



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 6, 2012

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

"Prayer of St. Francis"

Pote

High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir
Hannah Mowrey, *piano* • Lynda Fray, *director*

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. Ron Williams 8:00

Mr. Brent Baker 9:30/11:00

Minister: Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

People: **For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.**

Isaiah 55.6-9

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. 2

"O Worship the King"
Stanzas: 1-5

LYONS

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Confession of Faith**

The Rev. Julian Russell 8:00
The Rev. Bill Lamberth 9:30/11:00

The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23

***Hymn**

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

DUKE STREET

I know that my Re - deem - er_ lives! What joy this blest as -
He lives tri - um - phant from the_ grave; He lives e - ter - nal -
He lives to bless me_ with His_ love; He lives to plead for
He lives, all glo - ry_ to His_ name! He lives, my Sav - ior,
sur - rance gives! He lives, He lives, who_ once_ was_
ly to save; He lives ex - alt - ed, throned a -
me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry_ soul_ to_
still the same; what joy this blest_ as - sur - ance_
dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!
bove; He lives to rule His church in love.
feed; He lives to help in time of need.
gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

Recognition of Graduating Seniors

9:30/11:00

Prayer

Song of Praise

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Public Confession of Sin

Righteous Father, we who own more than we use, proclaim more than we experience, and request more than we need, come asking Your forgiveness. We seek Your salvation, then act like we save ourselves. We beg Your forgiveness, then repeat our errors. We experience Your grace, then act defeated. We rely on Your power, but only in hard times. We have become confused and misguided. Forgive our every defection. Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, and the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1.13-14

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. Russell 8:00

Mr. Lamberth 9:30/11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

*“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
Sara Call, soprano*

Gounod

9:30/11:00

*“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director*

Manuel

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that foll’west all my way, I yield my flick’ring torch to Thee; my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine’s glow its day may brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee; I lay in dust life’s glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

*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

Mr. Baker

*The Scripture Reading

Matthew 7.7-11

Mr. Williams 8:00

Margaret Hill 9:30

Barker Carlock 11:00

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ⁹ Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

The Morning Sermon

“Ask. Seek. Knock.”

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Baker 9:30/11:00

— 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!

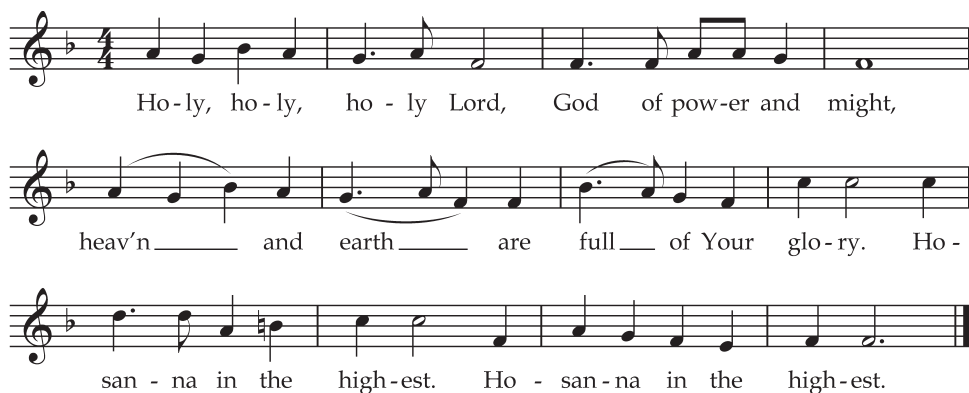
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing 8:00**

***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 89.13-28

You have a mighty arm; strong is Your hand, high Your right hand. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before You. Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face, who exult in Your name all the day and in Your righteousness are exalted. For You are the glory of their strength; by Your favor our horn is exalted. For our shield belongs to the LORD, our King to the Holy One of Israel. Of old You spoke in a vision to your godly one, and said: "I have granted help to one who is mighty; I have exalted one chosen from the people. I have found David, My servant; with My holy oil I have anointed him, so that My hand shall be established with him; My arm also shall strengthen him. The enemy shall not outwit him; the wicked shall not humble him. I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him. My faithfulness and My steadfast love shall be with him, and in My name shall his horn be exalted.

I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers. He shall cry to Me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.' And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth. My steadfast love I will keep for him forever, and My covenant will stand firm for him.

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

***Hymn No. 98**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

NUN DANKET

***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

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 our graduating senior, Catherine Ward, and the PCPC Youth Staff who have loved and shepherded her.

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.

Sunday Morning Communities

8:00 am

Adult classes

GO! GROUP Jackson Room 305

KOINONIA Dotson Room 303 (8:15 am)

9:30 am

Nursery (birth-1 1/2 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, 167, 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 Brodie/Bridgeman/Thomas Room 261

GOOD NEWS Williams/Warstler/Hobin Room 263

GOOD SHEPHERD Olles Room 301

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

VERITAS Shull/Isaac/Sung Room 262

Lao Presbyterian Fellowship

WORSHIP SERVICE Sribounheuang Chapel

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL Room 305

Want to know more about...

Shepherds of Souls?

The SOS Community is a place where God's Word is searched in hope Christ will grip our hearts so we may continue to grow as shepherds. The class hosts regular times of fellowship and is actively involved in missions. "For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls." 1 Peter 2:25 (ESV) Taught by Julian Russell, the class meets Sunday mornings at 11:00 am in Room 300 for a time of fellowship, singing, teaching and discussion. Our current study is: Knowing God.

11:00 am

Nursery (birth-1 1/2 years)

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

INFANTS Room 175

CRAWLERS Room 173

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TODDLER 1B Room 171

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TODDLER 4 Room 172

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FOUR-YEAR-OLDS Rooms 162, 163

FIVE-YEAR-OLDS Rooms 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

SOJOURNERS White/Bridgeman Room 263

VINEYARD Gowdey Room 107/109

NEW CITY Goebel Room 302/304

DOULOS (YOUNG ADULTS) Wilson Room 301

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

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 7.7-11

“Ask. Seek. Knock.”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of May 6, 2012

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” *(sing or say these words together)*

Please refer to the hymn on page two.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7.7-11 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What are the three commands from this passage?
2. What are the three commands talking about?
3. What is prayer?
4. List some things you most consistently ask God for in prayer.
5. How is God described here?
6. How is God similar to earthly fathers? How is He different and better?

Questions for older children

1. What do you ask God for the most? Why?
2. What do you think you should be asking for in prayer?
3. Do we always get what we want from God? Why not?

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

John 14.15-17

If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

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.