



PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
May 12, 2002
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

The Christian Year: Ascension Sunday

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

Mr. Colin Howland, *Organ*

Call to Worship

The Rev. Joseph Ryan

Minister: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in His holy place?

People: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

Minister: He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

People: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!

Psalm 24.3-5, 7

***Hymn of Adoration No. 259 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"**

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***Prayer of Adoration**

***Confession of Faith**

The Larger Catechism, Question 53

How was Christ exalted in His ascension? **After His resurrection, He often appeared to and talked with His apostles, speaking to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God, and giving them commission to preach the gospel to all nations. Forty days after His resurrection, He, in our nature, and as our Head, triumphing over enemies, visibly went up into the highest heavens, there to receive gifts for men, to raise up our affections for Him, and to prepare a place for us, where He is Himself, and shall continue till His second coming at the end of the world.**

The Sacrament of Baptism

9:30

Samuel Parker Cummins
Sophia Alden Hagstrom
Drake Emery Reed
Calder Crook Sinak
Richard Hunt Waterman
Maggie Zhu-Shan Rhea

11:00

Jackson McDade Barringer
Anna Katherine McQuilkin
Robert Luke McQuilkin
Samuel Cody McQuilkin
Cory James McQuilkin
Ella Faith Orlie

Public Confession of Sin

O Lord, I marvel that You purposed to become flesh so that You might be crucified, dead and buried for me. The tomb calls forth my adoring wonder, for it is empty and You are risen! Grant me to die with You that I may rise to new life, for I wish to be as dead and buried to sin, to selfishness, to the world; that I might not hear the voice of the charmer, and might be delivered from his lusts. Purge me from selfishness, pride, the fear of

man, the desire to be cultivated or modern. Grant me to stand with my dying Savior, to be content to be rejected, to be willing to hold to unpopular truths. Grant me more and more of the resurrection life: may it rule me, may I walk in its power, and be strengthened through its influence.

Private Confession of Sin

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

The Rev. Paul Settle

Musical Offering "Give Blessing, Honor, Glory, Praise" *G. F. Handel*
Give blessing, honor, glory, praise to the everlasting God who dwells in light above the clouds; everything upon the earth, everything beneath the earth give blessing honor, glory, praise. Let all the earth sing forth their praise, let all on high sing forth their praise to the everlasting God.

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: We are the body of Christ; in one Spirit we were all baptized in one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. 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: Stewardship

Mr. Bobby Payne

***The Scripture Reading** Mark 16.19; Luke 24.50-53; Acts 1.6-11; Colossians 3.1-4

The Morning Sermon "At the Right Hand" *Dr. Ryan*
"...set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God." Colossians 3.1

***Closing Hymn** "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

LLANFAIR
text: Charles Wesley 1739

***The Benediction**

Minister: And the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory in Christ, after we have suffered a little while, will Himself restore us and make us strong, firm and steadfast. To Him be the power for ever and ever!

I Peter 5.10-11

People: THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN!

Postlude

Prayer is our communication with GOD. If you have a desire or a need to pray with someone in confidence for any reason, please come to the Parlor (Room 205 next to the information desk) following the worship service where Elders and Prayer Leaders will be available to pray with you.

The flowers in our worship services this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Martha White Farris and in memory of Louise Campbell Figari, our mothers, with love and humble thanksgiving by Elizabeth and Ernie Figari.

**The Congregation stands.*