Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



November 8, 2026
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



GATHER • GROW • GO

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: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!

People: Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing to You.

Pastor: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name**."**

Psalm 66:1-4

† Hymn of Praise

Rejoice The Lord Is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King:
your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when He had purged our stains,
He took His seat above.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand
till all His foes submit,
and bow to His command,
and fall beneath His feet.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
and take His servants up
to their eternal home.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Words: Charles Wesley. Tune: DARWALL'S 148th, John Darwall.
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† Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Psalm 78:1-7
Rev. Travis Robnett

Pastor: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

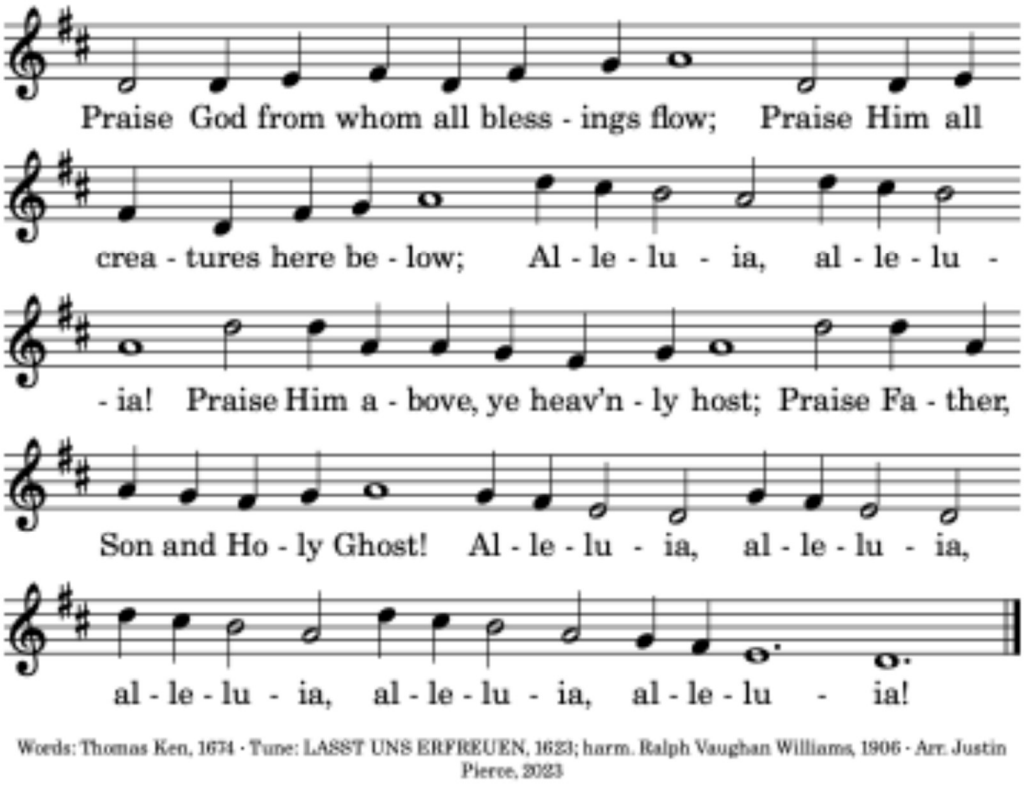
People: I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.

Pastor: We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and His might, and the wonders that He has done.

People: He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children,

Pastor: So that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments.

† Doxology



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Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us confess our sins together:

All: **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your name. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

Lord, Have Mercy

For what we have done and left undone
we fall on Your countless mercies
For sins that are known and those unknown
we call on Your name so holy

For envy and pride, for closing our eyes,
for scorning our very neighbor
In thought, word, and deed we've failed You, our King
How deeply we need a Savior

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy on us
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy on us

Aaron Keyes, James Tealy, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa CCLI Song #7136067
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† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Jesus Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds have we been healed.

All: Glory be to Christ our Savior and King!

