



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 8, 2015

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

"Be Thou My Vision"

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9:30/11:00

Brian Piper, *piano* • Arthur Busby, *violin*

Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00

The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

Minister: Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

Minister: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

People: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.

Minister: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

People: Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Psalms 96.1-6

*Hymn No. 100

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

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*Prayer of Adoration

*Confession of Faith: Philippians 3.7-11

Dr. Mark Fulmer 8:00
The Rev. Brent Baker 9:30
Dr. Julian Russell 11:00

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

*Hymn

"The Power of the Cross"

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1. O, to see the dawn of the dark-est day; Christ on the
2. O, to see the pain writ-ten on Your face, bear-ing the
3. Now the day-light flees; Now the ground be-neath quakes as its
4. O, to see my name writ-ten in the wounds, for through Your



road to Cal-va-ry. Tried by sin-ful men, torn and beat-en,
awe-some weight of sin. Ev-ery bit-ter thought, ev-ery ev-il
Ma-ker bows His head. Cur-tain torn in two, dead are raised to
suf-fering I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to



then nailed to a cross of wood. This the pow'r—
deed crown-ing Your blood-stained brow.
life "Fin-ished!" the vic-t'ry cry.
live, won through Your self-less love!



— of the cross:— 1-3. Christ be-came sin for us.—
4. Son of God slain for us.—



— Took the blame, — bore the wrath; We
— What a love, — what a cost! We



stand for-giv-en at the cross.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

O God, Your greatness is unsearchable, but I have sought to make a name for myself. Your glory is matchless, but I have built a kingdom of shadows. Your grace is sufficient, but I have hidden my sins and tried to justify myself. Forgive me for seeking to do for myself what You have already accomplished in Jesus Christ. Help me to see myself in light of Your greatness, glory, and grace. May I always boast: In Christ alone my hope is found! In Him I have peace with God, forgiveness of sins, freedom from condemnation, and fullness of joy. He is my treasure of surpassing worth. Humble me with a sense of my sin in order that I might rejoice in the finished work of Christ.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103.8-11

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Fulmer 8:00

Mr. Baker 9:30

Dr. Russell 11:00

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Meditation

8:00

"The Prayer"
Brian Post, *baritone*

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9:30/11:00

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, *director*

Carter

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end; be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend; I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear; my foes are ever near me, around me and within; but Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will; O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.

Thou hast promised, all who follow Thee, that where Thou art in glory shall Thy servant be; and, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end; give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.
The peace of the Lord be with you always. Romans 15.13

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 ORDINATION OF ROBERT WILLIAM HIGGINBOTTOM TO THE MINISTRY OF THE GOSPEL

9:30/11:00

Explanation of Ordination

9:30/11:00

Mr. Davis

*Scripture Reading

John 3.22-30

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. John Hawkins 9:30/11:00

After this Jesus and His disciples went into the Judean countryside, and He remained there with them and was baptizing. ²³ John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized ²⁴ (for John had not yet been put in prison). ²⁵ Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. ²⁶ And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, He is baptizing, and all are going to Him." ²⁷ John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before Him.' ²⁹ The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease."

The Sermon and Charge

"He Must Increase,
but I Must Decrease"

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

**Worshippers at 8:00, please
continue on page six.**

The Ordination Questions

Mr. Davis

9:30/11:00

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will on your own initiative make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of Biblical polity?
4. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
5. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?
6. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
7. Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer?

Questions to the Session

1. Do you, the people of the session, continue to profess your readiness to receive Robby Higginbottom, whom you have called to be your assistant pastor?
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?
3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is your assistant pastor that competent and worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

The Laying on of Hands and Ordination Prayer

Mr. Jack Denman

The Pronouncement and the Right Hand of Fellowship

Mr. Davis

Charge to the Session

Mr. John Bateman

***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

*Hymn No. 32

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

*The Benediction

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom

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

“Toccatà on Old Hundredth”
Mr. Howland, organ

Hebble

*The congregation stands.

The flowers in the worship service this morning are given by the Goldmann and Benedict families to the glory of God in loving memory of Joyce Gill Goldmann on the occasion of her birthday.

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

John 3.22-30

“He Must Increase, but I Must Decrease”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of February 8, 2015

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

“The Power of the Cross” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page two.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: John 3.22-30 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What are John’s disciples concerned about?
2. How does John respond to their concern?
3. Read John 3.27 again. What does this verse mean?
4. Why is John able to possess such humility?

Questions for older children

1. What strikes you about John’s response?
2. What should we learn from John’s response?
3. How can we pursue such humility?
4. What happens to us when Christ increases?

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

John 5.19-20

So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of His own accord, but only what He sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows Him all that He Himself is doing. And greater works than these will He show Him, so that you may marvel.”

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.