, He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion.

**People: Jesus has been given the name that is above every other name. All things have been put under His feet and He is the Head of the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.**

Pastor: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Pastor: Christ has ascended!

**People: And from the right hand of the Father He reigns!**

*From Ephesians 1:20-23*

† Hymn of Praise

COME AWAY FROM RUSH AND HURRY (NETTLETON)



1. Come a - way from rush and hur - ry to the  
2. In the past - ures of God's good - ness we lie  
3. Come, then, child - ren, with your bur - dens - life's con -



still - ness of God's peace; from our vain am - bit-ion's  
down to rest our soul. From the wat - ers of God's  
-fus - ions, fears and pain. Leave them at the cross of



wor - ry, come to Christ to find re - lease.  
mer - cy we drink deep - ly, are made whole.  
Je - sus; take in - stead his king - dom's reign.



Come a - way from noise and cla - mor, life's de -  
At the ta - ble of God's pre - sence all the  
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them He a -



-mands and fren-zied pace; come to join the peo-ple  
saints are rich - ly fed. With the oil of God's a -  
- lone will sa - tis - fy. All our long-ings find a -



gath - ered here to seek and find God's face.  
-noint - ing in - to ser - vice we are led.  
-ttain - ment when to self we glad - ly die.

† Invocation

† Psalm Reading

*Psalm 68:18*

Pastor: You, O God, ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there.

**People: Blessed be the Lord who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.**

Pastor: Our God is a God of salvation, and to GOD, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.

**People: Your procession is seen, O God, the procession of my God, my King, into the sanctuary –**

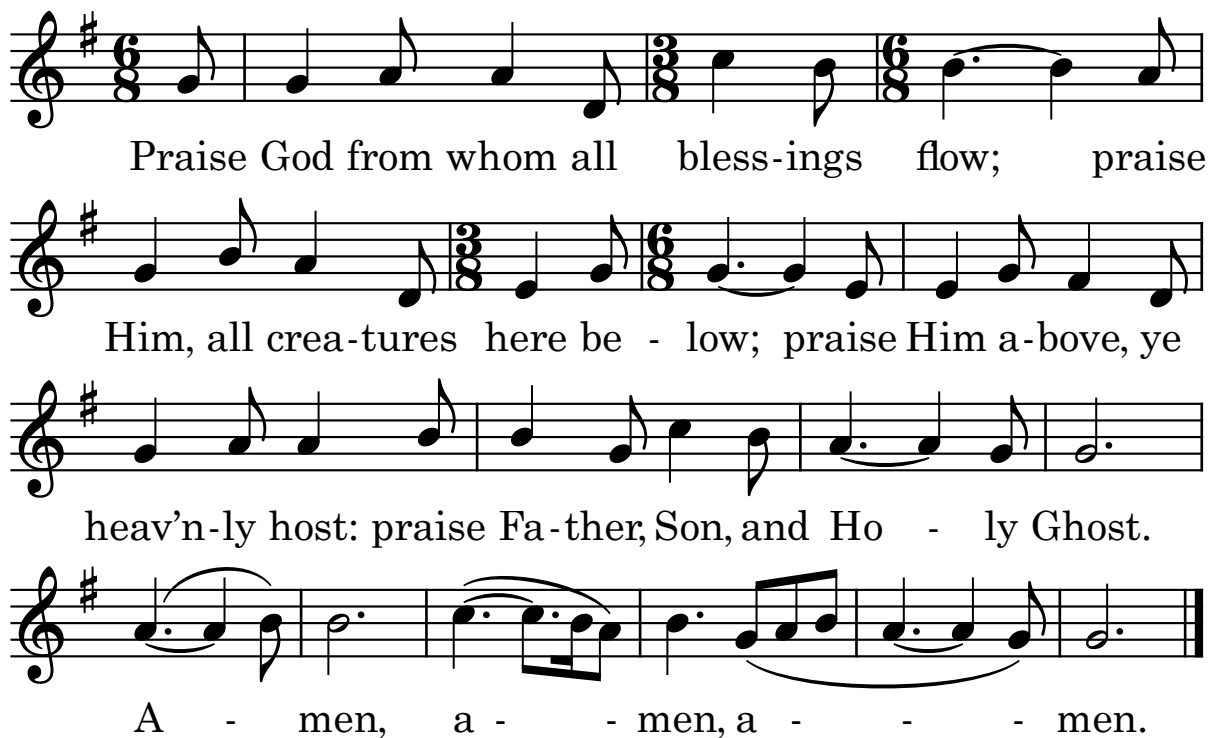
Pastor: Bless God in the great congregation, the LORD, O You who are Israel's fountain!

