



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 25, 2015

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

Reformation 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.

The Prelude

8:00	"Psalm XX"	Gordon Young
9:30/11:00	"Fanfare"	Michael McCabe

Introit

9:30/11:00

"A Mighty Fortress"
Chancel Choir

Martin Luther

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper He amid the flood, of mortal ills prevailing. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

The Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00
The Rev. Chad Scruggs 9:30/11:00

Minister: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

People: **I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."**

Minister: For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

People: **On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

Psalm 91.1-2, 11-12

*Hymn of Praise No. 92 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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*Prayer of Adoration

***Profession of Faith**

Dr. Julian Russell 8:00
The Rev. Bill Lamberth 9:30
The Rev. Paul Goebel 11:00

We affirm that we desire to follow Scripture alone
as rule of faith and religion,
without mixing with it any other thing
which might be devised by the opinion of men
apart from the Word of God,
and without wishing to accept for our spiritual government
any other doctrine than what is conveyed to us
by the same Word
without addition or diminution,
according to the command of our Lord.

from the Geneva Confession, 1536 by John Calvin and William Farel

***Hymn of Assurance**

“Call Jehovah Thy Salvation”

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1. Call Je - ho - vah Thy Sal - va - tion, rest be - neath th'Al-
2. From the sword at noon-day wast - ing, from the noi - some
3. Since, with pure and firm af - fec - tion, thou on God hast



might - y's shade, In His se - cret hab - i - ta - tion dwell, and
pes - ti - lence, In the depth of mid-night blast - ing, God shall
set — thy love, With the wings of His pro - tec - tion He will



nev - er be — dis - mayed: There no tu - mult shall a - larm thee,
be thy sure De - fense: He shall charge His an - gel le - gions
shield thee from a - bove: Thou shalt call — on Him in trou - ble,



thou shalt dread no hid - den snare; Guile nor vi - o -
watch and ward o'er thee to keep; Though thou walk through
He will heark - en, He will save; Here for grief re -



lence can harm — thee, in e - ter - nal safe guard there.
hos - tile re - gions, though in des - ert wilds thou sleep.
ward thee dou - ble, crown with life be - yond the grave.

Public Confession of Sin

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
I acknowledged my sin to You,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found.

Psalm 32:3, 5-6a

Whoever would deal with Thee
must deal so that this confession proceeds from his heart, which says:
"Lord, if Thou be not merciful all is lost,
no matter how pious I may be."

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

But with You there is forgiveness,
that You may be feared.

Psalm 130:4

Scriptures and text for the Confession and Assurance are taken from Martin Luther's sermon, *Confession and the Lord's Supper*, published in 1524-25.

*Hymn

"Jesus Is Lord"

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9:30/11:00



1. Je - sus is Lord, the cry that ech - oes through cre - a - tion,
2. Je - sus is Lord, whose voice sus - tains the stars and plan - ets, —
3. Je - sus is Lord, the tomb is glo - ri - ous - ly emp - ty, —
4. Je - sus is Lord, a shout of joy, a cry of an - guish



- re - splen - dant pow'r, e - ter - nal Word, our Rock;
— yet in His wis - dom laid a - side His crown;
— not e - ven death could crush the King of love;
— as He re - turns and ev - 'ry knee bows low;



- the Son of God, the King whose glo - ry fills the hea - vens,
Je - sus the man who washed our feet, who bore our suf - f'ring
the price is paid, the chains are loosed and we're for - giv - en, —
when ev - 'ry eye and ev - 'ry heart will see His glo - ry, —



- yet bids us come to taste this liv - ing bread.
— be - came a curse to bring sal - va - tion's plan.
— and we can run in - to the arms of God.
— the Judge of all will take His chil - dren home.

