



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 6, 2011
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

We Come to Worship at His Bidding

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!"

Psalms 150.6

Call to Worship

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

- Minister: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- People: **Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**
- Minister: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
- People: **Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.** *Psalms 95.1-3, 6-7a*

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." Psalms 145.21

*Hymn No. 55

"To God Be the Glory"

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*Prayer of Adoration

***Confession of Faith**

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 8:00

The Rev. Patrick Lafferty 9:30

The Rev. Julian Russell 11:00

All those whom God hath predestinated unto life, and those only, He is pleased, in His appointed and accepted time, effectually to call, by His Word and Spirit, out of that state of sin and death, in which they are by nature, to grace and salvation, by Jesus Christ; enlightening their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the things of God, taking away their heart of stone, and giving unto them a heart of flesh; renewing their wills, and, by His almighty power, determining them to that which is good, and effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ: yet so, as they come most freely, being made willing by His grace.

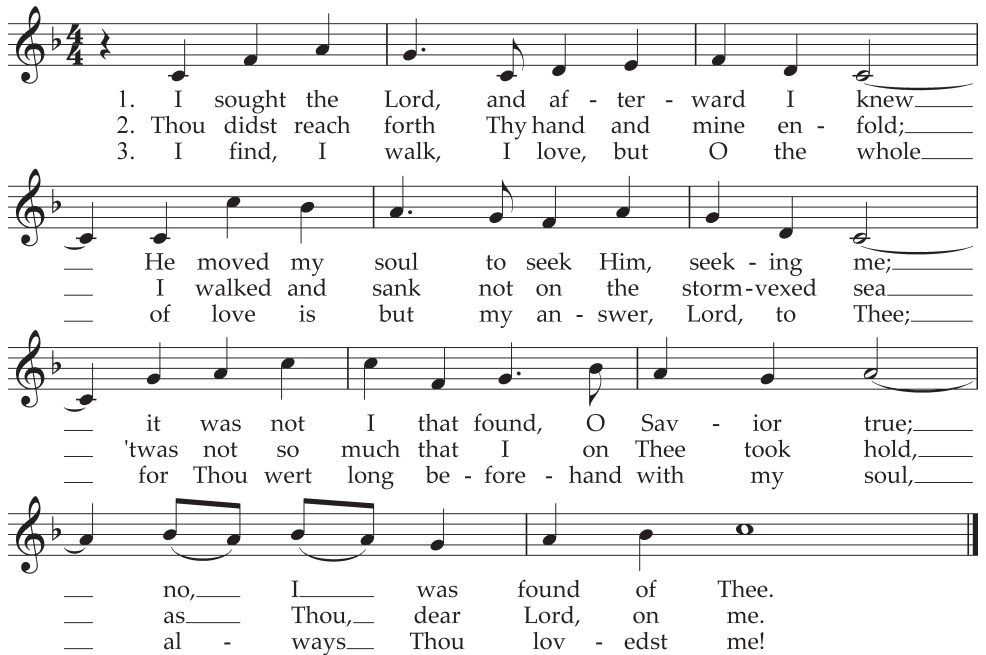
This effectual call is of God's free and special grace alone, not from anything at all foreseen in man, who is altogether passive therein, until, being quickened and renewed by the Holy Spirit, he is thereby enabled to answer this call, and to embrace the grace offered and conveyed in it.

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 10.1-2

***Hymn**

“I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew”

ENGELBERG



1. I sought the Lord, and af - ter - ward I knew _____
2. Thou didst reach forth Thy hand and mine en - fold; _____
3. I find, I walk, I love, but O the whole _____
— He moved my soul to seek Him, seek - ing me; _____
— I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea _____
— of love is but my an - swer, Lord, to Thee; _____
— it was not I that found, O Sav - ior true; _____
— 'twas not so much that I on Thee took hold, _____
— for Thou wert long be - fore - hand with my soul, _____
— no, I was found of Thee. _____
— as Thou, dear Lord, on me. _____
— al - ways Thou lov - edst me!

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

Public Confession of Sin

O God, we praise You for Your great love towards us in Christ Jesus, divine affection which chose Your people from before the foundation of the world. We rejoice with St. Paul that there is no one who can bring a charge against the elect of God! Yet, our gracious Father, we must confess that we attempt to cover our guilty consciences with good works, rather than looking to the finished work of Christ. We also spend much of our lives feeling unloved, lonely, and insecure, often seeking or demanding the attention and affirmation of others, rather than resting in the inseparable love of Christ. Lord, help us to be satisfied in You alone. Give us faith to trust the depth of Your love for us: purposeful, faithful, sacrificial, unmerited, everlasting love!

Private Confession

Hymn No. 334
9:30/11:00

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

TRENTHAM

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

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

Musical Offering

8:00

“Your Grace Still Amazes Me”
Brian Piper, Solo

Craig/Harrington
arr. Piper

9:30/11:00

“Awake, My Heart”
Chancel Choir • Brian Piper, Conductor

J. Marshall

Awake, my heart, and render to God thy sure defender, thy Maker, thy preserver, a song of love and fervor.

Confirm my deeds and guide me: my day, with Thee beside me, beginning, middle, ending will all be upward tending.

