



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 29, 2013

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.

Preparation for Worship

*For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him?
So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.
Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from
God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.*
1 Corinthians 2.11-12

Call to Worship

The Rev. Mark Davis

Minister: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

People: **Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.**

Minister: The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

People: **He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name! The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!**

from Psalm 111

***Hymn of Adoration No. 59 "Forever Settled in the Heavens"**

DUKE STREET

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Confession of Faith**

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00
The Rev. Bill Lamberth 9:30
Dr. Joseph "Skip" Ryan 11:00

Minister: On what basis should we take to heart what the Bible says?

People: **The authority of the Holy Scripture, for which it ought to be believed, and obeyed, dependeth not upon the testimony of any man, or church; but wholly upon God (who is truth itself) the author thereof: and therefore it is to be received, because it is the Word of God.**

Minister: How may we be convinced that the Bible is God's Word?

People: **We may be moved and induced by the testimony of the church to an high and reverent esteem of the Holy Scripture. And the heavenliness of the matter, the efficacy of the doctrine, the majesty of the style, the consent of all the parts, the scope of the whole (which is, to give all glory to God), the full discovery it makes of the only way of man's salvation, the many other incomparable excellencies, and the entire perfection thereof, are arguments whereby it doth abundantly evidence itself to be the Word of God: yet notwithstanding, our full persuasion and assurance of the infallible truth and divine authority thereof, is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit bearing witness by and with the Word in our hearts.**

Westminster Confession of Faith, 1.4-5

***Hymn of Praise**

"In Christ Alone"

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1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a-lone who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less
3. There in the ground His bo-dy lay, light of the world in dark-ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in



song; this Cor-ner-stone, this so-lid Ground, firm through the
babe! This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the
slain: then burst-ing forth in glo-rious Day up from the
me; from life's first cry to fi-nal breath, Je-sus com-



fier-cest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
ones He came to save: till on that cross as Je-sus
grave He rose a-gain! And as He stands in vic-to-
mands my des-ti-ny. No power of hell, no scheme of



peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease! My Com-for-
died, the wrath of God was sat-is-fied, for ev-ery
ry sin's curse has lost its grip on me, for I am
man, can ev-er pluck me from His hand; till He re-



ter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
His and He is mine: bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
turns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Public Confession of Sin

Our righteous and loving heavenly Father, we rejoice that You are near to all who call upon You in truth. Teach us, O God, what that means! The words of Pontius Pilate haunt our world still: "What is truth?" Have mercy upon us, for in our search for significance, in our quest for meaning and fulfillment, we will turn to almost anything but You and Your Word. We want desperately to find that simple something which will make sense of our lives, which will bring peace and contentment, which will ease our confusion, and yet the search goes on and on. Help us, God, to feel our need for You. For this to really happen, as painful as it may be to us, please show us our sin...again and again. Expose in us that which we need to see, that we might know ourselves in light of Your truth. Then, may our desperate cries come to You, and of Your grace would they become cries of hope, tears of comfort, seeds of joy, bearing true repentance in us, even as we look to Jesus who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. O Lord, with Peter we ask, "Where else can we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Private Confession

Words of Assurance

Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling! Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God. Why are You cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.

Psalm 43.3-5

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison 8:00
Mr. Lamberth 9:30
Dr. Ryan 11:00

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Meditation

8:00

Mr. Colin Howland, organ

9:30/11:00

"See, What a Morning"

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Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director • Brian Piper, piano

See what a morning gloriously bright with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem; folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light as the angels announce Christ is risen! See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice, fulfilled in Christ the Man for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See, Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?" As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb; hears a voice speaking, calling her name; It's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again! The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us, will sound till He appears, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through the Spirit Who clothes faith with certainty. Honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with power and authority! And we are raised with Him; death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered. And we shall reign with Him, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

*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.

*Scripture Reading

2 Peter 1.16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. ¹⁷ For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

The Morning Sermon

"What Proof Do We Have
for the Authority of God's Word?"

Mr. Davis

**Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please
continue at closing hymn on page five.**

*The Great Thanksgiving 8:00 only

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

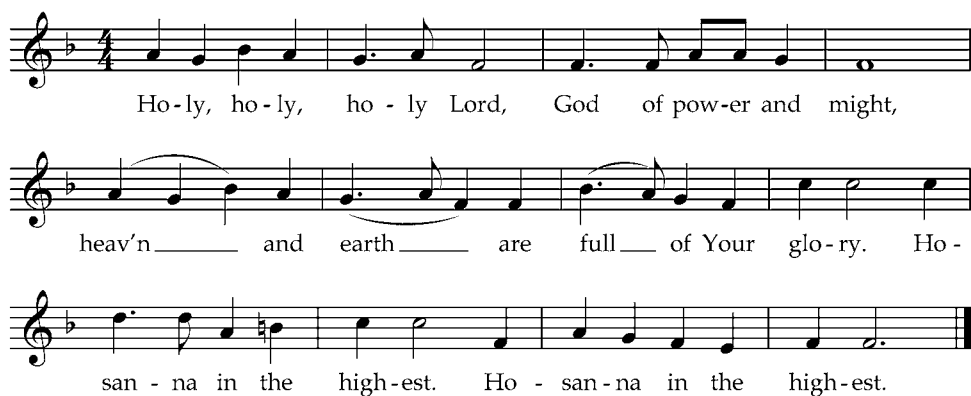
People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

