

A Praying Community

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church July 15, 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.

Please turn off all communication devices. Thank you.

Preparation for Worship

Hebrews 7:23-25

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Romans 8:26-27

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Call to Worship Dr. Pete Deison

Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known

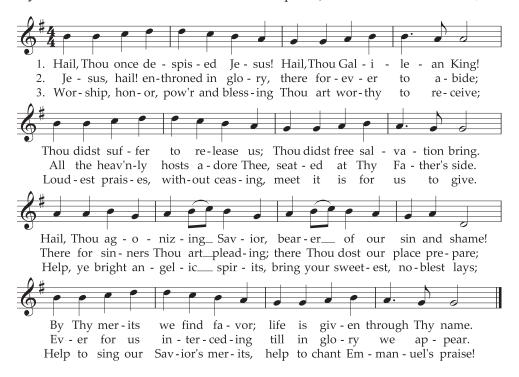
His deeds among the peoples!

People: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous

works! Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Psalm 105.1-3

*Hymn of Adoration No. 181 "We Come, O Christ, to You"

DARWALL



Please be seated.

Profession of Our Church's Faith

Larger Catechism, Q's 180 and 182

Minister: 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: How does the Spirit help us to pray?

People: We not knowing what to pray for as we ought, the Spirit helps

our infirmities, by enabling us to understand both for whom, and what, and how prayer is to be made; and by working and quickening in our hearts (although not in all persons, nor at all times, in the same measure) those apprehensions, affections, and graces which are requisite for the right performance of

that duty.

Public Confession of Sin

Minister: Since then we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 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.

Hebrews 4:14-16

People:

O God Who hears prayer, teach me to pray. I confess that in religious exercises the language of my lips and the feelings of my heart have not always agreed, that I have frequently taken carelessly upon my tongue a name never pronounced above without reverence and humility, that I have often desired things which would have injured me, that I have erred both on the side of my hopes and also of my fears, that I am unfit to choose for myself, for it is not in me to direct my steps. Let Your Spirit help my infirmities, for I know not what to pray for as I ought. Let Him produce in me wise desires by which I may ask right things, then I shall know that You hear me.

Private Confession

Psalm of Praise No. 36 "Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me" PUER NOBIS NASCITUR 9:30/11:00

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 8:00/9:30 The Rev. Patrick Lafferty 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

"I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" Mr. Colin Howland, *Organ* Bach

9:30/11:00 "Here I Am, Lord" arr. Schrader
Chancel Choir • Dr. David Fray, Guest Director

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame; I will set a feast for them; my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

*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.

Romans 5.1

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

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Morning Sermon

"The Hard Work in Prayer"

Dr. Deison

"An ordinary simple Christian kneels down to say his prayers. He is trying to get into touch with God. But if he is a Christian he knows that what is prompting him to pray is also God: God, so to speak, inside him. But he also knows that all his real knowledge of God comes through Christ, the Man who was God – that Christ is standing beside him, helping him to pray, praying for him. You see what is happening. God is the thing to which he is praying – the goal he is trying to reach. God is also the thing inside him which is pushing him on – the motive power. God is also the road or bridge along which he is being pushed to that goal so that the whole threefold life of the three-personal Being is actually going on in that ordinary little bedroom where an ordinary man is saying his prayers. The man is being caught up into the higher kinds of life – what I called Zoe or spiritual life: he is being pulled into God, by God, while still remaining himself."

—from *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis

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*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

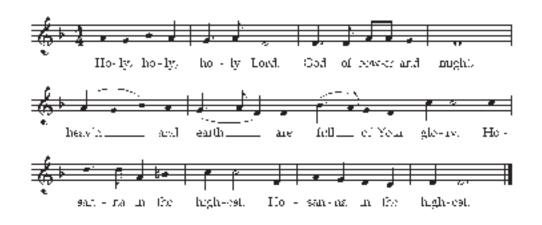
to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,

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:



*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.

Psalm 131

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.
But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.
O Israel, hope in the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore.



*Benediction

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to

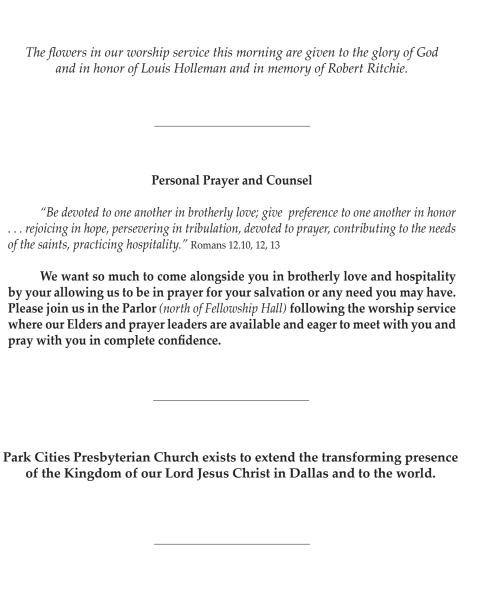
shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His

countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude "Song of Triumph" Oliphant Chuckerbutty
Mr. Howland, Organ

^{*}The congregation stands.



Looking AheadPreaching Schedule

July 22, 2007 The Rev. Tim Tinsley Associate Pastor: Evangelism Park Cities Presbyterian Church Dallas, Texas

July 29, 2007 Dr. Paul D. Tripp President of Paul Tripp Ministries Adjunct Faculty at CCEF and Westminster Seminary Philadelphia, Pennsylvania