From 1 Peter 2:24

† 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

Isaiah 43

When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you,
And the waves will not
Overcome you.
Do not fear,
For I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name,
You are Mine.

Chorus:
For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God
I am the Holy One of Israel
Your Savior

I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)

When you walk through the fire
You'll not be burned
And the flames will not
Consume you.
Do not fear,
For I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name,
You are Mine. *(Chorus)*

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.

† Confession of Faith

Pastor: What is true faith?

All: True faith is a sure knowledge whereby I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in His Word. At the same time, it is a firm confidence that not only to others, but also to me, God has granted forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and salvation, out of mere grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits. This faith the Holy Spirit works in my heart by the gospel.

Heidelberg Catechism Question #21

Scripture Reading

Katie and Scott Wade

Old Testament Reading – Joshua 24:1-3a

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – Matthew 25:1-13

Reader: This is the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Glory be to You Lord Jesus.

Prayer for Covenant Children

November/December
Scott Hames

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 *Acts 5:12-42*

12 Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. **13** None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. **14** And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, **15** so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them.**16** The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

17 But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy **18** they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. **19** But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, **20** "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."**21** And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.**22** But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, **23** "We found the prison securely locked

and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." 24 Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. 25 And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." 26 Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, 28 saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

33 When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. 34 But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while.35 And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. 36 For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed,

and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing.[37] After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. [38] So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; [39] but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, [40] and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. [41] Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. [42] And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

WITHSTANDING PERSECUTION

Satan Strikes Back

The Reason for Persecution

Withstanding Persecution

Discussion Questions:

1. In Acts, what is Satan's three-fold strategy in countering the work of Christ?
2. Why do the authorities arrest the apostles? How is their authority undermined in Luke's telling of the story?
3. According to the passage, where can we find the power to withstand persecution?
4. How does the passage teach us to respond to the world's threats against God and His people?

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.

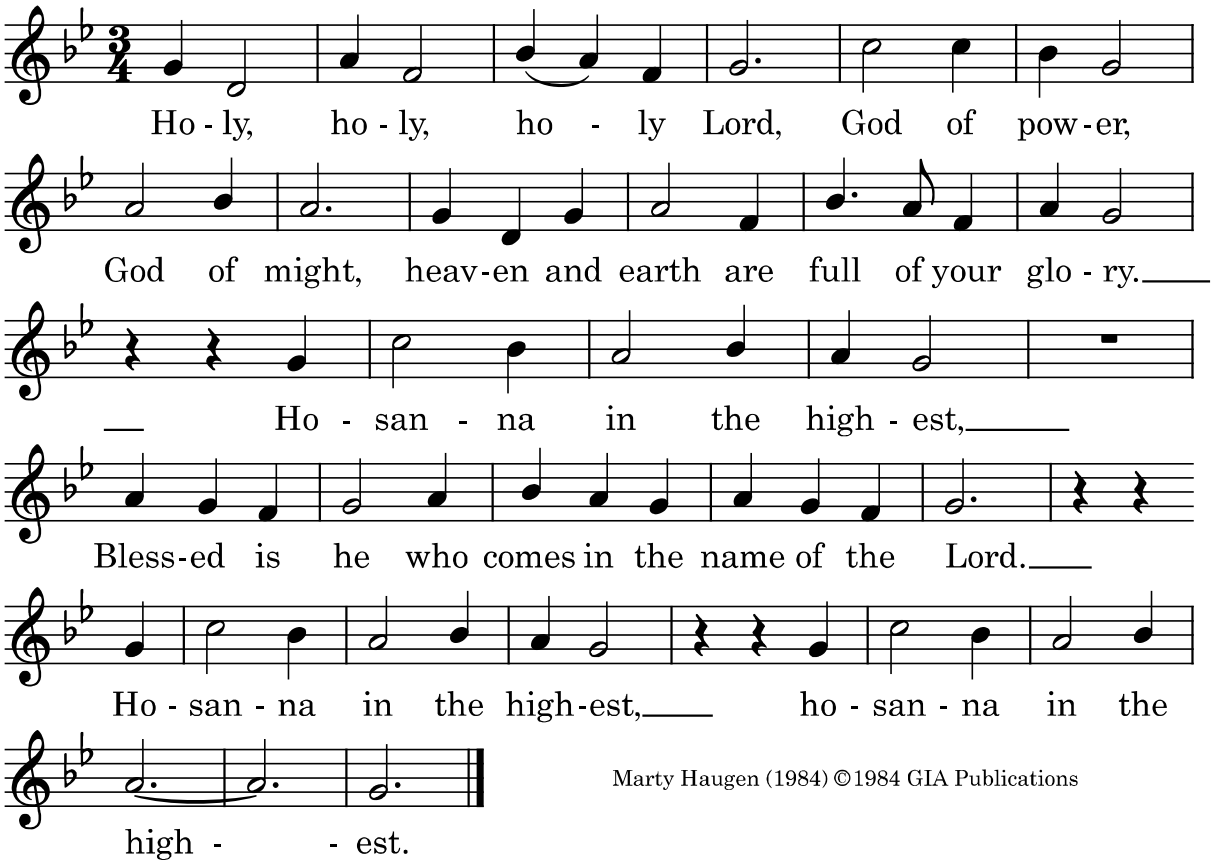
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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:



