

*God's covenants provide the foundation and structure for life. Marriage is best understood as a covenant, a three-way commitment between the man, the woman and the Lord. Parents and children can best relate to one another in their awareness of God's covenant with the family. Responsibilities at work derive meaning only from understanding the bond that God first made with the world at creation.*

*Often it is suggested that the inclusion of infants in the covenant leads to presumption, but the original Word of God establishing the seal of this covenant clearly points in the direction of personal responsibility. Covenant-keeping is an essential part of the covenant's structure. Abraham and his seed must keep the covenant. Far from fostering presumption, the application of the seal of the covenant to children binds them to faithfulness in keeping the vows by which they are obligated in the covenant.*

(based on Genesis 17.6-8)

*God deals with families in the bonds of the covenant. The created order of families is not ignored in God's redemptive provisions. God has committed Himself to the restoration of family units in His plans of redemption.*

—O. Palmer Robertson  
from COVENANTS

*Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with Him and proclaimed His name, the LORD. And He passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet He does not leave the guilty unpunished; He punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation."*

—Exodus 34.5-7

## PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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JULY 29, 2001

**Order for the Worship of God**  
**July 29, 2001**  
**9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

*The Christian Year: Eighth Sunday After Pentecost*

*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.*

**Preparation for Worship**

**Call to Worship**

Dr. Pete Deison

Minister: The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His sovereignty rules over all.

Choir: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

Minister: Bless the Lord, you His angels, mighty in strength, who perform His word, obeying the voice of His word!

**People:** *(singing)* **O my soul praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!**

Minister: Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, you who serve Him, doing His will. Bless the Lord, all you works of His, in all places of His dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul!

**People:** *(singing)* **All ye who hear now to His temple draw near, join me in glad adoration!**

Psalm 103.19-22

**\*Hymn of Adoration No. 374 "Now Thank We All Our God"**

*NUN DANKET*

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Hymn No. 53**

"Let All Things Now Living"

*ASH GROVE*

**\*Song of Praise**

"Shout to the Lord"

*Zscheck*

## Public Confession

O most great, most just and gracious God, You are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, but You have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe in Him. We confess that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected Your holy worship. We have not sought first Your kingdom. You have revealed Your wonderful love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and salvation in Him, but we have turned away. We have run into temptation, and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father! In Your Son is our salvation, in Your promises our hope. Take us for Your children, and give us the Spirit of Your Son, through Jesus Christ our only Savior.

## Private Confession

Hymn No. 208

"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?"

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## Assurance of Pardon

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.

I John 2:1-2

## Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

The Rev. David Rea 9:30  
Mr. Curt Dobbs 11:00

## Musical Offering

"God Is Our Refuge"

Allen Pote

*God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble. Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear. Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God. He is in the midst of His people in all the earth. He is the Word, He is our Rock, He will lead us. He is the Lord, the Lord of host, He will cause the wars to cease.*

Psalms 46

**\*The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
People: **And also with you.**

**The Service of Friendship**

*If you are seated on the left end of the pew, please take the Service of Friendship pad, fill out the information and pass it down. When it arrives at the other end of the pew, pass it back, taking note of those who are seated in your row.*

**Extending the Kingdom:** Diane and Andy Mull  
**International Students Incorporated at SMU** Laura and Elizabeth

**\*The Scripture Reading** Psalm 78.1-8; 103.13-18 Mr. Dan Ogden

**The Morning Sermon** "The Covenant Family" Dr. Deison

**\*Closing Hymn No. 766** "God the Father, Name We Treasure" *LAUDA ANIMA*

**\*Benediction** Dr. Deison

Minister: Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless, 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. Jude 24-25

People: **THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN!**

**Postlude** "Symphony No. 6: Final" *Louis Vierne*

*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 memory of Karen Spurgeon McCarthy by John, Mary Margaret and Ben.*

*The flowers in the south foyer are given to the glory of God from the wedding of Marimon Simpson and Gordon A. Nettleton III in celebration of their marriage and union in Christ.*

**\*The Congregation stands.**

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**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.