



*A PRAYING COMMUNITY*

**ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

Park Cities Presbyterian Church  
February 18, 2007  
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

*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.*

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*Please turn off all communication devices.  
Please do not bring food or drinks into the sanctuary.  
Thank you.*

**Preparation for Worship**

**Choral Introit**

9:30/11:00

*"Come, All You People"*

High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir  
Lynda Fray, *Director*; Mark Macatee, *Conga*

*Alexander Gondo  
Zimbabwe, 20<sup>th</sup> c.*

**Call to Worship**

Dr. Pete Deison

**Minister:** Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise! Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing to You."

**People:** **All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name.**

Psalm 66.1-4

**\*Hymn of Adoration** "All Praise to God Who Reigns Above" *MIT FREUDEN ZART*



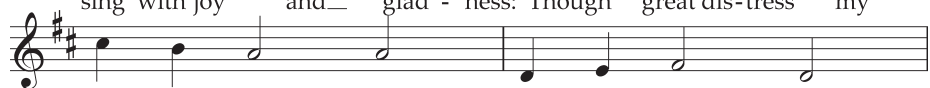
1. All praise to God, who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
 2. What God's al - might - y pow'r has made His gra - cious mer - cy -  
 3. I cried to Him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my -  
 4. Then come be - fore His pre - sence now and ban - ish fear and



- a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r and love, the  
 keep - eth; by morn - ing dawn or eve - ning shade His  
 call - ing! For death he gave me life in - deed and  
 sad - ness; to your Re - deem - er pay your vow and



God of our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing balm my  
 watch - ful eye ne'r sleep - eth; with - in the king - dom  
 kept my feet from fall - ing. For this my thanks shall  
 sing with joy and glad - ness: Though great dis - tress my



soul He fills, the God who ev - ery  
 of His might, lo, all is just and  
 end - less be; O thank Him, thank our  
 soul be - fell, the Lord, my God, did



sor - row stills. To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 all is right. To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 God with me. To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 all things well. To God all praise and glo - ry!

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Psalm of Thanksgiving**

**Minister:** Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in Him, who rules by His might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

**People:** **Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

Psalm 66.5-9

**\*Hymn of Praise**

"Sing Praise to the Father"

*TO GOD BE THE GLORY*



1. Sing praise to the Fa - ther, Cre - a - tor and King, whose mer - cy has  
 2. Sing praise to the Sav - ior, Re - deem - er and Friend, for grace past all  
 3. Sing praise to the Spir - it, the gift of God's love, who quick - ens our  
 4. Sing praise to the Fa - ther, sing praise to the Son, sing praise to the



taught us a new song to sing; who made us, and loved us though  
 tell - ing, for love with - out end; who stripped off His glo - ry, put  
 hearts with new life from a - bove, who woos us, sub - dues us, and  
 Spir - it, great God Three in One; the God of sal - va - tion, of



reb-els and lost, and planned our re-demp-tion at in - fi - nite cost.  
 on mor-tal sin, and died in our stead, full a - tone-ment to win.  
 seals us His own, and fault - less pre-sents us be - fore the White Throne.  
 glo- ry, of grace, who wrought our re-demp-tion, my soul, sing His praise!



Bless the Lord, bless the Lord, O my soul, for the grace that re-deems, for the



love that makes whole; O come and a - dore Him, His glo - ries pro -



claim, and wor - ship be - fore Him: the Lord is His name!

**The Sacrament of Baptism** 9:30/11:00

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 9:30

The Rev. Tim Tinsley 9:30

Mr. Lamberth 11:00

The Rev. Jim Bland 11:00

### Parental Vows

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in (his/her) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (his/her) salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before (him/her) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him/her), that you will teach (him/her) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him/her) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

### Congregational Vow

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

9:30

Campbell Lee Peterson  
 Matthew Cates Peterson  
 Sarah Kate Dawson  
 Knox Andrew Randall  
 Michael Sutton Smith

11:00

Porter Suzanne DeLuca  
 Marshall James Smith

**Prayer for the Families** 9:30/11:00

Mr. Mike McMahon, *Elder* 9:30

Mr. Lamberth 11:00

**Song of Praise**

9:30/11:00

"How Great Thou Art"

Dean Peterson, *Bass* • J. Marty Cope, *Piano*

*O STORE GUD*

Minister: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for my soul. I cried to Him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.

**People: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me!**

Psalm 66.16-20

## Public Confession

Eternal and merciful God, You have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and You have set us on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from Your way; we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of Your grace symbolized in baptism, O God, we praise You and give You thanks that You forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with You, and in whose strong name we pray.

## Private Confession

## Words of Assurance and Comfort of the Gospel

Minister: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

## Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Tinsley 9:30

The Rev. Patrick Lafferty 11:00

## Musical Offering

8:00

Mr. Colin Howland, *Organ*

9:30/11:00

*"The Heart's Desire"*

*Schwoebel*

Chancel Choir • Mr. Cope, *Director*

Dawn Hui, *Violin* • Colin Howland, *Piano*

*One thing have I desired, one thing will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, may dwell and behold the beauty of the Lord and inquire in His temple.*

-adapted from Psalm 27.4

## \*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.*

### \*The Scripture Reading

Genesis 18.16-33

*Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way.<sup>17</sup> The Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do,<sup>18</sup> seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?<sup>19</sup> For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has promised him."<sup>20</sup> Then the Lord said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave,<sup>21</sup> I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to Me. And if not, I will know."*

*<sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord.<sup>23</sup> Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will You indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?<sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will You then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it?<sup>25</sup> Far be it from You to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?"<sup>26</sup> And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."*

*<sup>27</sup> Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes.<sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will You destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And He said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there."<sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to Him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it."<sup>30</sup> Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there."<sup>31</sup> He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it."<sup>32</sup> Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."<sup>33</sup> And the Lord went His way, when He had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.*

**Morning Sermon**

A PRAYING COMMUNITY  
"Praying Boldly"

Dr. Deison

Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, continue at  
Affirmation of Faith on page 7

## The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

**People: Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name; evermore praising You, and singing:**

*Please stand.*

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing

### \*The Words of Institution

### The Communion

*Please come forward down the center aisle.*

*Partake of the elements upon receiving them from the elders.*

*Return to your seat with your empty cup via the side aisle.*

## During the Serving of Communion

*Please use the following Scripture for private meditation.*

*1 Peter 1.3-9*

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, as was necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

☞ Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00, continue here ☞

### Affirmation of Faith

1 John 1.13-15,  
Larger Catechism, Q. 180, Hebrews 4.16

**Minister:** I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him. What is it to pray in the name of Christ?

**People:** **To pray in the name of Christ is, in obedience to His command, and in confidence on His promises, to ask mercy for His sake; not by bare mentioning of His name, but by drawing our encouragement to pray, and our boldness, strength, and hope of acceptance in prayer, from Christ and His mediation.**

**Minister:** Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**\*Closing Song**

*"Before the Throne of God Above"*

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1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me  
3. Be - hold Him there, the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect



strong, a per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is  
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see Him  
spot - less Right - eous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I



Love who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
there who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the  
Am, the King of glo - ry and of Grace. One with Him -



gra - ven on His hands. My name is writ - ten on His  
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
self, I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased with His



heart. I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can  
free. For God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on  
blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my



bid me thence de - part; no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.  
Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

**\*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.

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Postlude**

*\*The congregation stands.*

*The flowers in our worship services this morning are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Ernie Figari, loving husband and father, on his birthday by Elizabeth, Alexandra and Audrey.*