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Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

The Confession and the Lord's Prayer

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.

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

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say,
"Your strength indeed is small,
child of weakness, watch and pray,
find in Me your all in all."

Refrain:
Jesus paid it all,
all to Him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find
Your power, and Yours alone,
can change the leper's spots,
and melt the heart of stone. *Refrain*

For nothing good have I
whereby Your grace to claim —
I'll wash my garments white
in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. *Refrain*

And when, before the Throne,
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
my lips shall still repeat. *Refrain*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us pray:
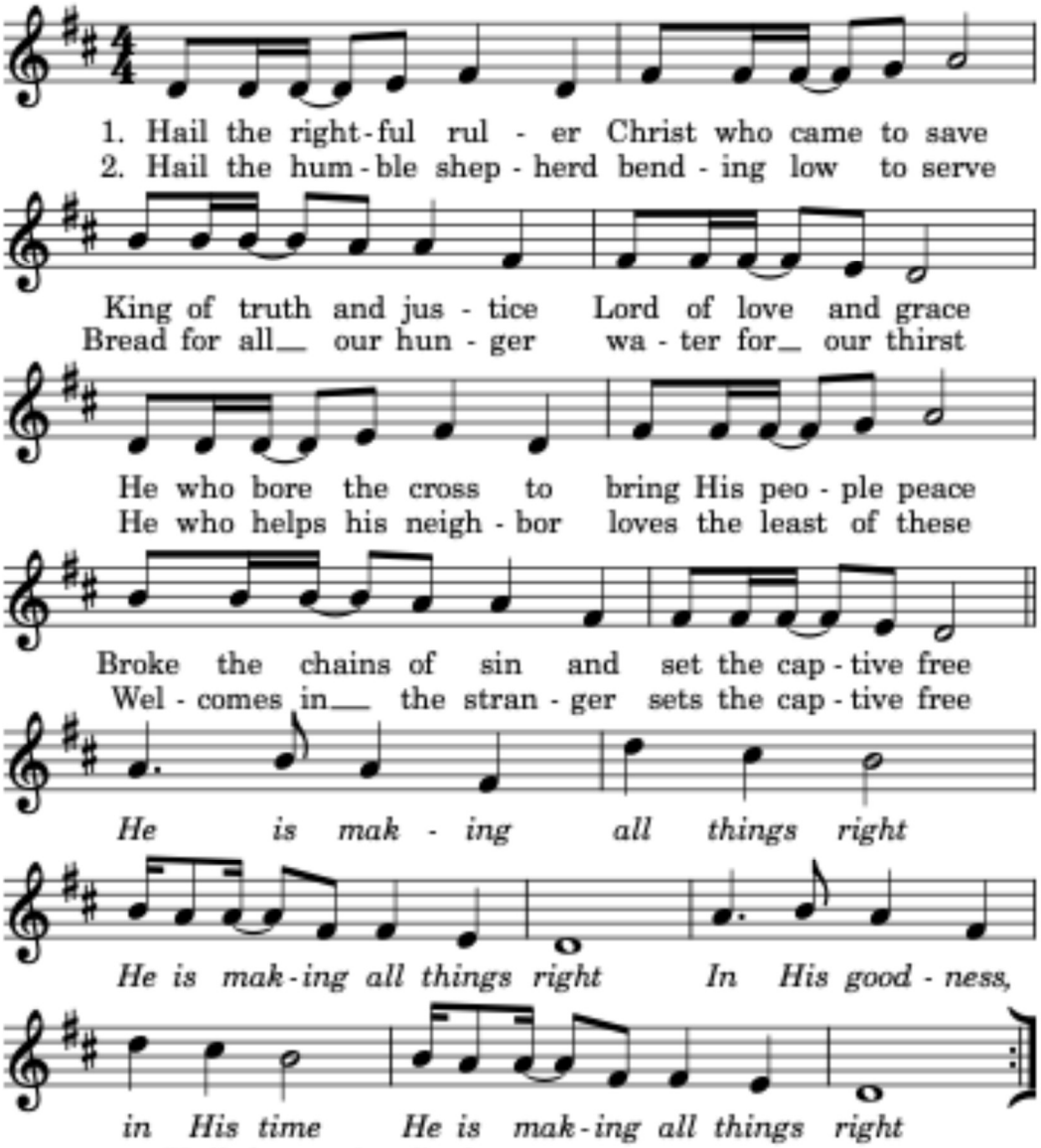
All: **Lord Jesus, thank You for hosting us at Your holy table. May its nourishment increase our desire to follow and serve You as we seek to show Your hospitality with open hearts and open homes. Amen.**

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

He Is Making All Things Right



3. Hail the coming Savior
Hope of every heart
Healer of the nations
Bright and morning star
He will win the battle
Set the world at peace

Finally and forever
Set the captive free
Finally and forever
Set the captive free
