

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



August 23, 2026
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome

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.

Connect

We are grateful you've chosen to worship the Triune God with us today. Please take a moment before the liturgy begins to register your visit. We would love to know you were here. This link also provides next steps for getting connected.



About Us

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. Scan the code to learn more.



Ordinary Time

The front of the bulletin, the color of the ministers' stoles, and the Lord's Table linen 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.

Please turn off or silence all communication devices.

For free Wi-Fi, select network FWPCA.

Courtesy walker and wheelchair are available at the main entrance.

Hearing Assistive Devices (FM Receivers) are at the back sound booth.

† Congregation stands

Order of the Worship of God

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ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

God invites us to enter His presence, where He welcomes us and we respond to Him with both praise and confession of our sins so as to be renewed by His grace.

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

Psalm 96:1-4

Pastor: O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD all the earth!

People: Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

Pastor: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

All: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.

All Creatures Of Our God And King

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice with us and sing
 alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
 O praise Him, O praise Him,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
 alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice,
 O praise Him, O praise Him,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
 alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire, so masterful and bright
that givest man both warmth and light,
 O praise Him, O praise Him,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
 O sing ye, alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care,
 O praise Him, O praise Him,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one.
O praise Him, O praise Him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225; trans. William H. Draper, 1926
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623

† Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Psalm 96:7-9
Rev. Travis Robnett

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

People: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

Pastor: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him all the earth!

People: **Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns!” Amen!**

† Doxology

Messenger

Praise and glo - ry to the Fa - ther, praise and glo - ry
to the Son, praise and glo - ry to the Spi - rit, ev - er
three and ev - er one.

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Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us confess our sins together:

All: Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief. I have failed to find Your mind in Your Word and neglected to seek You in my daily life. My transgressions and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I bless You that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. So, go on with Your good work in me. Purge me from every false desire; everything contrary to Your rule. Grant to me Your continued grace to take up the cross and die daily, and to rise to follow You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Song of Confession



All we have like sheep gone a-stray. Each of us has
turned our own way; but God laid all our wrongs, our
sins up-on the sin-less one, His on-ly Son.
Come, let us re-turn to the Lord.
Come, now all His mer-cies re-mem-ber.
How wide His love that waits to wel-come us.
Oh, come, let us re-turn to the Lord.

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† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.

Ezekiel 36:25-26

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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Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

John Stocker, Sandra McCracken CCLI Song #3422560

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

*In light of being renewed by God's grace, we now join
our voices with the historical church in confessing our
common faith and seeking our God in prayer.*

Reception of New Members

Luke and Alayna Boarman

Chip and Katherine Jelliffe

Wisdom Edugu

Ron Hampton and Teresa Kemp

Shirl Richardson

Gus Ogden

Ruby Ogden

Adam and Sarah Stone

Sacrament of Baptism

Audrey, Andrew, Evan and Edward Stone

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Pastor: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Let Your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend Your church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your help, protect and govern her always by Your goodness; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Offering

Ushers will pass offering plates down each aisle, or you may give online using the QR code.



KIWI – Pre-K/Kindergarten & 1st/2nd Grade
Children 4 years-old through 2nd Grade are invited to Kids in Worship
Instruction at this time. Teachers will meet them just outside the
sanctuary doors to take them to class. After the sermon,
they will return them to worship.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

*God speaks to us from the Scriptures in the power of
the Holy Spirit to show us Jesus that we might
respond to Him in faith, repentance, and obedience.*

The Reading of the Word

Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

TRANSFORMATIVE WORSHIP

Introductory Questions

The Motivation for Worship

The Manner of Worship

The Result of Worship

Discussion Questions:

1. Why does corporate worship drive everything we do as a church? What role does corporate worship play in your life?
2. How would you define worship? Who is the primary actor in worship? Why is it important to know this?
3. According to the passage, what's the primary motivation to worship? How often do you meditate on this before you enter worship?
4. Why does Paul focus on the body in worship? How do you employ your body in worship?