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

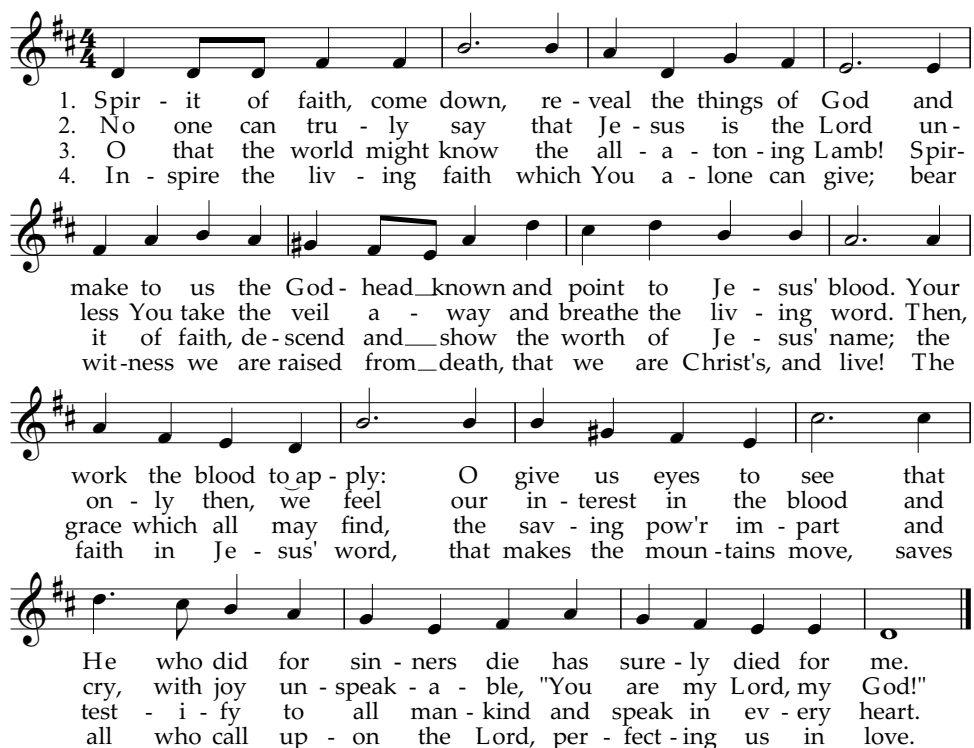
*Please come forward down the center aisle.
 Partake of the elements upon receiving them from the elders.
 Return to your seat with your empty cup via the side aisle.*

Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, continue here

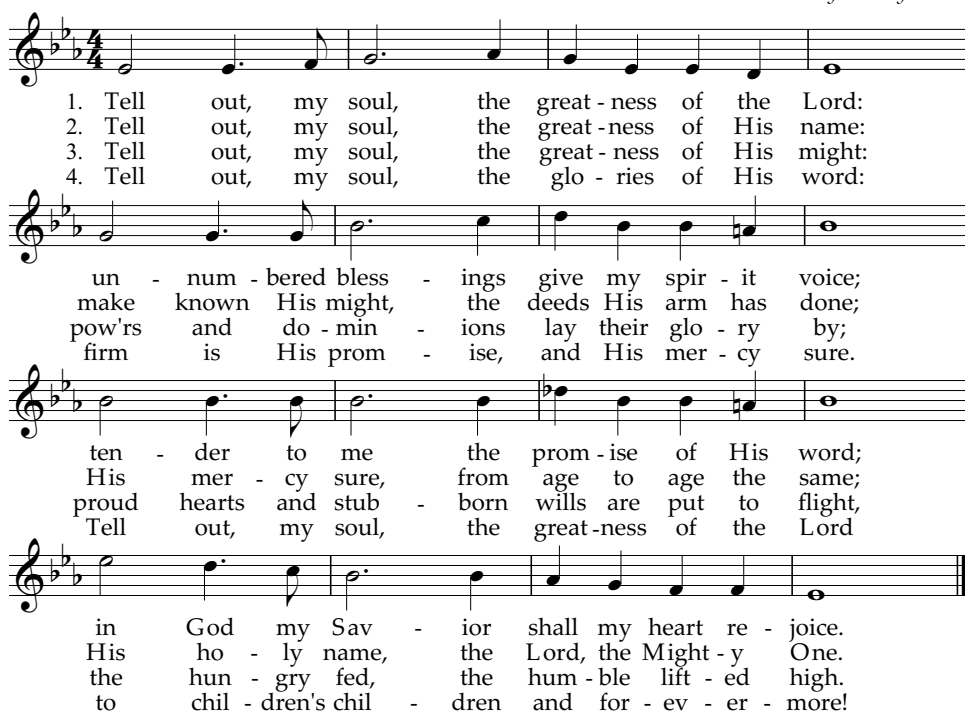
***Hymns of Praise**

"Spirit of Faith, Come Down"

