

# A PRAYING COMMUNITY

# Order for the Worship of God

Park Cities Presbyterian Church September 2, 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** 

"Christ Triumphant" Mr. Stephen Nielson, *Piano*  arr. Nielson

Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00 Dr. Pete Deison 9:30 The Rev. Bill Lamberth 11:00

Minister: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually

be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the

humble hear and be glad.

People: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name

together!

Minister: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man

who takes refuge in Him!

People: The LORD redeems the life of His servants; none of those

who take refuge in Him will be condemned. Psalm 34.1-3, 8, 22

\*Hymn of Adoration No. 455 "And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

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### \*Confession of our Church's Faith

Minister: Christian, how can you be righteous before God?

People: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. That is: although my con-

science accuses me, that I have grievously sinned against all the commandments of God, and have never kept any of them, and that I am still prone always to all evil, yet God, without any merit of mine, of mere grace, grants and imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness and holiness of Christ, as if I had never committed nor had any sin, and had myself accomplished all the obedience which Christ has fulfilled for me, if

only I accept such benefit with a believing heart.

Minister: Why do you say you are righteous only by faith?

People: Not that I am acceptable to God on account of the worthiness

of my faith; but because only the satisfaction, righteousness and holiness of Christ is my righteousness before God, and I can receive the same and make it my own in no other way than by faith only.

Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 60-61

\*Hymn of Praise No. 460 "Amazing Grace!" AMAZING GRACE
Stanzas: 1-2, All; Stanza 3: Men; Stanza 4, All; Stanza 5, Women; Stanza 6: All

Please be seated.

### **Public Confession of Sin**

O God of grace, You have imputed my sin to my substitute, and have imputed His righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom's robe, decking me with jewels of holiness. But in my Christian walk I am still in rags; my best prayers are stained with sin; my penitential tears are so much impurity; my confessions of wrong are so many aggravations of sin; my receiving the Spirit is tainted with selfishness. I need to repent of my repentance; I need my tears to be washed; I have no robe to bring to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness; I am always standing clothed in filthy garments, and by grace am always receiving change of raiment, for You justify the ungodly. Grant me never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, the exceeding wonder of grace!

### **Private Confession**

# Words of Assurance and Comfort of the Gospel

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/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Williams 8:00 Mr. Kent Johnson, *Ruling Elder* 9:30/11:00

### **Musical Offering**

8:00

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Mr. Nielson, *Piano* 

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9:30/11:00

"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, *Director* 

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When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers; the moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man that You are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. Oh, what is man that You are mindful of him. O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly, and so would we, and so would we. Alleluia!

text: Linda Lee Johnson, based on Psalm 8

# \*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: Now in Christ Jesus, we who once were far off have been

brought near by the blood of Christ, for He Himself is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. Ephesians 2.13-14

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

Luke 18.9-27

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

<sup>15</sup> Now they were bringing even infants to Him that He might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus called them to Him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the Kingdom of God. <sup>17</sup> Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

<sup>18</sup> And a ruler asked Him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>19</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>20</sup> You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " <sup>21</sup> And he said, "All these I have kept from my youth." <sup>22</sup> When Jesus heard this, He said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." <sup>23</sup> But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. <sup>24</sup> Jesus, looking at him with sadness, said, "How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup> Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup> But He said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

**The Morning Sermon** "The Response of Righteousness" Mr. Mark Mathews

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Please stand.

# \*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

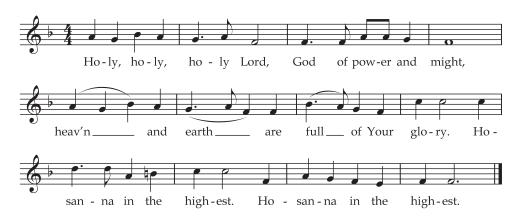
to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,

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.

John 6.35-40

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and whoever comes to Me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that I should lose nothing of all that He has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

\*Closing Hymn No. 524 "Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

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### \*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** 

"Trumpet Voluntary" Mr. Colin Howland, *Organ*  Stanley

\*The congregation stands.

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Clare Foss Langmade and Thomas Walton Munsmann.

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

## 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 alongside 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 (north of Fellowship Hall) 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.