**People: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord,**

People: To Him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, He sends out His voice, His mighty voice.

**People: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.**

Pastor: Awesome is God from His sanctuary; the God of Israel – He is One who gives power and strength to His people. Blessed be God!



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, a - - men, a - - - men.

Music by Jacob Tilton

## Confession of Sin

**Pastor:** Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. In light of who He is, let us now confess our sins together:

**All:** Lord Jesus, our crucified, risen, and reigning King; how quickly we forget You and how easily we fail You. We think life is about getting – getting our stuff and getting our way. Yet Your way is about giving, for You gave yourself completely for us that we might be given all things in You. Forgive us for closing our eyes to You and Your truth. Renew us in Your life; daily reminding us that we have been crucified with You, so that it is no longer we who live, but You living in us for the glory of Your Father and the good of our neighbor. Amen.

## Silent Confession

### † Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

*John 3:16-17*

**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.*



1. The Lamb has ov - er - come.  
 2. No grave could hold Him down.



The Lamb has ov - er - come.  
 No grave could hold Him down.



The bat - tle's done and the vic - tor - y is won.  
 Up from the ground, "He is ris - en!" was the sound.



The Lamb has ov - er - come.  
 No grave could hold Him down.

*Chorus*



Wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain!



Glo - ry be un - to His name!



Wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain!



Glo - ry be un - to His name!

At God's right hand is He, At God's right hand is He  
Our Perfect Plea as He lives to intercede  
At God's right hand is He

The table now is spread, The table now is spread  
This wine and bread, Broken body and blood shed  
The table now is spread *Chorus*

The day is drawing near, The day is drawing near  
He shall appear and will wipe away each tear  
The day is drawing near *Chorus*

The Lamb has overcome. The Lamb has overcome.  
The battle's done and the victory is won.  
The Lamb has overcome.

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## COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

### Ordination & Installation of Ruling Elders & Deacons

Elder:

*Sam Lynn*

Deacon:

*Mike Mason*

### Questions to the Candidates

### Question to the Congregation

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as elders and deacons, and do you promise to yield them all honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

Prayer and the Laying on of Hands

*David Welch*

The Pronouncement

The Charge to the Officers and Congregation

*Scott Zink*

Prayer of Intercession

*Travis Robnett*

*(followed by a time of silent prayer)*

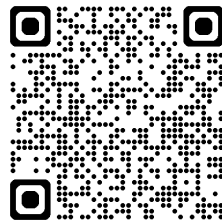
Common Prayer

Pastor: Let us now join our voices praying:

**All: O God, the King of Glory, You have exalted Your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to Your Kingdom in Heaven where He, our Lord, sent His Spirit that we might not be left comfortless, but encouraged and equipped to walk in His way. For this, and so much, we give You thanks and praise. 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.*



*QR Code for online giving*

Offertory Song

BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS  
*(with Massenet's Meditation)*  
*Carole Bruton, piano*

# LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

## The Reading of the Word

*Ephesians 4:7-16*

<sup>7</sup> But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.”

<sup>9</sup> (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

CHRIST'S CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

Christ is King

Ambassadors of the King

The Building of the Body

Discussion Questions:

- 1) How is the ascension crucial to our understanding of Christ's work?
- 2) What is the purpose of official ministers in the church?
- 3) How are all members of the church included in the work of ministry according to this passage? How should that work itself out in practice?
- 4) What does speaking the truth in love look like? How does it help us grow into maturity and be more rooted in the faith?

