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PARK CITIES  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

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MAY 20, 2001

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## Order for the Worship of God

May 20, 2001

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

*The Christian Year: Fifth Sunday After Easter*

*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 welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Psalm 122.1**

"I was glad"

C.H. Parry

*The beginning of worship on May 26, 1991*

**Prelude**

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"  
Mr. Stephen Nielson, *Piano*

J. S. Bach

**Welcome**

Mr. Robert Mighell  
*Shepherding Elder*

**Silent Preparation for Worship**

**Introit**

"Spirit of God, Descend"  
Jenni Till Rasberry, *Soprano*

MORECAMBE

**\*Call to Worship**

Philippians 2.9-11

Mr. Harry Hargrave  
*Session Moderator (1991-93)*

**\*Hymn of Adoration No. 2**

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"<sup>†</sup>

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**\*Prayer of Adoration**

The Rev. Tim Tinsley 9:00  
Dr. Pete Deison 11:00

**\*The Creed**

The Rev. David Winburne  
WCF, Chapter 25.2, 3, 6

The visible church under the good news of Christ, is not confined to the one nation, Israel, as under the Old Testament, and consists of every person in the world professing faith in Jesus Christ and their children. **It is the household and family of God. To this visible church Jesus Christ has given the ministry of reconciliation, the Scripture and the revealed law of God.** The church shall gather and nurture the saints until the end of the world. By the promised presence of His Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ will enable the church to do this ministry. *(with a loud voice)* **THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY HEAD OF THE CHURCH!**

**Taking Communion for the First Time and Becoming a Communing Member:**

John Edward Albritton	Elizabeth Ashley Nemer
Aaron David Barger	Sean Thomas Roossien
Katherine Avery Briggs	Scott Rather Schubert
McKenzie Louise Chesnut	James Riley Sheehan
Richard Carson Dennis	John Brandt Truelson
Austin Andrew Fleck	Allison Ann Turpin
Abigail Elizabeth Gans	Jack Adam Turpin
Robert Barton Irby	Parker Scott Woodruff
Drew Henry Jolesch	Rachel Marie Wyant
Herbert Spencer Kendrick	

**Reaffirmation of Membership Vows**

Mr. E.E. (Boots) Nowlin  
*Session Moderator (1994; 1998-2001)*

**Five Constitutional Questions**

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will seek to live as a follower of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church and promise to promote its purity and peace?

**The Sacrament of Baptism (9:30)**

Aaron Barger                      Ashley Nemer                      Riley Sheehan

**The Lord's Faithfulness: A Brief History of PCPC**                      Mr. Hargrave

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for PCPC's First Ten Years/Offertory Prayer**                      Mr. Tommy Bain  
*Session Moderator (1994-95; 1997)*

**Musical Offering**                      "Sing Praise to the Lord"                      *LAUDATE DOMINUM*  
*Baker/Parry*  
*arr. Schrader*

*Sing praise to the Lord! Praise Him in the height; rejoice in His word, you angels of light: You heavens adore Him by whom you were made, and worship before Him in brightness arrayed. All things that give sound, each jubilant chord reecho around: loud organs His glory proclaim in deep tone, and sweet harp, the story of what He has done! Praise Him upon earth in tuneful accord, you saints of new birth: praise Him who has brought you His grace from above; praise Him who has taught you to sing of His love. Thanksgiving and song to Him be out poured all ages along: for love in creation for heaven restored, for grace of salvation, sing praise to the Lord.*

**\*The Scripture Reading**                      Acts 2.36-47                      Mr. Jack Parker  
*Session Moderator (1996)*

**Communion Meditation**                      "Filled with Awe"                      Dr. Ryan  
*"Everyone was filled with awe..."*  
Acts 2.43

**\*Hymn of Preparation**                      "O God beyond All Praising"                      *THAXTED*  
text: Michael Perry, 1982

**"The Ten Commandments"**

*LESCOMMANDEMENTSDEDIEU*  
versified: Dewey Westra (1899-1979)

## Private Confession of Sin

## Declaration of Forgiveness

The Rev. Paul Settle 9:00  
The Rev. Elliott Greene 11:00

Hear what comforting words the Lord says to all who repent and come to Him: "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. This is a true statement and worthy of full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: He forgives all your sins." Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up unto the Lord!** Let us give thanks to our Lord God. **It is good and right to do so.** It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, **we laud and magnify Your most glorious Name; evermore praising You, singing**

All:

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Dr. Robert Nielson 9:00  
The Rev. John McCracken 11:00