My heart shall be Thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling; Thy Word my nurture, given to bring me on toward heaven.

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Colossians 3.15

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.

Children's Sermon

9:30/11:00

*The Scripture Reading

John 3.1-21

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." ³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹ Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

The Morning Sermon

"Behind the Sign"

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

— Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please continue on page 5 —

*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:

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**

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

***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.

Please use the following Scripture for private meditation.

Psalm 71.4-6

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man. For You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth, upon You I have leaned from before my birth; You are He who took me from my mother’s womb. My praise is continually of You.

— Worshippers 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. 693**

“Blessed Assurance”

ASSURANCE

***The Benediction**

Minister: Peace be to you, 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.

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

Postlude

Mr. Howland, *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 Morning Communities

8:00 am

Adult classes

GO! GROUP Jackson Room 305

KOINONIA Webster Room 303 (8:15 am)

9:30 am

Nursery (birth–1½ years)

Visitors, please check in at the Red Desk by Room 176.

INFANTS Room 175

CRAWLERS Room 173

TODDLER 1A Room 177

TODDLER 1B Room 171

TODDLER 2 Room 174

TODDLER 3 Room 169

TODDLER 4 Room 172

TODDLER 5 Room 170

Preschool (2 years–K)

Visitors, please check in at the Red Desk in the preschool corridor.

TWO-YEAR-OLDS Rooms 166, 168

THREE-YEAR-OLDS Rooms 164, 165

FOUR-YEAR-OLDS Rooms 162, 163

FIVE-YEAR-OLDS Rooms 123, 125

KINDERGARTEN Rooms 121, 124

Bible Explorers

FIRST–THIRD GRADES Room 104/106

Adult classes

AGAPE Duke Room 261

GOOD NEWS Rasmussen Room 263

GOOD SHEPHERD Olles Room 301

WOMEN OF GRACE (meets second/ third Sundays) Room 303

VERITAS Steindorf/Shull/Nelson Room 262

SOJOURNERS White Room 302/304

Lao Presbyterian Fellowship

WORSHIP SERVICE Sribounheuang Chapel

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL Room 305

11:00 am

Nursery (birth–1½ years)

Visitors, please check in at the Red Desk by Room 176.

INFANTS Room 175

CRAWLERS Room 173

TODDLER 1A Room 177

TODDLER 1B Room 171

TODDLER 2 Room 174

TODDLER 3 Room 169

TODDLER 4 Room 172

TODDLER 5 Room 170

Preschool (2 years–K)

Visitors, please check in at the Red Desk in the preschool corridor.

TWO-YEAR-OLDS Rooms 162, 164, 166

THREE-YEAR-OLDS Rooms 165, 167, 168

PRE-KINDER Rooms 163, 123, 125

KINDERGARTEN Rooms 121, 124

Elementary school

FIRST GRADE BOYS Rooms 112

FIRST GRADE GIRLS Rooms 114

SECOND GRADE BOYS Rooms 113

SECOND GRADE GIRLS Rooms 115

THIRD GRADE BOYS Room 108

THIRD GRADE GIRLS Room 110

FOURTH GRADE BOYS Room 105

FOURTH GRADE GIRLS Room 111

Middle school

FIFTH–EIGHTH GRADE Oak Lawn Building

High school

NINTH–TWELFTH GRADE Oak Lawn OR

Adult classes

COVENANT Deison/Wood Room 261

GROUND SCHOOL Lafferty/Jeffress
Oak Lawn West

LAO FELLOWSHIP Sribounheuang Chapel

NEW CREATIONS Fulmer/Vanderhill
Room 262

SHEPHERDS OF SOULS Russell Room 300

VINEYARD Gowdey Room 107/109

YOUNG COUPLES Goebel Room 302/304

YOUNG ADULTS Wilson Room 301

More information on Sunday Morning Communities is available in our literature racks.

Want to know more about...

Ground School?

Please join us as we explore the Westminster Confession together. Ground School is a nine-month expedition into the ground of our faith, life, and ministry with the Westminster Confession as our guide. The Westminster Confession of Faith stands as a foundational summary of Reformed theology and as the bedrock for our denomination's understanding of what the Scriptures principally teach. Ground School will have the Confession as its primary subject. It will seek to explore the ground of our faith, life, and ministry with the Confession's articulation of the Scripture as our guide.

SERMON NOTES

John 3.1-21
"Behind the Sign"

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of February 6, 2011

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Psalm 95.1-2

The Doxology *(sing or say these words together)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: *John 3.1-21 (one person read the Scripture aloud)*

Questions for Discussion *(may be answered in one worship time or spread over several times)*

1. Why do you think John 3.16 is such a popular verse?
2. Why do you think Nicodemus went to meet with Jesus?
3. Why did he go at night?
4. What does it mean to be born again?
5. What role does the Holy Spirit play in this new birth?

Questions for older children

1. What did Jesus mean when He said you must be born of water and the Spirit?
2. How is the Spirit like the wind?
3. How did Jesus' words dismantle all that Nicodemus believed in as a Pharisee?
4. How are you like Nicodemus?
5. How has the Holy Spirit given you new birth?

Scripture Memory for February *(memorize these verses of Scripture this month)*

1 Corinthians 2.11-12

For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

Prayer

Prayer *(saying together)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.