

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church March 21, 2010 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.

We Prepare Our Hearts

"The LORD is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him." Habakkuk 2.20

Preparation for Worship

9:30/11:00 "Proclaim the Lofty Praise"

Judson

The EXCEL Women's Choir Anna Knight, *Director*

We Praise and Profess Our Faith in God

"My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever." Psalm 145.21

Call to Worship

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

Minister: I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my pleas

for mercy. Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will

call on Him as long as I live.

People: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid

hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"

Minister: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. The

Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, He saved

me.

People: Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bounti-

fully with you.

Psalm 116.1-7

*Hymn of Adoration No. 76 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

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

They, whom God has accepted in His Beloved, effectually called, and sanctified by His Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere to the end, and be eternally

This perseverance of the saints depends not upon their own free will, but upon the immutability of the decree of election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father; upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ, the abiding of the Spirit, and of the seed of God within them, and the nature of the covenant of grace: from all which arises also the certainty and infallibility thereof.

Westminster Confession of Faith: XVII.1-2

*Hymn of Praise No. 701 "Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!"

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Public Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Private Confession

Song of Assurance 9:30/11:00

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

ST. COLUMBA



life

9:30

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 on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their 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 them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them 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 these children?

Margaret Ruth Lee James Sutherland Neilson Preston David Wilson

We Pray for Our Congregation, the Church, and the World

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people . . . This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

1 Timothy 2.1, 3-4

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Lamberth 8:00 Mr. Lafferty 9:30 Mr. Williams 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00 "Revelation Song" Amy Schofield, Soprano • Brian Piper, Piano

9:30/11:00 "Nunc Dimittis" Gibbons
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, Director

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, and is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

*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.

We Hear and Respond to God's Word

"Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules.

And all the people answered with one voice and said,

"'All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.'"

Exodus 24.3

*The Scripture Reading

Philippians 1.6, 27; 2.12-13; 3.12-4.1

^{1.6} And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,

^{2.12} Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

^{3.12} Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶ Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.

^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

The Morning Sermon

"The Saints Stand Firm"

Mr. Williams 8:00 Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

*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

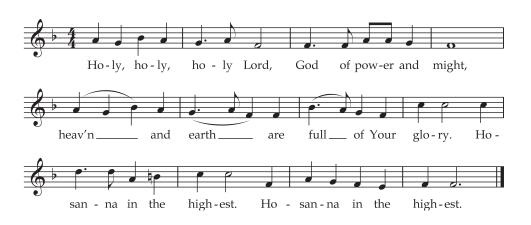
to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,

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:



We Proclaim Jesus Christ Crucified as the Only Salvation for Sinners "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'" John 14:6

*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 50.1-11

The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest. He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people: "Gather to Me My faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!" The heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is judge!

"Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before Me. I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. For every beast of the forest is Mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is Mine.

— Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00, please continue here —

We go into the World with God's Peace to Live for His Glory "Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

Hebrews 13:20-21

*Closing Hymn No. 575

"Soldiers of Christ, Arise"

DIADEMATA

*Benediction

Minister: Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to

present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude "Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals" Karg-Elert Mr. Cope, *Organ*

^{*}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.

MINISTERS

The members of this church family who, in serving their Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, extend His Kingdom 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.

Sunday Evening Worship Service
Tonight, March 21, 2010
6:00 pm • Oak Lawn West

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