FEASTING AT GOD'S TABLE

*God shows us His hospitality by inviting
us to eat at the Table of Jesus.*

The Celebration of Communion

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!

Coming to the Table

Communion, also known as the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is a family meal. Therefore, all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus are invited. This is not a meal for people who have it all together but for those who belong to Him who has promised to put them back together in His grace. This is a meal for those who know they need Jesus and desire to follow Him however imperfectly. This morning, bread and wine/grape juice will be passed down the aisles. Please do not rush but receive this meal in a spirit of meditation.

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not ready to share in Communion, we encourage you to pray the prayers on the following page. Seek Jesus, and if you have any questions about the gospel, please seek out one of the pastors or elders of our church.

Children who have been baptized and whose profession of faith has been accepted by the Session of this church or the leadership of another church are welcome to participate in this meal. We invite parents of children who are ready to make a public profession of faith in Christ to complete the Communicants Handbook, available on the book table, and arrange a meeting with the elders so as to become “communing members” of this church.

Communion Bread

Gluten free bread is available in the center container.

Communion Wine

Wine is in the clear cups, and non-alcoholic grape juice is in the purple cups.

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 of 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 Song

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast (*Chorus*)

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last (*Chorus*)

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us pray:

All: Heavenly Father, we thank You for feeding us with the Spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Your Son, and heirs of Your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work You have given us to do, to love and serve You as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

*God sends us out with His blessing to be part
of His mission in the greater Fort Worth area.*

† Song of Sending

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent.; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1912. SLANE, traditional Irish melody.

† 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 God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

People: To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Deacon of the Day

Cody Bailey – August 23

David Blacklock – August 30

Pete Cansick – September 6

Save the Date

Sun, Aug 23, 9 am – Christian Formation classes return

Wed, Sept 2, 7 pm – The Fort Youth Group returns

Mon, Sept 7, 7 pm – Ladies Game Night

Sun, Sept 13, 12:15 – Young Adults Lunch

Sun, Sept 20, 5 pm – Jiusi Zhang Piano Concert

Sat, Sept 26, 9 am – Bridge Builders seminar

Wed, Sept 30, 3 pm – Super Wednesdays volunteer training

Information & Events

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

Christian Formation classes are held Sundays at 9:00 a.m. during the school year. They will return for all ages (children, youth, and adults) on Sunday, August 23. Three adult options will be offered: *Exploring the Gospels* in the Lecture Hall, *Lived Theology* utilizing the Westminster Shorter Catechism in Room 201, and a *Newcomers Class* in Room 205.

Mission Focus: Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), the college ministry of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), reaches students with the hope of Jesus Christ through Bible study, discipleship, and authentic community. Through RUF International, students from around the world have the opportunity to hear the gospel while studying in the U.S. Pray that students would come to faith in Christ, grow as His disciples, and return home equipped to serve as faithful witnesses around the world.

Women's Bible Study begins on Wednesday, September 9. Join us to study *In View of God's Mercies: The Gift of the Gospel in Romans* by Courtney Doctor. Choose mornings (9:30-11:30) with childcare available or evenings (7:00-8:30). Both take place at FWPC. Register at fortworthpca.org or in the church center app.

Men: The first Men's Breakfast of the fall is on Saturday, September 12, at 8:30 a.m. Join us in the FWPC Fellowship Hall for food, friends, testimony, and teaching.

Nursery Volunteers are needed! If you don't already serve our smallest saints during worship or the Christian Formation hour and would be willing to do so 3-6 times per year, please notify Cora Beth (nursery@fortworthpca.org) so she can work you into the next schedule.

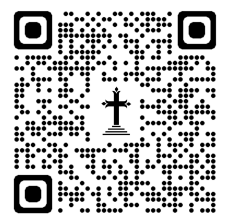
Kids Hope USA: Our local elementary school (Oakmont) needs people willing to build positive, caring, one-on-one relationships with students, to walk alongside them as friends and cheerleaders. Kids Hope mentors (supported by behind-the-scenes prayer partners) spend one hour per week talking, reading, 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.