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

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

Musical Offering

8:00 "Impromptu in G-flat Major" Franz Schubert
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

9:30/11:00 "A Jubilant Song" Allen Pote
Chancel Choir, High School Ensemble, Covenant Choir, Chapel Choir
Lynda Fray and J. Marty Cope, *directors* • Stephen Nielson, *piano*

Sing to the Lord a jubilant song. Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad, let the heavens be filled with joy and a jubilant song.

Sing alleluia to the Lord, alleluia, alleluia; tell of His salvation from day to day. Shout His marvelous works among the people, for great is the Lord, great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were made, or the land and the sea were born, from age to age You are God, and we pray for the coming of Your Kingdom. We shall rejoice, we shall be glad all the days of our lives

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Psalm 91.15-16

People: **And also with you.**

The Service of Friendship

*The Scripture Reading

James 1.16-27

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. ²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. ²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please
continue at the 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.*

*Benediction

Minister: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. 1 Thessalonians 5.23-24

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

Postlude

8:00 "Thy Word Is Like a Garden, Lord" CLONMEL
Mr. Nielson, *piano* arr. S. Nielson

9:30/11:00 "A Mighty Fortress" arr. Charles Ore
Mr. Cope, *organ*

*The congregation stands.

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God.

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

Musicians assisting in worship this morning:

Michelle Kaminski, *trumpet*
James Sims, *trumpet*
Tony Baker, *trombone*
Eric Swanson, *trombone*
Joe Ferraro, *timpani*

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.

Reformation Sunday

Today is Reformation Sunday, which commemorates what was perhaps the greatest move of God's Spirit since the days of the Apostles. But what is the significance of Reformation Day, and how should we consider the events it commemorates?

At the time, few would have suspected that the sound of a hammer striking the castle church door in Wittenberg, Germany, would soon be heard around the world and lead ultimately to the greatest transformation of Western society since the apostles first preached the Gospel throughout the Roman empire. Martin Luther's nailing of his ninety-five theses to the church door on October 31, 1517, provoked a debate that culminated finally in what we now call the Protestant Reformation.

An heir of Bishop Augustine of Hippo, Martin Luther is one of the most significant figures God has raised up since that time. This law student turned Augustinian monk became the center of a great controversy after his theses were copied and distributed throughout Europe. Initially protesting the pope's attempt to sell salvation, Luther's study of Scripture soon led him to oppose the church of Rome on issues including the primacy of the Bible over church tradition and the means by which we are found righteous in the sight of God.

This last issue is probably Luther's most significant contribution to Christian theology. Though preached clearly in the New Testament and found in the writings of many of the church fathers, the medieval bishops and priests had largely forgotten the truth that our own good works can by no means merit God's favor. Salvation is by grace alone through faith alone, and good works result from our faith, they are not added to it as the grounds for our right standing in the Lord's eyes (Ephesians 2:8-10). Justification, God's declaration that we are not guilty, forgiven of sin, and righteous in His sight comes because through our faith alone the Father imputes, or reckons to our account, the perfect righteousness of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Martin Luther's rediscovery of this truth led to a whole host of other church and societal reforms and much of what we take for granted in the West would have likely been impossible had he never graced the scene. Luther's translation of the Bible into German put the Word of God in the hands of the people, and today Scripture is available in the vernacular language of many countries, enabling lay people to study it with profit. He recaptured the biblical view of the priesthood of all believers, showing all people that their work had purpose and dignity because in it they can serve their Creator.

May we be eager to preach the Gospel of God to the world and thereby spark a new reformation of church and culture.

—Robert Rothwell

SERMON NOTES

James 1.16-27

“Growing Up, Part 2: Becoming a Doer”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of October 25, 2015

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

"Call Jehovah Thy Salvation" *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page two.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: James 1.16-27 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What is the temptation James warns against in this passage? Why do you think it's an important warning for us to hear?
2. Why do we struggle to do what we hear?
3. James calls God's law, "the law of liberty." Do you believe that obeying God brings freedom? Why or why not?
4. Who are people around you who need help? How can you commit to helping them?

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

James 1.22-25

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Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(say 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.