

ORDER FOR THE Worship of God

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH August 5, 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

"Elegy" J. Marty Cope, organ Thalben-Ball

We Come to Worship at His Bidding "Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!" Psalm 150.6

Call to Worship

Dr. Pete Deison

Minister: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

People:

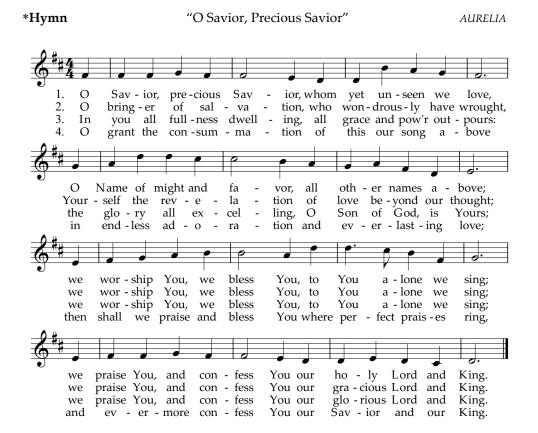
Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2.5-11

*Hymn No. 297

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" Stanzas 1, 3, 4, and 6

DIADEM

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth.



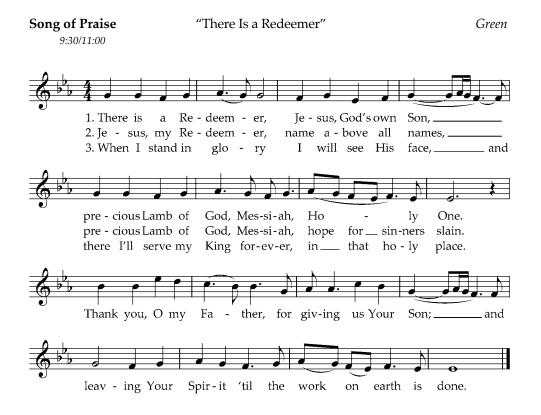
Public Confession of Sin

O Lord, I am deeply convinced of the evil and misery of a sinful state, of the vanity of creatures, but also of the sufficiency of Christ. When You would guide me, I control myself. When You would be sovereign, I rule myself. When You would take care of me, I suffice myself. When I should depend on Your provision, I supply myself. When I should submit to Your providence, I follow my will. When I should study, love, honor and trust You, I serve myself. I fault and correct Your law to suit myself, and I am by nature an idolater. Take away my roving eye, curious ear, greedy appetite and lustful heart, then take me to the cross and leave me there.

Words of Assurance

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6.22-23



Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

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

Musical Offering "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" arr. Piper
Brian Piper, piano/vocal • David Fray, cello
Paula Wissler, flute • Steve Barnes, percussion

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high: hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past; safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find: raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness; false and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within: Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee; spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

*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

Children's Sermon

9:30/11:00

*The Scripture Reading

selections from Ecclesiastes

Chapter 1.2-4, 8-9, 13-14

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

³ What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun? ⁴ A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever.

⁸ All things are full of weariness; a man cannot utter it; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. ⁹ What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.

¹³ And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴ I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

Chapter 2.1-4, 8, 11, 22-26

I said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself." But behold, this also was vanity. ² I said of laughter, "It is mad," and of pleasure, "What use is it?" ³ I searched with my heart how to cheer my body with wine—my heart still guiding me with wisdom—and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the children of man to do under heaven during the few days of their life. ⁴ I made great works. I built houses and planted vineyards for myself.

⁸ I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I got singers, both men and women, and many concubines, the delight

of the children of man.

¹¹ Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was

nothing to be gained under the sun.

²² What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³ For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. ²⁴ There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵ for apart from Him, who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶ For to the one who pleases Him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner He has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Chapter 3.9-11

What gain has the worker from his toil? ¹⁰ I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, He has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

Chapter 6.1-2, 8, 12

There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, and it lies heavy on mankind: ² a man to whom God gives wealth, possessions, and honor, so that he lacks nothing of all that he desires, yet God does not give him power to enjoy them, but a stranger enjoys them. This is vanity; it is a grievous evil.

