



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 16, 2014

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

Call to Worship

Dr. Joseph "Skip" Ryan

Minister: I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods
I sing Your praise.

People: **On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul You
increased.**

Minister: For though the LORD is high, He regards the lowly, but the
haughty He knows from afar.

People: **Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life.
The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love,
O LORD, endures forever.**

from Psalm 138

*Hymn No. 173

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

JOYFUL SONG

*Prayer of Adoration

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

*Hymn

“Sovereign Lord, Creator, Righteous One”

THAXTED

1. Sov-'reign Lord, Cre - a - tor, right - eous one, most high and ho - ly
 2. All cre - a - tion bows in hum - ble - ness be - fore Your heav - 'nly
 King, my Re - deem - er, Fa - ther, dear - est friend, my praise to You I
 throne, and I shall for - ev - er thank_ You for mak - ing me Your
 bring. I will praise Your name for - ev - er, know - ing that You loved me
 own. You are high - er than the high - est, and the God of all who
 first, for You feed my ev - 'ry hun - ger and quench my ev - 'ry thirst. With my
 live. You are wor - thy of all hon - or and praise that I can give. All my
 heart I'll ev - er wor - ship You, my voice will sing Your praise, for Your
 life shall be a wit - ness of Your maj - es - ty and grace, and in
 ev - er - last - ing mer - cy and grace for ev - 'ry day.
 heav'n I'll bow be - fore_ You and see You face to face.

The Sacrament of Baptism

9:30/11:00

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

Baker Lee Greenwell
Catherine Ann Hunt
Anne Elizabeth Leonard
Porter Hollis Moffitt

Peyton Riley Hawkins
Anastyn Leigh Schroeder

Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

Hymn No. 449

“We Rest on Thee”

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9:30/11:00

Public Confession of Sin

O Lord, I marvel that You purposed to become flesh so that You might be crucified, dead, and buried for me. The tomb calls forth my adoring wonder, for it is empty and You are risen! Grant me to die with You that I may rise to new life, for I wish to be as dead and buried to sin, to selfishness, to the world; that I might not hear the voice of the charmer, and might be delivered from his lusts. Purge me from selfishness, pride, the fear of man, the desire to be recognized. Grant me to stand with my dying Savior, to be content to be rejected, to be willing to hold to unpopular truths. Grant me more and more of the resurrection life: may it rule me, may I walk in its power, and be strengthened through its influence.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5.6-8

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Meditation

8:00 "Nun Bitten Wir" Buxtehude
"We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit"
J. Marty Cope, organ

9:30/11:00 "Lamb of God" arr. Christiansen
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director
*Lamb of God most holy, who on the cross didst suffer, patient still and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer; our sins by Thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, O Jesu!*

*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.

*Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 1. 20, 25 - 2.5

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²⁵ The foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

^{2.1-5} And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

2 Corinthians 12.5-10

I will not boast, except of my weaknesses—⁶ though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 13.3-4

Christ is not weak in dealing with you, but is powerful among you. ⁴ For He was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but in dealing with you we will live with Him by the power of God.

The Morning Sermon

“The Paradox of Weakness”

Dr. Ryan

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

*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:

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.*

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

***Closing Hymn**

No. 300 *“Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power” O QUANTA QUALIA*

***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

*“Voluntary in G”
Mr. Cope, organ*

Vaughan Williams

**The congregation stands.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of Nancy and Bill’s wedding anniversary.*

**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.

MINISTERS

The members of this church family who, in serving their Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, extend His Kingdom in Dallas and to the world.

Senior Pastor

The Rev. Mark Davis

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Dr. Julian Russell	The Rev. Brent Baker
Dr. Jeff White	The Rev. Chad Scruggs
The Rev. Tommy Overton	

SERMON NOTES

1 Corinthians 1.20, 25-2.5; 2 Corinthians 12.5-10; 2 Corinthians 13.3-4

“The Paradox of Weakness”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of March 16, 2014

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise. On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul You increased.

“Sovereign Lord, Creator, Righteous One” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please refer to the hymn on page two.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.20, 25-2.5; 2 Corinthians 12.5-10; 2 Corinthians 13.3-4 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. Do you like to feel strong or weak?
2. Was Jesus weak or strong? *(Both)*
3. Why does Paul say he wants to be weak?
4. Who is strong for you when you are weak? *(Jesus)* What do you mean by that?

Questions for older children

1. What is a paradox? What is the paradox in 1 Corinthians that Paul discusses?
2. What does this paradox mean for Paul? *(When I am weak, then I am strong.)*
3. What is the paradox of the Cross for Christ?
4. What is the paradox of the Cross for you?

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

1 Thessalonians 5.16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for 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.