



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 24, 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: Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

People: **Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable.**

Minister: He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might He increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;

People: **But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.** *Isaiah 40.28-31, 41.10*

*Hymn of Adoration No. 92 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

*Prayer of Adoration

***Confession of Faith**

Mr. Steve Vanderhill 8:00
The Rev. Julian Russell 9:30/11:00

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

***Hymn No. 94**

*“How Firm a Foundation”
Stanzas 1-4, 6*

FOUNDATION

Public Confession of Sin

Our gracious and loving Father, we give You thanks and praise for being the ever-faithful God, for Your constant provision, care, and protection. We rejoice in the truth of Your Word which teaches Your goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives; and since You did not spare Your own Son, but freely gave Him up for us all, that You most graciously give us all the things we need. Yet, Father, we confess our propensity to worry rather than wait, to focus on the waves around us rather than looking into Your face. Please, give us faith to trust You in all the circumstances of life. Help us to fix our eyes on the Founder and Perfecter of our faith, even our Savior, Jesus Christ, who rules and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Psalm 130:5-8

1. I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er whose price-less blood has ran-somed
 2. I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er. my life He bought, my love He
 3. I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er Who car-ries me on ea-gle's

me. Mine was the sin that drove the bit-ter nails and
 owns. I have no long-ings for a-noth-er I'm
 wings. He crowns my life with lov-ing kind-ness, His

hung Him on that judge-ment tree. I will glo-ry in my Re-
 sat-is-fied in Him a-lone. I will glo-ry in my Re-
 tri-umph song I'll ev-er sing. I will glo-ry in my Re-

deem-er Who crushed the pow'r of sin and death; My on-ly
 deem-er His faith-ful-ness, my stand-ing place Though foes are
 deem-er Who waits for me at gates of gold And when He

Sav-ior be-fore the Ho-ly Judge, the Lamb who is my right-eous
 might-y and rush up-on me my feet are firm, held by His
 calls me it will be par-a-dise His face for-ev-er to be-

ness, the Lamb who is my right-eous-ness.
 grace, my feet are firm held by His grace.
 hold, His face for-ev-er to be-hold.

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Vanderhill 8:00
Mr. Russell 9:30/11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

Brian Piper

9:30/11:00

"Fear Not"

Rankin

Laurie Hargrave, soprano • Brian Piper, piano

*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.

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 2.28-32; 3.1-3, 9-12, 15-18

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. ²⁹ Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

³⁰ "And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. ³² And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls."

³¹ "For behold, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, ² I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. And I will enter into judgment with them there, on behalf of my people and my heritage Israel, because they have scattered them among the nations and have divided up my land, ³ and have cast lots for my people, and have traded a boy for a prostitute, and have sold a girl for wine and have drunk it."

⁹ Proclaim this among the nations: Consecrate for war; stir up the mighty men. Let all the men of war draw near; let them come up. ¹⁰ Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, "I am a warrior."

¹¹ Hasten and come, all you surrounding nations, and gather yourselves there. Bring down your warriors, O Lord. ¹² Let the nations stir themselves up and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.

¹⁵ The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining.

¹⁶ The Lord roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth quake. But the Lord is a refuge to his people, a stronghold to the people of Israel.

¹⁷ "So you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who dwells in Zion, my holy mountain. And Jerusalem shall be holy, and strangers shall never again pass through it.

¹⁸ "And in that day the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the streambeds of Judah shall flow with water; and a fountain shall come forth from the house of the Lord and water the Valley of Shittim."

The Morning Sermon "Coming to terms with the story you're in" 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!

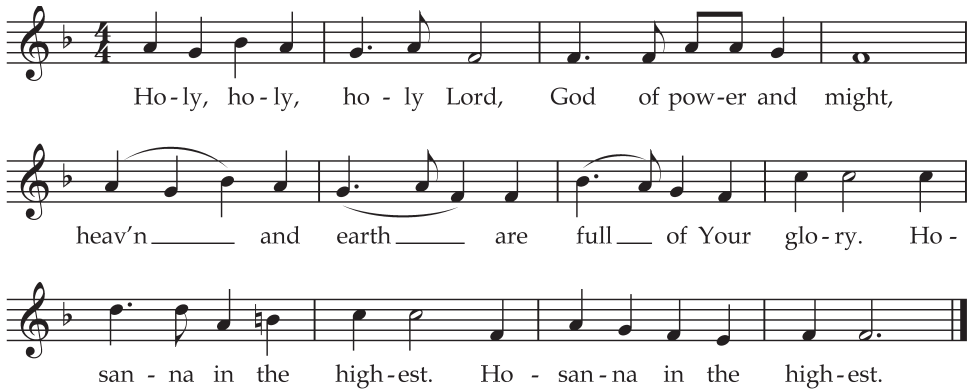
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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:



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.

*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 76.7-12

But You, You are to be feared! Who can stand before You when once Your anger is roused? From the heavens You uttered judgment; the earth feared and was still, when God arose to establish judgment, to save all the humble of the earth. Surely the wrath of man shall praise You; the remnant of wrath you will put on like a belt. Make your vows to the Lord your God and perform them; let all around Him bring gifts to Him who is to be feared, who cuts off the spirit of princes, who is to be feared by the kings of the earth.

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

*Closing Hymn No. 521 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

SOLID ROCK

***The Benediction**

Minister: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5.23

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 Laura and Jeff Wilson for their dedicated leadership of the Young Adult Class.

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.

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The Rev. Mark Davis

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Tommy Bain	The Rev. Pete Deison	Rick Owens
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Frank Bullock	Ed Jarrett	Dan Stewart
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Doug Chesnut	David Newman	

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

Executive Director

Jeff Barber

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(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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George Chapman	Bill Hill	Bob Rasberry
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Bert Ehrmann	Don King	Ron Wideman
Bill Farrell	Bill Mabus	Steve Williamson
Paul Flowers	Mike McMahon	Arthur Wood
David Franklin	Robert Mighell	
Mark Fulmer	Pat Moore	

SERMON NOTES

Joel 2.28-32; 3.1-3, 9-12, 15-18

“Coming to terms with the story you're in”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of July 24, 2011

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

"I Will Glory in My Redeemer" *(sing or say these words together)*

Please refer to the hymn on page three.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: Joel 2.28-32; 3.1-3, 9-12, 15-18 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What's your favorite ending to a story you've read or a film you've seen? Why is it your favorite?
2. What God is doing in the world is kind of like Him writing a story. Some of the promises He's made give us a clue to how His "story" will turn out. What do you know about how the story He is writing will turn out?
3. What promises did Jesus make? Which has He already kept? Which are we still waiting for Him to keep?
4. Why might it be important to remind yourself often what God has promised?
5. How would remembering His promises about the future help you right now?

Questions for older children

1. Why do we believe that Jesus "finishes" part of what Joel told us God would do? *(compare Joel 2:28-32 and Acts 2:1-21)*
2. Often it might seem hard to believe things will turn out like God has promised—especially when things are hard. Why is remembering Jesus rose from the dead helpful to our trust that God will do what He has promised?
3. What does it look and feel like to trust God?
4. What does it mean to trust Him when you are sad, hurt, or disappointed? How does trusting Him change our sadness, hurt, or disappointment?

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.