

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church July 17, 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!"

Psalm 150.6

Call to Worship

The Rev. Patrick Lafferty

Minister: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His

holy name!

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who

forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth

is renewed like the eagle's.

Minister: The steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting

on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His

commandments.

People: The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His

kingdom rules over all. Psalm 103:1-5, 17-19

*Hymn of Adoration No. 53 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

*Prayer of Adoration

Minister: What is repentance unto life?

People:

Repentance unto life is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby, out of the sight and sense, not only of the danger, but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins, and upon the apprehension of God's mercy in Christ to such as are penitent, he so grieves for and hates his sins, as that he turns from them all to God, purposing and endeavoring constantly to walk with Him in all the ways of new obedience.

The Larger Catechism, Q. 76

New Testament Lesson

Luke 7.37-50



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

Blessed be the LORD! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him. Psalm 28.6-7

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison 8:00/9:30 Mr. Williams 11:00

Musical Offering "Revelation Song" Amy Mackenroth, soprano • Brian Piper, piano Riddle

*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.

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

Joel 1:1-4, 13-15; 2:12-14, 18, 23-27

The word of the Lord that came to Joel, the son of Pethuel: ² Hear this, you elders; give ear, all inhabitants of the land! Has such a thing happened in your days, or in the days of your fathers? ³ Tell your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children to another generation.

- ⁴ What the cutting locust left, the swarming locust has eaten. What the swarming locust left, the hopping locust has eaten, and what the hopping locust left, the destroying locust has eaten.
- ¹³ Put on sackcloth and lament, O priests; wail, O ministers of the altar. Go in, pass the night in sackcloth, O ministers of my God! Because grain offering and drink offering are withheld from the house of your God.
- ¹⁴ Consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly. Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land to the house of the Lord your God, and cry out to the Lord.
- 15 Alas for the day! For the day of the Lord is near, and as destruction from the Almighty it comes.
- ^{2.12} "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³ and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. ¹⁴ Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God?
 - ¹⁸ Then the Lord became jealous for his land and had pity on his people.
- ²³ "Be glad, O children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the latter rain, as before.
- ²⁴ "The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. ²⁵ I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you.
- ²⁶ "You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

The Morning Sermon

"The End of Repentance"

Mr. Lafferty

— Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00, continue at closing hymn on page six —

*The Great Thanksgiving 8:00

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

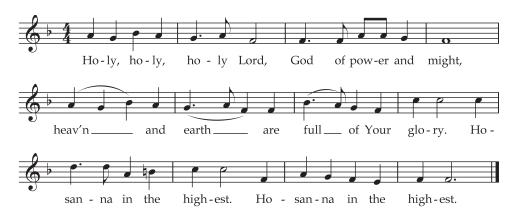
to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,

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

*The Words of Institution 8:00

The Communion 8:00

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, you may use the following Scripture for private meditation.

Psalm 76.1-6

In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. His abode has been established in Salem, His dwelling place in Zion. There He broke the flashing arrows, the shield, the sword, and the weapons of war. Glorious are You, more majestic than the mountains of prey. The stouthearted were stripped of their spoil; they sank into sleep; all the men of war were unable to use their hands. At Your rebuke, O God of Jacob, both rider and horse lay stunned.

*Closing Hymn No. 498 "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

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*The Benediction

Minister: 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.

Hebrews 13:20-21

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

Mr. Colin Howland, organ

* The congregation stands.

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Colin Howland and every member of the Music and Arts department whose gifts so beautifully enhance our time of worship each Sunday as we gather to glorify God.

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.

Senior Pastor

The Rev. Mark Davis

Session/Associate Pastor

Tommy Bain	The Rev. Pete Deison	Rick Owens
Alan Balser	Will Francis	Bobby Payne
Ron Baxter	Harry Hargrave	Kirk Pogoloff
Frank Bullock	Ed Jarrett	Dan Stewart
Kit Case	Louie Little	Randy Wood
Doug Chesnut	David Newman	

Assistant Pastors

The Rev. Ron Williams	The Rev. Julian Russell
The Rev. Bill Lamberth	The Rev. Jeff White
The Rev. Patrick Lafferty	

Executive DirectorJeff Barber

Shepherding Elders

(Elders not currently on the Session but active in ministry at Park Cities Presbyterian Church)

John Bateman	David Gowdey	Henry Morgan
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David Burgher	John Hawkins	Boots Nowlin
Rick Bush	Bob Heinonen	Irv Queal
George Chapman	Bill Hill	Bob Rasberry
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Bill Farrell	Bill Mabus	Steve Williamson
Paul Flowers	Mike McMahon	Arthur Wood
David Franklin	Robert Mighell	
Mark Fulmer	Pat Moore	

SERMON NOTES

Joel 1:1-4, 13-15; 2:12-14, 18, 23-27

"The End of Repentance"

Order of Worship for the Home - The Week of July 17, 2011

Praise

Call to Worship (everyone together)

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

"Yet Sovereign Mercy Calls" (sing or say these words together)

Please refer to the hymn on page two.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: *Joel 1:1-4, 13-15; 2:12-14, 18, 23-27* (one person read the Scripture *aloud*)

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

- 1. Have you hurt someone and had to say, "I'm sorry"? Why do we say, "I'm sorry"?
- 2. What is sin and why is it so terrible? to us and to God?
- 3. What does it mean that God is holy? And why doesn't God just ignore our sin?
- 4. What does it mean that God is merciful? Why does He choose to be merciful?
- 5. How has Jesus been both holy and merciful?

Questions for older children

- 1. What's the difference between being sorry you were caught doing something wrong and being sorry you did something wrong? Why does God care about why you are sorry?
- 2. What does it mean to repent? How do you know if you're truly repenting?
- 3. How do you know if God is your greatest treasure?

Scripture Memory for July (memorize these verses of Scripture this month)

Psalm 33:12

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!

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.