

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 23, 2004

9:30 am and 11:00 am

The Christian Year: The Ascension 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.

Welcome and Greeting of Peace

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

The Rev. Joseph Ryan

Minister: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great King over all the earth.

People: **God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

Psalm 47.1-2, 5-6

***Hymn of Adoration No. 310 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"**

DARWALL

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Confession of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 49

Minister: What benefit do we receive from Christ's ascension into heaven?

People: **First, that He is our Advocate in the presence of His Father in heaven. Secondly, that we have our flesh in heaven, as a sure pledge, that He, as the Head, will also take us, His members, up to Himself. Thirdly, that He sends us His Spirit, as an earnest, by whose power we seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God, and not things on the earth.**

***Hymns of Praise**

"Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise"

EASTER HYMN

"We Bow Down"

T. Paris

Recognition of New Members

The Sacrament of Baptism

9:30

Alexandra Adkins
Rebekah Christine Adkins
Theresa Grace Adkins
Christian Emanuel Adkins
Carmen Christi Adkins
Walter Matthew Waldie
Sarah Elizabeth Waldie

11:00

Richard Warren Baker
Graham Porter DeLuca
David Carter Hope
Stuart Kyle Hope
Craig Andrew Pierce

Song of Fellowship

"We Are God's People"

SYMPHONY

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
And so shall His work on earth be done.

Public Confession of Sin

O my Lord, forgive me for serving You in sinful ways; by glorying in my own strength, by forcing myself to minister through necessity, by accepting the applause of others, by a faith that rests upon my hold on Christ, not on Him alone, by having another foundation to stand upon beside You, for thus I make flesh my arm. Lord, it is the special evil of sin that every breach of Your law arises from contempt of Your person, from despising You and Your glory, from preferring things before You. Help me to abhor myself in comparison of You, and keep me in a faith that works by love, and serves by grace.

Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Christ Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

1 Peter 2:24-25

Prayer of Intercession for Christ's Church and the World

Dr. Pete Deison 9:30
The Rev. Robert Allen 11:00

Musical Offering

"God Is Gone Up"

Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

God is gone up with a triumphant shout: The Lord with sounding trumpet's melodies. Praise, sing praise to God, sing praises unto our King! Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, lift up and let the King of Glory enter in. And as they looked, He was lifted to the sky. Then out of sight a cloud hid Him away. Two men appeared in robes and said to them, "Why look up here? He will return just as He ascended." He will return. Now to the Father, until the time comes.

*A Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

A risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to You let earth accord: Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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.

*The Scripture Reading

Romans 12.1-8

The Morning Sermon "Relationships Among the Redeemed"

Dr. Ryan

For by grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

Romans 12.3

*Closing Hymn No. 355

"We Are God's People"
Stanzas 1, 2 and 4

SYMPHONY

*The Benediction

Minister: Peace be to all the brothers and sisters, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible. Ephesians 6.23-24

People: THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN!

Postlude

"Fugue in D Major"
Mr. Colin Howland, Organ

J. S. Bach

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.

The flowers in our worship services this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dorothy Harris Bush by her family, Beverly, Emily, Laura and Bill.

*The Congregation stands.

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