# 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](mailto: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.

O Love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe,  
that in Thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way,  
I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee;  
my heart restores its borrowed ray,  
that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day  
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain  
I cannot close my heart to Thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
and feel the promise is not vain  
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
and from the ground there blossoms red  
life that shall endless be.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us pray:

**All: Lord Jesus, we thank You that in the power of Your Spirit You meet with us and minister to us at Your Table. Use this meal to bind our hearts together in love and service to You our gracious Lord. Amen**

# GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

ACROSS THE LANDS



1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther From be - fore the  
2. Yet You left the gaze of an-gels, Came to seek and  
3. With a shout You rose vic - tor-ious, Wrest-ing vict' - ry



world be - gan. Ev' - ry star and ev' - ry pla - net Has been  
save the lost, And ex - changed the joy of hea - ven For the  
from the grave, And as - cend - ed in - to heav - en, Lead - ing



fa - shioned by Your hand. All cre - a - tion holds to -  
an - guish of a cross. With a prayer You fed the  
cap - tives in Your way. Now You stand be - fore the



- geth - er By the pow - er of Your voice. Let the skies  
hun - gry; With a word You calmed the sea; Yet how si -  
Fa - ther, In - ter - ced - ing for Your own; From each tribe



de - clare Your glo - ry; Let the land and seas re - joice!  
- lent - ly You suf - fered That the guilt - y may go free!  
and tongue and na - tion, You are lead - ing sin - ners home!



You're the Au - thor of cre - a - tion; You're the Lord of



ev' - ry man; And Your cry of love rings out ac - ross the lands.

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend | CCLI Song #3709898 | © 2002 Thankyou Music Ltd

## † The Sending

Pastor: All our problems, struggles, fears, and anxieties:

**All: We send them to the cross of Christ.**

Pastor: All the devil's works:

**All: We cast them on the cross of Christ.**

Pastor: All our hopes:

**All: We set them on the risen Christ.**

Pastor: The call we have received to follow Christ:

**All: We rest in the reigning Christ who is at work and who goes before us.**

## † The Blessing

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Go forth in the power of Jesus' resurrection!

## Deacon of the Day

Randy Shannon – May 17

Daniel Sneed – May 24

Johnny Tassin – May 31

## Save the Date

June 1-5 – Local Mission Trip

## 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. May 3-17, adult classes include *May Missions* in the Lecture Hall and the *Newcomers Class* in Room 205. Complete details for youth and children's classes are available at the Visitor Kiosk. *Summer break begins May 24.*

**Officer Nominations** are being accepted this month for the Offices of Deacon and Elder. Nomination forms, including officer qualifications, are available on the Fellowship Hall table. The Session encourages each member to read over this material with prayer and consider who you might nominate. Return completed forms to the box on the Fellowship Hall table by May 31.

**Mission Focus:** Andy Warren serves with Equipping Farmers International, helping equip churches through agricultural training and practical tools like well drilling. His work strengthens communities toward self-sufficiency while opening doors for gospel ministry. From mid-May through early June, Andy will be in Haiti training local teams. Please pray for safety, effective training, and for hearts to be open to the message of Christ as physical needs are met.

**GAP Year-End Party:** 5th-6th graders are invited to Cidercade at 1813 West Bowie Street **today from 12:00-2:00 p.m.** Admission and pizza are provided. Questions? Contact Rebecca York at 214-681-2496.

**Young Adults:** This month's lunch is **today, 12:15 pm**, at the Birbari Home – 6459 Sumac Road, Fort Worth, TX 76116. To receive notifications about Second Sunday Lunches and other events, download the Church Center app and join the Young Adults group.

# CHURCHWIDE *Garage Sale*



**SATURDAY, MAY 23** | **6251 OAKMONT TRAIL**  
**8 AM - 1 PM** | **FORT WORTH, TX 76132**

Benefits local missions. Donations are accepted by May 17 in Room 207. Volunteers are appreciated on prep days May 18-22. If you have furniture or other large items needing pickup, text Johnny Giddings at 682-248-9542.