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

Pete Cansick – November 8

Chris Jordan – November 15

Kris Keffer – November 22

Save the Date

Sun, Nov 29 – No 9 am Classes (Thanksgiving)

Sat, Dec 5, 10 am – Women's Christmas Brunch

Sun, Dec 6, 11:30 am – Kids Advent Party

Fri, Dec 11, 6 pm – Youth Christmas Party

Sun, Dec 13, 5 pm – Lessons & Carols

Wed, Dec 16, 5-8 pm – GAP Service Project & Party

Thurs, Dec 24, 5 pm – Christmas Eve Service

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. Three adult options are 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. Youth and children's class details are available at the Visitor Kiosk.

Lunch & Learn: Enjoy soup, sandwiches, and fellowship in the Lecture Hall following worship on Sunday, November 29. Hear from Andy Warren about teaching basic water well drilling in communities where clean water is needed and how it opens doors for the gospel. Lunch is free; donations to Andy's work will be gratefully accepted.

Advent Angels: We've partnered with The Park at LeBlanc apartments to provide Christmas gifts for children living there, along with inviting them to attend Advent services. Visit the table in the fellowship hall beginning November 7 to adopt a family. Questions? Contact David Blacklock at 281-605-0595.

Partner Fundraiser: Pregnancy Lifeline is hosting An Evening of Hope, Faith & Music with Mark Schultz this Friday at Doxology Bible Church. Pick up a flyer on the fellowship hall table.

