



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 1, 2012

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 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *LOBE DEN HERREN*
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

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. Tommy Overton

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: **I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!**

Psalm 116.1-2, 17-19

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

***Hymn No. 164**

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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***Prayer of Adoration**

The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts, and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word, by which also, and by the administration of the sacraments and prayer, it is increased and strengthened.

By this faith, a Christian believes to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word, for the authority of God Himself speaking therein; and acts differently upon that which each particular passage thereof contains; yielding obedience to the commands, trembling at the warnings, and embracing the promises of God for this life, and that which is to come. But the principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.

This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong; may be often and in many ways assailed and weakened, but gets the victory: growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance through Christ, who is both the author and finisher of our faith. Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter XIV

*Hymn of Praise

“In Christ Alone”

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1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the



light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this so - lid
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right-eous-
 world by dark - ness slain: Then burst - ing forth in glo - r'ous
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



Ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm.
 ness scorned by the ones He came to save:
 Day up from the grave He rose a - gain!
 breath Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
 'Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry sin's curse has
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My Com - for - ter, my All in
 God was sat - is - fied For ev - 'ry sin on Him was
 lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is
 pluck me from His hand; 'Till He re - turns or calls me



All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine—bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

Public Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, save me entirely from sin. I know I am righteous through the righteousness of another, but I pant and pine for likeness to Yourself; I am Your child and should bear Your image; enable me to recognize my death unto sin; when it tempts me may I be deaf unto its voice. Deliver me from the invasion as well as the dominion of sin. I tremble at my natural inclinations, my propensity to envy, meanness and pride. Forgive and destroy these vices; have mercy on my unbelief, on my corrupt and wandering heart. Sin is my greatest curse; let Your victory be apparent to my consciousness and displayed in my life.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3.16

Song of Praise No. 226 "As with Gladness Men of Old" DIX

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer Mr. Lamberth

Musical Offering "Gesù Bambino" Pietro Yon
Joel McDow, *tenor* • Stephen Nielson, *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.

Children's Sermon

***The Scripture Reading**

Numbers 13.1-2; 13.25-14.9

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the people of Israel. From each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a chief among them."

²⁵ At the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land. ²⁶ And they came to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the people of Israel in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh. They brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. ²⁷ And they told him, "We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. ²⁸ However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there.

²⁹ The Amalekites dwell in the land of the Negeb. The Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the hill country. And the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and along the Jordan." ³⁰ But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, "Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it."

³¹ Then the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are." ³² So they brought to the people of Israel a bad report of the land that they had spied out, saying, "The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great height. ³³ And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them."

^{14.1} Then all the congregation raised a loud cry, and the people wept that night. ² And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The whole congregation said to them, "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! ³ Why is the LORD bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?" ⁴ And they said to one another, "Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt." ⁵ Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the people of Israel. ⁶ And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes ⁷ and said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. ⁸ If the LORD delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. ⁹ Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them."

The Morning Sermon "Now let the power of the Lord be great as You have promised" Mr. Overton

***Closing Hymn No. 521** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" SOLID ROCK

***The Benediction**

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6.24-26
People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Postlude "Tuba Tune" C.S. Lang
Colin 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.

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of January 1, 2012

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

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.
Psalm 16.1-2

“In Christ Alone” *(sing or say these words together)*

Please refer to the hymn on page two.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Numbers 13.1-2; 13.25-14.9 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What is fun about going to a new place or new town?
2. What did the Lord tell Moses to do in Numbers 13.1-2?
3. Name two things that the 12 men (*spies*) found in the land of Canaan?
4. What scared the people of Israel about the land of Canaan?
5. What gave Joshua and Caleb courage to stand up for God (Numbers 14.6-9)?

Questions for older children

1. Describe a time when you were asked (*or commanded*) to do something that scared you?
2. Why did all the people of Israel cry and grumble when they heard the report about the land of Canaan from the 12 men (*spies*)?
3. What gave Joshua and Caleb courage to stand up for God (Numbers 14.6-9) by themselves?
4. How can Jesus help you to be like Joshua and Caleb in your school or with your friends?

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

Hebrews 12.1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of 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.

SERMON NOTES

Numbers 13.1-2; 13.25-14.9

“Now let the power of the Lord be
great as You have promised”

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 School Communities

A number of classes are not meeting today.
You may check at the Information Center to learn which classes are meeting.