

## A PRAYING COMMUNITY

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church September 23, 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**

**Choral Introit** 

"Awake, My Soul, and Sing" Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, *Director*  arr. Young

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity!

#### Call to Worship

The Rev. Julian Russell

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, You are very great!

You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering Yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like

a tent.

People: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice

in His works; I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing to my God while I have being.

from Psalm 104

\*Hymn of Adoration No. 44

"How Great Thou Art" Stanzas: 1, 3 and 4 O STORE GUD

\*Prayer of Adoration

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

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00 The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30 The Rev. Rob Allen 11:00

Minister **People:** 

Minister: What do you believe about the church of Christ?

We believe and confess one single catholic or universal church—a holy congregation and gathering of true Christian believers. They await their entire salvation in Jesus Christ, having been washed by His blood, and sanctified and sealed by the Holy Spirit. This church has existed from the beginning of the world and will last until the end, as appears from the fact that Christ is eternal King who cannot be without subjects. This holy church is preserved by God against the rage of the whole world, even though for a time it may appear very small in the eyes of humankind—as though it were snuffed out. This holy church is not confined, bound, or limited to a certain place or certain persons. But it is spread and dispersed throughout the entire world, though still joined and united in heart and will, in one and the same Spirit, by the power of faith.

-based on Belgic Confession, Art. 27

\*Hymn of Praise No. 347 "The Church's One Foundation" Stanzas 1, 2 and 6

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Please be seated.

#### **Public Confession of Sin**

Almighty God and loving Father, we thank You for placing us in covenant relationships, in homes and in families and friendships. Forgive us for taking our vows and promises lightly. Forgive us for the breakdown of family life, for misdirected love, for failing to give time to our families, for failing to teach and live by Your values. Jesus, our heavenly brother, teach us every day to love and serve, to cherish and protect those with whom we live. In Your name we pray. Amen.

#### **Private Confession of Sin**

#### Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2.4-7

9:30/11:00



# Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Williams 8:00 Mr. Tommy Bain, *Ruling Elder* 9:30/11:00

#### **Musical Offering**

8:00 "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Hebble

9:30/11:00 "God Is Our Refuge" Allen Pote
Chancel Choir • Mr. Cope, Director

God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble. Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear. Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God. He is in the midst of His people, in all the earth. He is the Word, He is our Rock, He will lead us. He is the Lord, the Lord of Hosts, He will cause the wars to cease, He is our Strength. We will not fear. He is the Lord, the Lord of Hosts.

### \*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.

**Extending the Kingdom: Urban Ministries** 

Mr. Bill Farrell 8:00 Mr. Tom Neuhoff 9:30 Mr. Trey Hill 11:00

### \*The Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5.15-33

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, His body, and is Himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> so that He might present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup> In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup> because we are members of His body. <sup>31</sup> "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." <sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

**The Morning Sermon** "Marriage: God's Great Object Lesson" Mr. Russell

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## \*The Great Thanksgiving

Mr. Williams

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

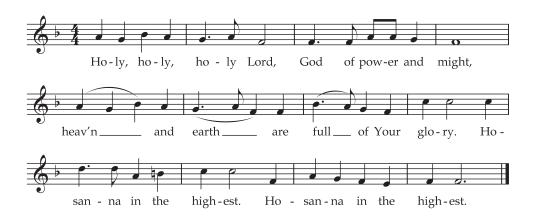
to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,

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.

Philippians. 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

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#### \*Benediction

Minister: Peace be with 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** "Tuba Tune" Lang

Mr. Colin Howland, Organ

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.

<sup>\*</sup>The congregation stands.