Mission Focus: Pray for Tom and Catalina Nachtergaele in Ghent, Belgium, as they work to grow the 18.26 Network throughout Europe. Give thanks for the 12 families serving in eight European countries with two more expected to join in 2027. Pray for the Nachtergaeles as they develop the network and provide resources, coaching, and care to help vocational missionaries thrive in their faith, family, work, and community.

Scripture Journals are available on the fellowship hall table for only $4 to assist in your highlighting and note taking during the fall-spring sermon series in Acts. New student versions are here!

FALL WITH **THE FORT**

Sundays, 9:00 am, Aug 23-Dec 13 – Christian Formation Classes
High School - Room 204 | Middle School - Room 203

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, Sept 2-Nov 18 – The Fort Youth Group
food, fun, large group lesson, small group discussion
Oct 28 – Halloween Party | Nov 18 – Friendsgiving

Fri-Sat, Oct 9-10 – Roctober XI at Camp Copass in Denton
North Texas Presbytery's All-Youth Fall Retreat

Friday, December 11 – Youth Christmas Party

THE FORT

Details: fortworthpca.org/youth | Questions? thefort@fortworthpca.org




YOUNG ADULTS
FRIENDS
GIVING
potluck
SUNDAY, NOV 15, 6:30
BIRBARI HOME


9128 BENVIEW COURT, FORT WORTH, TX 76126
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MEN'S BEER & BRAT NIGHT
JOIN US FOR BEER, BRATS, GAMES & FELLOWSHIP AT THE JORDAN HOME

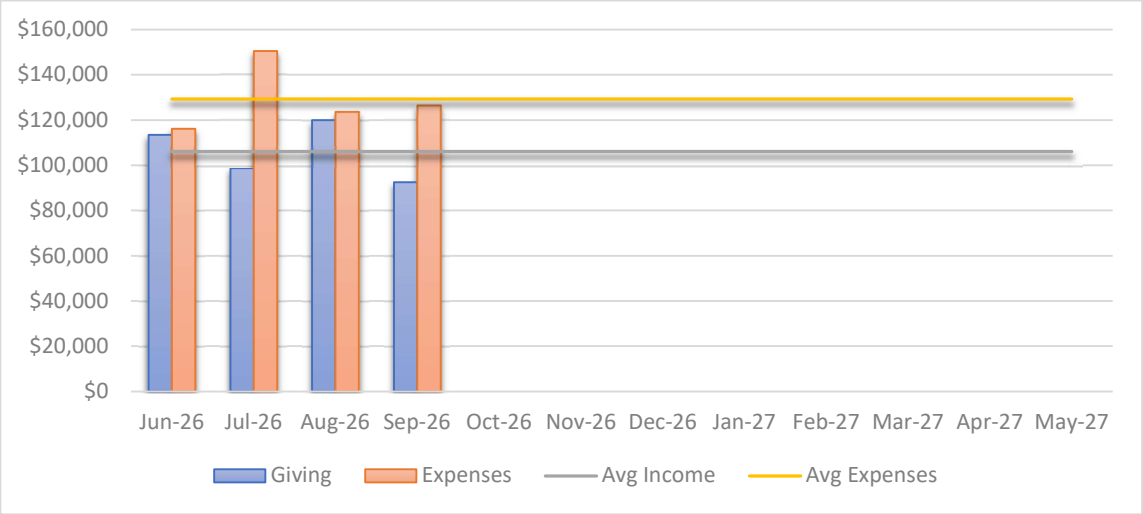
Fiscal Year '26-'27 – June-Sept

Highlights

- Increase in giving over last year 6.87%
- Alms funds collected this quarter $6,483
- Alms funds available $10,927
- Capital funds available $251,309
- 2026 average attendance (12% growth from 2025) 425
- Average month giving $106,183
- Average month expenses $129,328

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

June thru September	*This Year*	*Last Year*
Income	$427,711	$401,045
Expenses	$517,315	$506,291
How we're doing	$-89,604	$-105,246

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exists, by God's grace and all for His glory, 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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