



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 12, 2013

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

Ascension Sunday

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.

Preparation for Worship

Colin Howland, organ

"See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph"

RUSTINGTON

*You have raised our human nature in the clouds to God's right hand;
There we sit in heavenly places, there with You in glory stand:
Jesus reigns, adored by angels, man with God is on the throne;
Mighty Lord, in Your ascension we by faith behold our own.*

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. Dr. Joseph "Skip" Ryan

Minister: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

People: **God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

Minister: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

People: **For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!
God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.**

from Psalm 47

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. 302**

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

MADRID

***Prayer of Adoration**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and 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 men and for our salvation came
down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin
Mary, and was made man.**

All Singing:

Christ triumphant, ever reigning, Savior, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining, hear us as we sing.
Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name.

Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of man on earth:
Power and majesty concealing by Your humble birth.
Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name.

**He 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He
shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose
kingdom shall have no end.**

All Singing:

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated, victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated, sinners justified.
Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name.

Priestly King, enthroned forever high in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never stifle hymns of love.
Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who pro-
ceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son
together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I
believe in one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one
baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

All Singing:

So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long,
Ceaselessly upon You gazing, this shall be our song.
Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name.

The Sacrament of Baptism

9:30/11:00

Mr. Davis, The Rev. Bill Lamberth 9:30

Mr. Davis 11:00

Parental Vows

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregational Vow

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

9:30

11:00

Leah Alice Johnson
Charlie McEwein Thompson
Knox Hamilton Woodard
Amelia Jane Woodard
William Reid Wilson IV

William Bryan Merkin
Cecily Jane Merkin
Liberty Ann Merkin
William Gilchrist Phillips
Caedmon Jacob Windsor

Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

Song of Praise

9:30/11:00

"There Is a Redeemer"

Green



1. There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son, _____
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names, _____
3. When I stand in glo - ry I will see His face, _____ and



pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, Ho - ly One.
pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, hope for sin-ners slain.
there I'll serve my King for-ev-er, in that ho - ly place.



Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv-ing us Your Son; _____ and



leav - ing Your Spir - it 'til the work on earth is done.

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

Lord Christ, when by the power of Your Holy Spirit working in us we see You by faith, we behold You as King and Lord of all. All power and glory belong to You, O Christ, forever and ever! Thank You for sending the Spirit to live in us, and to work in us that which is pleasing in Your sight. Increase in us the conviction that we are free from the slavery of sin! O God, we lament that, like the prodigal son, we would rather be a servant who earns his keep than a child who freely receives all You have to give us. Lord, like the prodigal in the far country, we still need to be humbled more greatly by Your mercy than by our own sin. We are helpless to help ourselves, but too proud to come and lay every sin on You. Make us like the sinful woman who anointed Jesus' feet, who saw beyond her sin to Your glory and grace. High King of heaven, You have won our victory! Give us thankful hearts, that we may truly worship You and give You praise.

Private Confession

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison 8:00
Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

Musical Offering

8:00 “My God Is So High” *arr. Moses Hogan*
Frances Cope, *soprano*

9:30/11:00 “Laudate Dominum” - Psalm 117 *Mozart*
Chancel Choir • Jenni Rasberry, *soprano* • J. Marty Cope, *director*

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes; Laudate eum, omnes populi. Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus, et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: We are the body of Christ; in one Spirit we were all baptized in one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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** 1 John 2.18-25, 28-29; 3.1-11

Dr. Deison 8:00

Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

1 John 2.18-25, 28-29

Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. ²⁰ But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. ²¹ I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. ²² Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. ²³ No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. ²⁴ Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵ And this is the promise that He made to us—eternal life.

²⁸ And now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears we may have confidence and not shrink from Him in shame at His coming. ²⁹ If you know that He is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of Him.

1 John 3.1-11

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure. ⁴ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that He appeared to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous. ⁸ Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹ No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God. ¹⁰ By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. ¹¹ For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

The Sermon

"The Antichrist and the Children"

Dr. Ryan

— Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00, please continue at closing hymn on page seven —

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 Great Thanksgiving 8:00**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

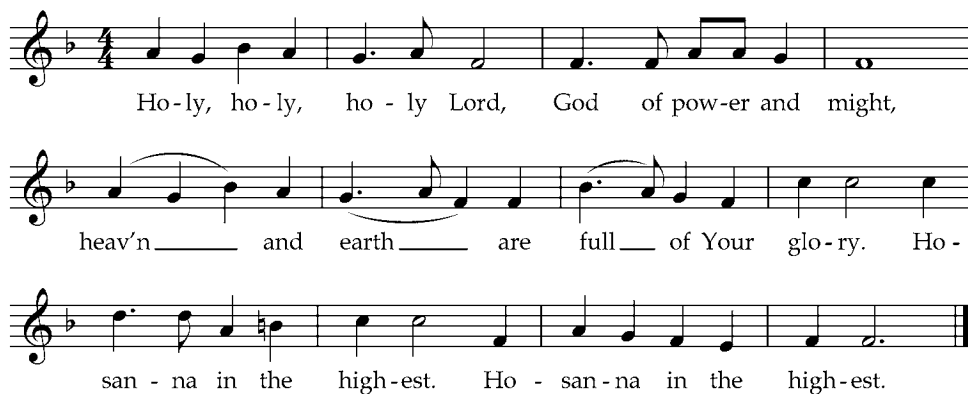
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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.

— 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. 106** "Father, Father of All Things" *FATHER OF ALL THINGS*

***The Benediction**

Minister: To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Revelation 1.5b-6

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

"Gigue Fugue"
Mr. Howland, *organ*

Bach

**The congregation stands.*

The flowers in our worship service are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Lauren Jones and Michael Stoltz.

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.

SERMON NOTES

1 John 2.18-25, 28-29; 3.1-11

“The Antichrist and the Children”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of May 12, 2013

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

“There is a Redeemer” *(sing or say these words together)*

Please refer to the hymn on page three.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: 1 John 2.18-25, 28-29; 3.1-11 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. How do you know you are a Christian?
2. Do you think you believe the truth that Jesus came down from His Father to live with us and die for us?
3. What does it mean for you to obey Jesus in your life?
4. How can you love God's people more?

Questions for older children

1. Do you ever question whether you are a Christian?
2. The first test of whether we are Christians is to ask if we believe the truth about Jesus being the incarnate Son of God. Can you affirm this?
3. For you, what does it mean to obey the truth that you believe about Jesus?
4. What is one way you could “risk” loving another Christian that may be difficult, uncomfortable or unpopular?

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

1 John 4.7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

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.