

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 23, 2003

9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

The Christian Year: Thirteenth Sunday After the Incarnation

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.

Please turn off all communication devices. Thank you.

Prelude

"Psalm 37.11"
Mr. Colin Howland, Organ

Herbert Howells

Call to Worship

The Rev. Joseph Ryan

Minister: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Minister: Come, behold the works of the LORD, how He has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire.

People: Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth!

Psalm 46.1, 7-10

***Hymn of Adoration No. 75 "O Father, You Are Sovereign"**

ST. THEODULPH

***Prayer of Adoration concluding with the Lord's Prayer**

***The Heidelberg Catechism**

Question 1

Minister: Christian, what is your only comfort, in life and in death?

People: That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself, but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Public Confession of Sin

O Lord Most High, our wise and faithful Redeemer, who has permitted us to come into our present trials, grant that we may profoundly and openly confess our acts of disobedience, our predisposed desires to be apart from You, our schemes, our whims, and our strategies to author our lives according to the wisdom of our flesh. We turn to ourselves, not to You, in our time of trouble. The dark circumstances of our lives work together for our good. We fail to learn obedience by the things we suffer. Forgive us, Lord Jesus, Lover of our souls. Teach us, bend us, fashion us to be neither bitter in our sorrow, or despairing in our submission, or doubting You in the perplexities of our lives. Bring us quickly out of our distress that we may praise You with a happy heart, through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Private Confession

Promise of the Gospel

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgression to the Lord"; and You did forgive the guilt of my sin.

Psalm 32.5

Intercessory Prayer

The Rev. David Rea 9:30
The Rev. Ron Williams 11:00

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." *1 Timothy 2:1-4*

Minister: O Lord, our refuge and strength,

People: Be our ever present help in this time of trouble.

Minister: Inasmuch as You have commanded us to pray for those in authority and all who are in high positions, we pray for the President of the United States, for the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, and all other leaders involved in this present conflict.

People: Give them wisdom, courage and sound judgment.

Minister: Since You have given to civil government the power of the sword and authorized us now, under the New Testament, to wage war upon just and necessary occasion,

People: O Lord, in Your providence, let justice prevail.

Minister: O Lord, our refuge and fortress, who has told Your people that we need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday,

People: We ask that You command Your angels to guard Your people, now in danger, in all their ways.

Minister: Father of all mercies, God of all comfort, You who delights in compassion,

People: O Lord, deliver the oppressed, comfort the sorrowing, be merciful to those who suffer.

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, who has taught us to love and pray for our enemies, to feed them, to lend and expect nothing in return,

People: Be merciful and gracious to those who wish us ill.

Minister: O, Holy Spirit, who draws us to Christ, who convicts us of our sins, who causes us to be born anew, who gives us godly repentance and saving faith, we pray that You will work mightily in the hearts of military personnel and civilians.

People: O Lord, use this international crisis, to draw many people throughout the world to repentance from their sins and to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: O triune God, hasten the day when the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Hymn No. 630

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

MELITA

Offertory Prayer

Mr. Rea 9:30

Mr. Williams 11:00

Musical Offering to Our King: Isaiah 53.4-5

K. Sadowski

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with His stripes we are healed.

Deborah Waterman, Conductor

***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.

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: Backyard Bible Clubs

Debby Smith

The Morning Sermon "Certain Promises in Uncertain Times"

Dr. Ryan

Thus the Lord gave to Israel all the land that He swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there. And the Lord gave them rest on every side just as He had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the Lord had given all their enemies into their hands. Not one word of all the good promises that the Lord had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.

Joshua 21:43-45

***Closing Hymn No. 32**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

***The Benediction**

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

People: THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN!

Postlude

"Fantasy in g minor"
Mr. Howland

Felix Mendelssohn

Prayer

If you desire to know more about Jesus Christ, or wish prayer for any reason, please come to the Parlor (Room 205) located next to the Information Center, following the worship service where Elders and Prayer Leaders will be available to pray with you.

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. 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 with sincere appreciation for the teachers, leaders and helpers in the Nursery, Preschool and Elementary areas of the Families with Children Ministry.

**The Congregation stands.*

Please join us every Sunday in Fellowship Hall following each worship service for fellowship and refreshments!

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.

**The Alabama Boychoir
in concert
tonight in the sanctaury
7:00 pm**