



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WICHITA FALLS

August 15, 2021

PRELUDE

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Arr. Diane Bish

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP | Adapted from Psalm 126**

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***HYMN OF PRAISE | Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending No. 234**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, give us hearts of great expectation as we wait for the glorious return of our Savior, Jesus, the Son of God. We confess far too many daily moments of apathy, indifference, and distraction. Forgive us, Lord, for these patterns of passionless discipleship. Instead, plant in us a sense of adventure, a growing excitement over Christ's coming. May we be full of joy even now as we anticipate the day of His arrival. And may we be found faithful in that moment. All this we pray in the merciful name of Jesus. Amen.

Time for silent prayer and confession

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND COMFORT

SCRIPTURE READING | Revelation 20:11-15; 21:1-5 p. 1040 in pew Bible.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending No. 234

John Cennick and Charles Wesley

J. F. Wade's Cantus Diversi, 1751

1. Lo! He comes, with clouds de-scend-ing, once for our sal - va - tion slain;
 2. Ev - 'ry eye shall now be-hold Him, robed in dread-ful maj - es - ty;
 3. Yea, A - men! let all a - dore Thee, high on Thine e - ter - nal throne;

thou-sand thou-sand saints at-tend-ing swell the tri - umph of His train:
 those who set at nought and sold Him, pierced, and nailed Him to the tree,
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry; claim the King - dom for Thine own:

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep-ly wail-ing, deep-ly wail-ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone.

*SONG OF FAITH AND GRATITUDE | God With Us

*Oh You've come to bring peace to be Love
 To be nearer to us
 You've come to bring life to be Light
 To shine brighter in us
 Oh Emmanuel God with us*

Chorus

*Our Deliverer You are Savior
 In Your presence we find our strength
 Over ev'rything our Redemption
 God with us
 You are God with us*

*Oh You've come to be Hope to this world
 For Your honor and name
 And You've come to take sin to bear shame
 And to conquer the grave
 Oh Emmanuel God with us*

Chorus

*You are here
 You are holy
 We are standing in Your glory (Lord)
 (REPEAT x3)*

Chorus

*Oh God with us
 You are God with us*

PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

The offering of time, money, and talents is a commitment to God and our participation in God's redeeming work in the world. You are welcome to place a financial gift to God as the offering plate is passed. You may also give online at myfirstpres.org/giving or text "give" to 830-584-1063.

OFFERTORY | Ain't-a That Good News! arr. Uzee Brown, Jr.

*I got a crown up in-a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news!
I'm-a gonna lay down this worl', gonna shoulder up-a my cross.
Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus, ain't-a that good news!*

*I got a robe up in-a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news!
I'm-a gonna lay down this worl', gonna shoulder up-a my cross.
Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus, ain't-a that good news!*

*I got news to tell you, I got good news!
Yes, He woke me up this mornin' an' He started me on-a my way.
I got news to tell you, I got good news!*

*I got a Savior in-a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news!
I'm-a gonna lay down this worl', gonna shoulder up-a my cross.
Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus, ain't-a that good news!*

All children are welcome to come forward during the singing of Doxology to hear a kid friendly message at
Moments with Children

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

*"From Where He Shall Come to Judge the Living and the Dead" | Rev. Michael Hansen
2 Peter 3:10-13 p. 1019 in pew Bible*

***CLOSING HYMN | God of Grace and God of Glory No. 358 (see p. 6)**

***BENEDICTION | Jude 24-25 p. 1027 in pew Bible**

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

The Rejoicing

Charles Callahan

All are sent to serve and love the Lord following the Benediction.

*CLOSING HYMN | God of Grace and God of Glory No. 358

Harry Emerson Fosdick

John Hughes

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on Thy peo - ple
2. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; gird our lives that

pour Thy pow'r; crown Thine an - cient Church's sto - ry;
they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces

bring her bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
in the fight to set men free.

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
that we fail not man nor Thee! That we fail not man nor Thee!

Church Life

August 15, 2021

EVERYONE

Family Night Supper

August 18th at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a Taco Bar, chips, salsa, and queso. Tres Leches Cake for dessert. \$6/Person or \$20/family of 4 or more. Scan the QR code to sign up or call Sandy in the church office.



Rally Day Breakfast

Join us at 9AM on August 29th for our Rally Day Breakfast. This will be a time to kick off a new and exciting season at FPC. Come grab some breakfast and see what studies will be offered in the Fall.

Rise Against Hunger

Join us for a food packing event to help end hunger. September 12th from 2-4 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

MEN

Men's Bible Study

Thursdays at 6:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Men across all life stages study together to develop hearts for God that will impact their home, their work, and the world. Contact Taz Ellett with any questions at tazellett@aol.com

YOUTH

Youth Group

Wednesday nights are over for the summer but we'll start back up on August 25th with a Messy Game Night, weather permitting! If you have any questions contact Michael Morris at michael@myfirstpres.org

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Current Period	Year To Date
Total Income	\$ 90,240	\$587,561
Total Expense	\$68,565	\$529,916
Net Income (Loss)	\$21,676	\$57,646

Period Ending July 31, 2021

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Shirle Draper from the Ed Draper family.

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