*DIADEMATA
 words: Charles Wesley*



“Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord” *NATIONAL HYMN*
words: Timothy Dudley-Smith



1. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord:
 2. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His name:
 3. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His might:
 4. Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of His word:
 un - num - bered bless - ings give my spir - it voice;
 make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
 pow'rs and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by;
 firm is His prom - ise, and His mer - cy sure.
 ten - der to me the prom - ise of His word;
 His mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord
 in God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - joice.
 His ho - ly name, the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more!

***Benediction**

Minister: Now to Him who is able to strengthen you according to the gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Romans 16.25-27

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Postlude

“Grand Chorus Dialogue”
Mr. Howland, *organ*

Gigout

**The congregation stands.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of our beloved sister, daughter and wife, Kristin Koons Jackson, on the occasion of her birthday by Shannon Delcambre, Johnny Koons, Allison Koons, her mother Casey Cogburn, and Justin Jackson.

*Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.
 Therefore encourage one another with these words.*

1 Thessalonians 4.17-18

Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.

Sunday Morning Communities

8:00 am

Adult classes

GO! GROUP Jackson Room 305
KOINONIA Dotson Room 303 (8:30 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 Preschool Red Desk.

TWO-YEAR-OLDS Rooms 166, 167, 168
THREE-YEAR-OLDS Rooms 163, 164, 165
FOUR-YEAR-OLDS Rooms 162, 123, 125
FIVE-YEAR-OLDS/KINDER Rooms 121, 122, 124
CHERUB CHURCH (9:30 only) Rooms 107

Elementary - Bible Explorers

FIRST-THIRD GRADES Room 104/106

Visitors, please check in at the Elementary Red Desk.
 Fourth Graders, please enjoy corporate worship with your family.

Adult classes

BELIEVERS' FELLOWSHIP OLW
GOOD NEWS Williams/Warstler/Hobin Room 263
GOOD SHEPHERD Olles Room 301
VERITAS Shull/Isaac Room 262
WOMEN OF GRACE (meets second/third Sundays) Room 303

Lao Presbyterian Fellowship

WORSHIP SERVICE Sribounheuang Chapel
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL Room 305

Want to know more about...

the Vineyard?

The Vineyard Community strives to be one community in Body and Spirit through praising the Lord together, eagerly studying God's Word, growing our love for Him, loving, serving and encouraging one another. Many of the people who attend this class have families with children, ages 0-13 however, we welcome and encourage all who are looking for community to join us! Currently we are studying through the One Year Bible. Taught by David Gowdey, the class meets in Oak Lawn West at 11:00 am.

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
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 Preschool Red Desk.

TWO-YEAR-OLDS Rooms 166, 167, 168
THREE-YEAR-OLDS Rooms 163, 164, 165
FOUR-YEAR-OLDS Rooms 162, 123, 125
FIVE-YEAR-OLDS/KINDER Rooms 121, 122, 124

Elementary

Visitors, please check in at the Elementary Red Desk.

FIRST GRADE GIRLS Room 114
FIRST GRADE BOYS Room 112
SECOND GRADE GIRLS Room 115
SECOND GRADE BOYS Room 113
THIRD/FOURTH GRADE - KIDZ COURT Room 104/106

Middle school

FIFTH-EIGHTH GRADE Oak Lawn Building

High school

NINTH-TWELFTH GRADE Oak Lawn OR

Adult classes

COLLEGE Higginbottom Room 303
COVENANT Deison/Wood Room 261
DOULOS (YOUNG ADULTS) Wilson Room 301
GROUND SCHOOL Jeffress Room 259
LAO FELLOWSHIP Sribounheuang Room 430
NEW CREATIONS Fulmer/Vanderhill Chapel
NEW CITY Goebel Room 302/304
SHEPHERDS OF SOULS Russell/Hobin Room 300
KALEO Lamberth Room 263
VINEYARD Gowdey Oak Lawn West

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

SERMON NOTES

2 Peter 1.16-21

“What Proof Do We Have for the Authority of God's Word?”

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.

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of September 29, 2013

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.

“Spirit of Faith, Come Down” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please refer to the hymn on page five.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 1.16-21 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. How do we know the Bible is God’s word?
2. What does it mean that men were “carried along by the Spirit”?
3. What does the “Authority of God’s Word” mean?
4. What questions do you have about the Bible?
5. Where should we look for answers? Why?
6. What role does the Holy Spirit play in enabling us to believe in the authority of God’s word? *(Read the Confession of Faith on page two.)*

Questions for older children

1. What evidence can we use to show the reliability of God’s word?
2. How would you go about defending the authority of God’s word?
3. Why should the Holy Spirit’s work make us grateful and confident?

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

Hebrews 4.12

For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

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.