⁸ For what advantage has the wise man over the fool? And what does the poor man have who knows how to conduct himself before the living?

¹² For who knows what is good for man while he lives the few days of his vain life, which he passes like a shadow? For who can tell man what will be after him under the sun?

Chapter 7.15

In my vain life I have seen everything. There is a righteous man who perishes in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man who prolongs his life in his evildoing.

Chapter 9.1

But all this I laid to heart, examining it all, how the righteous and the wise and their deeds are in the hand of God. Whether it is love or hate, man does not know; both are before him.

Chapter 12.12-14

My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh. ¹³ The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. ¹⁴ For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

The Sermon

"The Gospel According to Solomon"

Dr. Deison

— 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

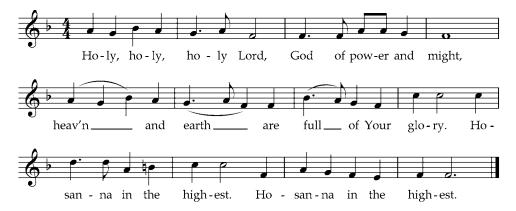
to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,

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:



*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 94.16-19

Who rises up for me against the wicked? Who stands up for me against evildoers? If the LORD had not been my help, my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence. When I thought, "My foot slips," Your steadfast love, O LORD, held me up. When the cares of my heart are many, Your consolations cheer my soul.

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

*Closing Hymn No. 457 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

*The Benediction

Minister: Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to

present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Jude 24-25

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude "Postlude on Old Hundredth"

Bock

*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.

Mr. Cope, organ

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
THREE-YEAR-OLDS
FOUR-YEAR-OLDS
FIVE-YEAR-OLDS
KINDERGARTEN
Rooms 166, 167, 168
Rooms 164, 165
Rooms 162, 163
Rooms 123, 125
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...

the Good News Community?

This community is a lively class for couples and singles who enjoy solid, life-changing Bible studies, hearty singing, fervent prayer, and a caring fellowship. Outside of class the members enjoy brunches, class dinners at the church, home gatherings or parties, and missions and outreach opportunities throughout the year. Our current study is: The State of the Union: Exploring our Union with Christ. The class meets in Room 263 at 9:30 am and is taught by Ron Williams, Kevin Warstler and Pat Hobin.

11:00 am

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Rooms 164, 165
Rooms 162, 163
Rooms 123, 125
Rooms 121, 124

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 Room 300

SOJOURNERSWhite/BridgemanRoom 263VINEYARDGowdeyRoom 107/109NEW CITYGoebelRoom 302/304

SHEPHERDS OF SOULS Russell

DOULOS (YOUNG ADULTS) Wilson Room 301

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

SERMON NOTES

selections from Ecclesiastes (see pages four and five)

"The Gospel According to Solomon"

THE POETICAL BOOKS

Job	Psalm	Proverbs	Ecclesiastes	Song of Solomon
Why do the righteous suffer?	How do we respond to God?	How do we live out truth?	Why is life so unpredictable?	What is love?
Trial	Worship	Wisdom	Futility	Love

Order of Worship for the Home - The Week of August 5, 2012

Praise

Call to Worship (everyone together)

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

"O Savior, Precious Savior" (read or sing these words together)

Please refer to the hymn on page two.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: selections from Ecclesiastes (see pages four and five - one person may read the Scripture aloud)

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

- 1. When Solomon says, "There is nothing new under the sun," what does he mean? (see 1.9-10)
- 2. Solomon says that everything we try to do in life (*under the sun*) has no lasting value, unless what? (3.9-13 and 5.19)
- 3. What does Solomon mean when he says, "A good name is better than a good ointment (*perfume*)"? (7.1)
- 4. Read Ecclesiastes 11.5. What is Solomon asking us to do?

Questions for older children

- 1. What is Solomon telling us in 1.8?
- 2. Compare 2.11 and 2.24-25. What do you learn?
- 3. Read Solomon's conclusion in 12.9-14. What does it mean?

Scripture Memory for August: (memorize this verse of Scripture this month)

Ephesians 2.8-10:

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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.