



CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 13, 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 Come to Worship at His Bidding

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!"

Psalm 150.6

Preparation for Worship "Processional on Westminster Abbey"

Robert Wetzel

8:00

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

arr. Kurt Kaiser

9:30/11:00

Christopher Adkins, *cello* • Stephen Nielson, *piano*

Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00

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

Minister: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

People: **To an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you;**

Minister: In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials;

People: **So that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

1 Peter 1.3,4,6,7

*Hymn No. 38

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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*Prayer of Adoration

***Confession of Faith**

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 8:00
The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 9:30
Dr. Julian Russell 11:00

Minister: How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

People: **We can be patient when things go against us,
thankful when things go well,
and for the future
we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father
that nothing in creation will separate us from His love.
For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without
His will they can neither move nor be moved.**

from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 28

***Hymn No. 32**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

Public Confession of Sin

**Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed Him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
the chastisement for our peace was upon Him,
and by His stripes we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned, every one, to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster.

Joel 2.12-13

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Lamberth 8:00
Mr. Higginbottom 9:30
Dr. Russell 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00 "There Is a Balm in Gilead" *arr. Robert Powell*
J. Marty Cope, *organ*

9:30/11:00 "Here I Am, Lord" *arr. Jack Schrader*
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, *director*
Mr. Adkins, *cello* • Mr. Nielson, *piano*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I have borne My people's pain. I have wept for love of them—they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame; I will set a feast for them; My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Isaiah 26.3

People: **And also with you.**

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 Scripture Reading

James 1.1-4

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.

² *Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,*

³ *for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.*

⁴ *And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

Communion Meditation "The Full Effect of a Tested Faith" Mr. Williams 8:00
Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

*Words of Assurance and The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

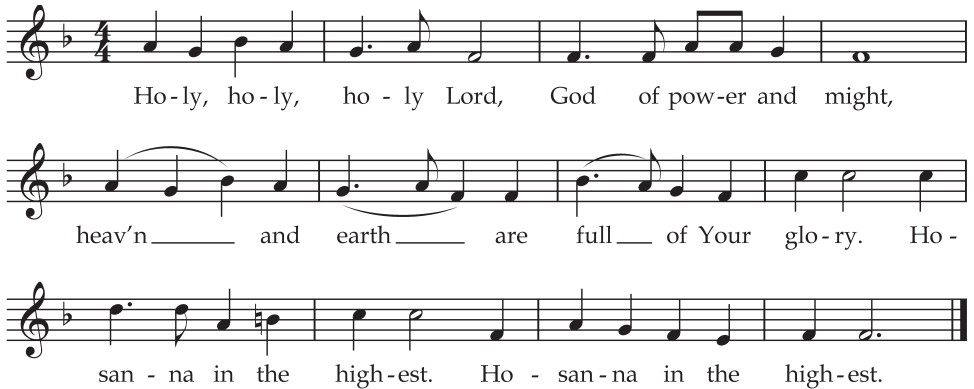
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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.

*The Words of Institution

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.*

Communion 9:30/11:00

*Please come forward to receive the elements as directed by an usher.
Partake of each when served, returning to your seat with your empty cup.*

During the serving of Communion:

“Breathe on Me”

arr. Kurt Kaiser

Mr. Adkins, *cello* • Mr. Nielson, *piano*

“How Deep the Father's Love for Us”

Townend



1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all
2. Be - hold the man u - pon the cross, my sin u - pon His
3. I will not boast in a - ny thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no



mea - sure, that He should give His on - ly Son to make a
shoul - ders; a - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a -
wis - dom; but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death and



wretch His trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss:
mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held Him there
re - sur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from His re - ward?



the Fa - ther turns His face a - way as wounds, which mar the
un - til it was ac - com - plished; His dy - ing breath has
I can - not give an an - swer, but this I know with



Cho - sen One, bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
brought me life: I know that it is fin - ished.
all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

***Closing Hymn No. 263**

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

***The Benediction**

Minister: The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of God's Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
remain with you always.

based on Philippians 4.7

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

**The congregation stands.*

*Members of our fellowship at Park Cities Presbyterian Church who have
joined the Church Triumphant since our last Communion:*

Joan Hanson
Jean Davis
Beverly Morris
Debbie Lacy
Peggy Newman
Sharon Rizzo
Joel Williams, Jr.
Betty Laymon

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to
the glory of God and in honor of the medical professionals
in our congregation and for their ministry of healing.*

**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.

Senior Pastor

The Rev. Mark Davis

Session/Associate Pastors

Joe Abbate	John Hawkins	Boots Nowlin
Dr. Pete Deison	Eric Horan	The Rev. Chad Scruggs
Jack Denman	Houston Hunt	Gil Sheehan
Mark Fulmer	Jim Madden	Mike Skinner
The Rev. Paul Goebel	Bob McCamey	Jay Turner
Pat Hamner	Gregory Morris	Jeff Wilson

Assistant Pastors

The Rev. Ron Williams	The Rev. Tommy Overton
The Rev. Bill Lamberth	The Rev. Brent Baker
Dr. Julian Russell	The Rev. Robby Higginbottom
Dr. Jeff White	The Rev. Matthew Fray

Executive Director

Jeff Barber

Shepherding Elders

*(Elders not currently on the Session but
active in ministry at Park Cities Presbyterian Church)*

Tommy Bain	Paul Flowers	David Newman
Alan Balsler	Will Francis	Stephen Nielson
John Bateman	David Franklin	Rick Owens
Ron Baxter	David Gowdey	Bobby Payne
Brad Bradley	Harry Hargrave	Kirk Pogoloff
Frank Bullock	John Harper	Irv Queal
David Burgher	Bob Heinonen	Bob Rasberry
Rick Bush	David Horn	Nelson Somerville
Kit Case	Ed Jarrett	Dick Steele
George Chapman	Tim Jeffress	Dan Stewart
Jim Chenoweth	Kent Johnson	Tracy Taylor
Doug Chesnut	Russell Johnson	Bill Thomas
Grady Crosland	Bryan Keyes	Steve Vanderhill
Marvin Culbertson	Don King	John Vanderveld
Charles Debter	Louie Little	Ron Wideman
John Denman	Bill Mabus	Steve Williamson
Curt Dobbs	Mike McMahan	Arthur Wood
Bert Ehrmann	Robert Mighell	Randy Wood
Bill Farrell	Pat Moore	

SERMON NOTES

James 1.1-4

“The Full Effect of a Tested Faith”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of September 13, 2015

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” *(sing or say these words together)*

Please refer to the hymn on page five.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: James 1.1-4 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What is a trial?
2. What does it feel like to face a trial?
3. How might people respond to trials?
4. Why should we count it all joy when we face trials?
5. How are trials good for us?
6. How can Jesus help us with trials?

Questions for older children

1. Describe a trial you’re facing?
2. How is it testing your faith?
3. How is it making you more mature in Christ?
4. Where is God in our trials?

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

James 1.2-4

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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.