## The Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

*Please come forward to receive the elements  
taking the empty cup back to your seat.*

*We have come to the Lord's Table at the invitation of the Lord Himself, and so we come on His terms. Therefore, Park Cities Presbyterian Church welcomes to the Lord's Table all those who have trusted in Jesus Christ as Savior and who acknowledge Him as Lord. Because Communion is a sacrament of the church, all are welcome to partake who are baptized members in an evangelical church (a church where the Gospel is loved and proclaimed). It is our request that children not participate in the Lord's Supper until they themselves have become communing members of such a church. We come not as those who are intrinsically righteous, but as those who have been given through grace the righteousness of our perfect Redeemer. So, while we repent of known sin as we come, we recognize our standing before the Father is completely dependent on the accomplishment of Jesus Christ for His people.*

**"How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place"**

*ST. COLUMBA*  
text: Isaac Watts, 1707

**"What Wondrous Love Is This"**

Handbell Choir  
Anna Katherine Holcomb, *Violin*

*arr. Cynthia Dobrinski*

**"There Is a Redeemer"**

*K. Green*

**"A Mighty Fortress"**

Covenant, High School and Chancel Choirs  
Stephen Nielson, *Piano*; Colin Howland, *Organ*

*EIN'FESTE BURG*  
*arr. Lani Smith*

**Elders' Reaffirmation of Pastoral Care and Shepherding**

Mr. Nowlin  
*Session Moderator*

**\* Closing Hymn**

**"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

*FAITHFULNESS*  
text: Thomas Chisholm, 1923

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain:*

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness,  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (*Refrain*)



Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *(Refrain)*

**\*Benediction**

Dr. Ryan

Minister: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth  
and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!  
Revelation 5.12

People: THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN!

**Postlude**

Festival Brass

*Members of our fellowship at Park Cities Presbyterian Church who have joined the  
Church Triumphant since our last Communion:*

Jerry H. Doughman	Mary Carolyn Umpleby
James C. Dunlap	Mary Bateson
W. Ray Montgomery	Kathryn W. McMurtry
Ann Quillen Cortelyou	Dorothy Best
Leland Smith Dupree	

*Do you have a question about PCPC or want to find a Sunday School Community?  
Following each service, please come to the Information Center located in the south  
hallway of the building adjacent to the sanctuary. "Ask Me" volunteers are also  
available at every entrance to assist you.*

*The flowers in our worship services this morning are given to the glory  
of God and in loving memory of Jennifer Stroud and with gratitude  
for the body of believers at PCPC who touched her life.*

*\*The Congregation stand.*

(CCLI #364068)

**Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the transforming presence  
of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.**

**MINISTERS**

The members of this church family who, in serving their Savior and Lord,  
Jesus Christ, extend His Kingdom in Dallas and to the world.

## Instrumentalists Assisting in Today's Worship

Anna Katherine Holcomb, *Violin*  
Amy Corbett, *Violin*  
Christina Dekany, *Violin*  
Denise Hovland, *Viola*  
Rob Mowrey, *Viola*  
David Fray, *Cello*  
Laura Logan, *Harp*  
Marisa Dillahunt, *Harp*  
Tom Liggett, *Tuba*  
Stephen Nielson, *Piano*  
Colin Howland, *Organ*  
The Festival Brass of Dallas

The Covenant Choir and High School Ensemble  
Lynda Fray, *Director*

† Commissioned arrangement by Sterling Procter

### WHAT PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BELIEVES ABOUT THE GOSPEL

† *We believe the Gospel is the 'good news' that provides for us the way to know God.*

The Gospel teaches us that we are more sinful than we ever dared to believe, but, at the same time, we are more loved and accepted in Christ than we ever dared to imagine. The 'good news' is this: God sent His son, Jesus Christ, who lived the life of perfect obedience that we should have lived, and then transferred the credit for His performance to our account, taking upon Himself the record – and therefore the punishment – for all our sin and failure. We receive this Gospel by faith. The Gospel is the means through which we begin the Christian life and the means through which we continue to grow.

† *Our passion for God and His worship calls us to live transformed lives.*

We believe that the Gospel transforms us into people who are passionate for God, people whose lives are radically reoriented and committed to seeking His glory. God has uniquely called and equipped the church to demonstrate the power of the Gospel to transform individuals, communities and nations. We as a congregation want to be a foretaste of the Kingdom of God. Together we seek to understand what it means to follow Christ with the whole of our lives – in friendships, in marriages, in families, in finances, in careers, in our social and recreational lives.