

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 7, 2004

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

The Christian Year: Fourth Sunday before the Passion of Our Lord

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

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

arr. Hal Hopson

Chapel Choir

Lynda Fray, *Director*; Jason Tenpenny, *Piano*

Call to Worship

The Rev. Joseph Ryan

Minister: The LORD is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him. Habakkuk 2.20

People: **For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.** Isaiah 57.15

***Hymn of Adoration No. 300** "Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power" *O QUANTA QUALIA*

***Prayer of Adoration concluding with the Lord's Prayer** (*sung*)

Our Father, which 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.

***Songs of Praise**

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"
Stanzas: 1, 3 and 4

BUNESSAN

"You Are God"

T. Paris

Public Confession of Sin

Almighty God, who are rich in mercy to all those who call upon You, hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our fellow men. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Private Confession

Promise and Comfort of the Gospel

"In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says the Lord, your Redeemer. Isaiah 54.8

Extending the Kingdom: Short-Term Missions

Jennifer and Mike Terry

Prayer for Christ's Church and the World

The Service of Friendship

Musical Offering

"Song of Exaltation"

John Ness Beck

text from Job 38.28, Proverbs 30.4, Amos 4.13 and Psalm 96.8, 10-11

Doxology

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Give thanks to our Lord God!

People: We sing praise and magnify Your Holy Name!

"Now to the King Eternal"

P. Ninnis

***The Scripture Reading**

1 Corinthians 1.17-2.5

The Morning Sermon

THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST
"Vanity Fair"

Dr. Ryan

"And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified." 1 Corinthians 2.1-2

***Closing Hymn No. 239 "Who Is This, So Weak and Helpless"**

sung to alternate tune
INBABLONE

***The Benediction**

Minister: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and forever!

People: THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN!

Postlude

Mr. Colin Howland, *Organ*

Personal Prayer and Counsel

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor ... rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality."

Romans 12.10, 12, 13

We want so much to come along side you in brotherly love and hospitality by your allowing us to be in prayer for your salvation or any need you may have. Please join us in the parlor (Room 205, next to the Information Center) following the worship service where our Elders and prayer leaders are available and eager to meet with you and pray with you in complete confidence.

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 in honor of Kitty and Tom Walker's 52nd Wedding Anniversary by their son and daughter and their children.

***The Congregation stands.**