Welcome, little ones! Congratulations to Josh and Lauren Williams on the birth of Samuel Rex, 7 lbs, 7 oz, 20 1/4" on August 6... to Austin and Emily Hamilton on the birth of William Hayes, 8 lbs, 6 oz, 20 1/2" also on August 6... and to Ethan and Lauren Delong on the birth of Annalise Joy, 8 lbs, 4 oz, 20 1/2" long, on August 15.

A Funeral Service for Helen Nevot will be held on Wednesday, August 26, at 10 am at Laurel Land – 7100 Crowley Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76134.

A Celebration of Life for Peggy Riggs will be held at Fort Worth Presbyterian on Wednesday, September 2, at 1:00 p.m.

Women's Covenant Groups: Mom's Groups meet monthly during the school year for fellowship, prayer, and discussion. **Women-to-Women Groups** of mixed ages and stages meet monthly year-round for prayer, book study, and mutual encouragement. Regular-attenders of FWPC, committed to living in community with us, are invited to participate. Scan the QR code to complete an interest form by August 31



September 1-November 17

CO-ED FALL BIBLE STUDY

GENESIS 1-3

TUESDAYS | 7:00 PM

Sam & Cindy Lynn's
6140 Forest Highlands Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76132



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE
ROMANS

FWPC LECTURE HALL
Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays, 6:30 a.m.

September 15-November 18
January 19-April 7



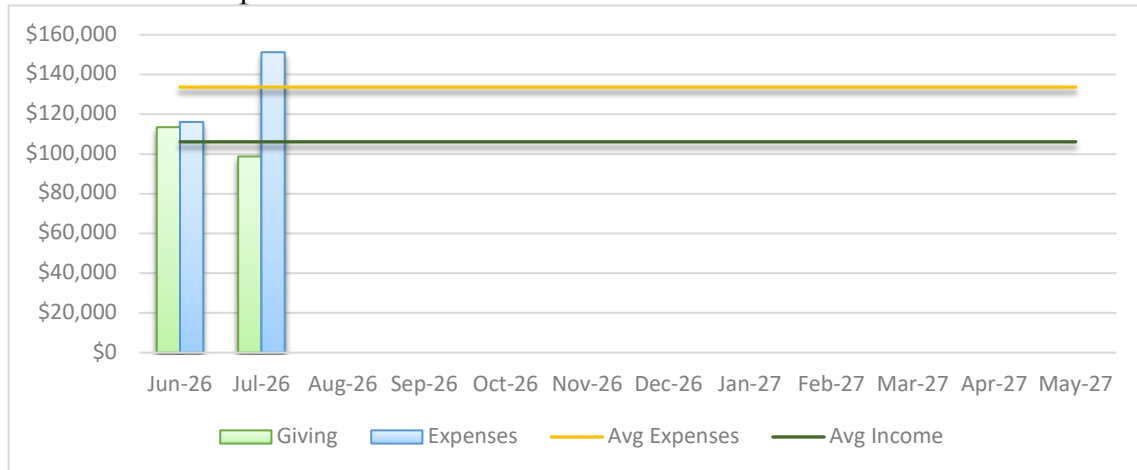

Fiscal Year 27 – June-July

Highlights

- Increase in giving over last year 34%
- Alms funds available \$5,434
- Capital funds available \$242,156
- 2026 average attendance (11% growth from 2025) 421
- Average month giving \$106,120
- Average month expenses \$133,673

As always, we are thankful for the ways that you joyfully 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.

Income to Expenses



Financial Position

<i>June thru May</i>	<i>This Year</i>	<i>Last Year</i>
Income	\$213,604	\$159,936
Expenses	\$267,346	\$268,611
How we did	\$-53,742	\$-108,675

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