



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 8, 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

"David's Song"

Claire Dillahunty and Jenni Rasberry, *duet*

Roth

We Come to Worship at His Bidding

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

Psalm 150.6

Prayer for Short-term Missionaries: East Asia, Hong Kong

9:30/11:00

Call to Worship

The Rev. Patrick Lafferty

Minister: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

People: **On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.**

Psalm 62.5-8

***Hymn No. 92**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Confession of Faith**

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 8:00

The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30

The Rev. Tommy Overton 11:00

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 believeth to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word, for the authority of God Himself speaking therein; and acteth differently upon that which each particular passage thereof containeth; yielding obedience to the commands, trembling at the threatenings, 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 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 14

***Hymn No. 523**

“My Hope Is in the Lord”

WAKEFIELD

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

My God, I bless You that You have given me the eye of faith, to see You as Father, to know You as a covenant God, to experience Your love planted in me. Be pleased to live and move within me, breathing in my prayers, inhabiting my praises, speaking in my words, living in my life, causing me to grow in grace. Your bounteous goodness has helped me believe, but my faith is weak and wavering, its light dim, its steps tottering, its increase slow, its backslidings frequent. Lord, fan this divine spark into glowing flame! When faith sleeps, my heart becomes an unclean thing, the fount of every loathsome desire, the cage of unclean lusts all fluttering to escape, the toxic tree with deadly fruit. Lord, awake faith to put forth its strength until all heaven fills my soul and all impurity is cast out.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of Him... For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 1 John 5.1, 4

Hymn of Praise

“I Will Glory in My Redeemer”

Cook

9:30/11:00



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-

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grace, my feet are firm held by His grace.
hold, His face for-ev-er to be-hold.

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Lamberth 8:00

Mr. Goebel 9:30

Mr. Overton 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

Mr. Colin Howland, organ

9:30/11:00

“Praise the Lord” from Judas Maccabeus
Chancel Choir • Jeff Berta, conductor

G. F. Handel
arr. Hopson

Praise the Lord. Let songs of joy break forth. Sing alleluia. Praise His name forever more. Shout, sing and dance; come dance and celebrate. Rejoice; let all within us praise His name. Shout, sing, let songs of joy break forth. Rejoice, praise His holy name forevermore.

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts. We were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

1 Peter 2.25

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.

*The Scripture Reading

John 20.24-31

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe.”

²⁶ Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered Him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

The Sermon

“The Gospel According to Thomas”

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!

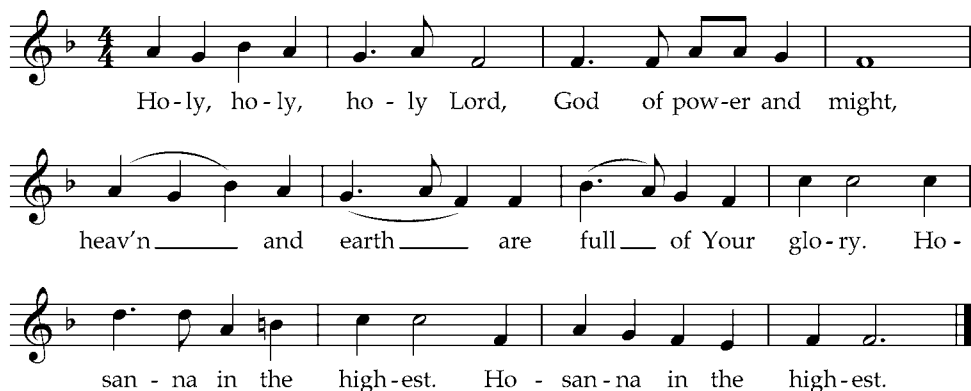
People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

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.

***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 92

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For You, O LORD, have made me glad by Your work; at the works of Your hands I sing for joy. How great are Your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep! The stupid man cannot know; the fool cannot understand this: that though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to destruction forever; but You, O LORD, are on high forever. For behold, Your enemies, O LORD, for behold, Your enemies shall perish; all evildoers shall be scattered. But You have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; You have poured over me fresh oil. My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies; my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants. The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God. They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green, to declare that the LORD is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

— Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00, 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. 598** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

***The Benediction**

Minister: Peace be to the brothers and sisters, 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. Ephesians 6.23-24

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

"Toccata in D minor"
Henry Webb, *guest organist*

Albert Renaud

**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.

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-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, 167, 168
THREE-YEAR-OLDS Rooms 164, 165
FOUR-YEAR-OLDS Rooms 162, 163
FIVE-YEAR-OLDS Rooms 123, 125
KINDERGARTEN Rooms 121, 124

Elementary

Bible Explorers does not meet during the summer.

Adult classes

AGAPE Brodie/Bridgeman/Thomas Room 261
COLLEGE Higginbottom Oak Lawn West
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...

Women of Grace?

This is a class primarily of women living alone who are seeking Christ-centered teaching and fellowship with other women in the body of Christ. The class meets the second and third Sundays if each month. This schedule allows for participation in other Sunday Morning Communities. Other activities are held during the month to pray, to serve others and to minister to each other. Our current study is: Personalizing the Psalms. Taught by Jane Higginbotham, the class meets in Room 303 at 9:30.

11:00 am

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Elementary

“SUMMER SPECTACULAR”

Kidz Court - Room 104/106

Middle school

FIFTH-EIGHTH GRADE Oak Lawn Building

High school

NINTH-TWELFTH GRADE Oak Lawn OR

Adult classes

COVENANT Deison/Wood Room 261
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

John 20.24-31

“The Gospel According to Thomas”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of July 8, 2012

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

“I Will Glory in My Redeemer” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please refer to the text on page three.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: John 20.24-31 *(one person may read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What does it mean to follow someone? How do you know whether you should or shouldn’t follow them?
2. Ask your parents what it means to have zeal. How did Thomas show zeal in his desire to follow Jesus? (John 11.16)
3. What does Jesus mean when He says, “No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14.6)? Why do we need Jesus to come to know God?
4. What does it mean to have faith? Why must we have faith in Jesus to follow Him? How do we grow in our faith in Jesus?

Questions for older children

1. Why isn’t it very popular in our day to say that Jesus is the only way to God?
2. How would you describe the way Jesus answers Thomas’ doubts: angrily, impatiently, or kindly?
3. In light of how He handles Thomas’ doubts, how does Jesus think about your difficulties in believing all He has said?

Scripture Memory for July: *(memorize this verse of Scripture this month)*

2 Timothy 1.7

For God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control.

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.