## FWPC OUTDOOR CONCERT & *CHURCH PICNIC*

**Sunday, May 31, 5-7 pm**

**LIVE MUSIC**  
**FAMILY FUN**  
**FREE FOOD**



Bring a blanket or lawn chairs.  
Tickets are free.  
Donations are appreciated.



# LAMENTATIONS

*Women's Summer Study*

**TUESDAY | 7:00-8:30 PM**

Tricia Welch's - 6304 Tavolo Parkway

**WEDNESDAY | 10:00-11:30 AM**

Fort Worth Presbyterian  
(childcare available)

**WEDNESDAY | 7:00-8:30 PM**

Elizabeth Steed's - 6809 Woodstock

All groups meet four weeks, June 2-24.  
Come as many as you can!



SIGN UP



**KINDERGARTEN-6TH GRADE**

Preschool class available for FWPC members

# SPACE PROBE VBS

**JUNE 29-JULY 2**

**9 AM-NOON**



REGISTRATION



ADULT VOLUNTEER



YOUTH VOLUNTEER



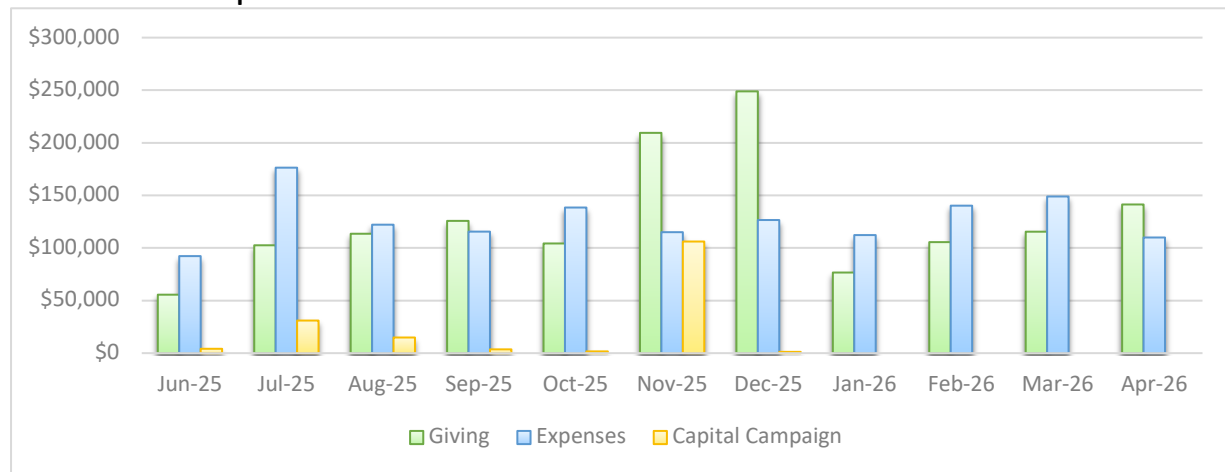
## Entering the Final Month of Fiscal Year

### Highlights

•	Internal Benevolence distributed	\$63,473
•	External Alms distributed	\$12,877
•	US Missions (including RUF)	\$61,174
•	World Missions	\$91,181
•	Capital funds remaining (after HVAC update)	\$228,453
•	Average attendance for 2026 (11% growth from 2025)	423
•	Average month giving (excluding Dec)	\$104,525
•	Average month giving (including Dec)	\$127,188
•	Average month expenses	\$127,064

*Your generous giving during the year is so appreciated. We praise God for the way you support His work through your faithfulness to His call to give. We still have one month left in the fiscal year, so prayerfully consider how you can help us finish well. Our General Fund giving is 3% higher than last year, but our expenses are nearly 7% higher.*

### Income to Expenses



### Financial Position

<i>Through April 30</i>	<i>This Year</i>	<i>Last Year</i>
Income YTD	\$1,410,124	\$1,365,274
Expenses YTD	\$1,396,712	\$1,306,711
How we're doing YTD	\$13,412	\$58,563

**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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**David Blacklock**  
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**Chris Jordan**  
**Don Judd**  
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**Johnny Tassin**  
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