

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JANUARY 17, 2016
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.

The Prelude "A Festive Intrada" Walter Pelz

The Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00 The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

Minister: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount

all of Your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in You; I

will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

People: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in

times of trouble. And those who know Your name put their trust in You, for You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who

seek You.

Minister: Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among

the peoples His deeds! For He who avenges blood is mindful of them; He does not forget the cry of the afflicted. from Psalm 9

*Hymn No. 38

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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*Profession of Faith

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00 The Rev. Bill Lamberth 9:30 The Rev. Paul Goebel 11:00

Minister: O LORD, You have searched me and known me! You know when

I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are

acquainted with all my ways.

People: Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You

know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

it is high; I cannot attain it.

Minister: For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my

mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well.

People: My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in

secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet

there was none of them.

Minister: How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God! How vast is

the sum of them! If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with You. from Psalm 139

*Hymn No. 297

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" Stanzas: 1, 3, 5, 6 DIADEM

The Sacrament of Baptism

9:30/11:00

Parental Vows

- 1. Do you acknowledge your children'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 children 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 these parents in the Christian nurture of their children?

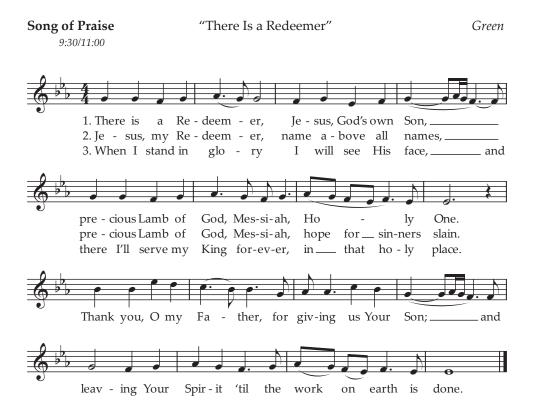
9:30 11:00

Robert Kirk Chase Mr. William Yunwen Tao Harrison Cutter Cook Anne YiNong Tao Alice Arthur Schwarz Lucy Jane Price

Thomas George Woodward

9:30/11:00

Mr. Paul Flowers 9:30 Mr. Davis 11:00



Public Confession of Sin

Holy and merciful God,
in Your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against You.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from Your ways,
in wasting Your gifts,
in forgetting Your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease You.
Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in Your light
and walk in Your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

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 103.11-12

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

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

Musical Offering

8:00 "Oh, Had I Jubal's Lyre" J. Marty Cope, organ G.F. Handel

9:30/11:00 "My God, My Portion, and My Love" arr. Mack Wilberg Chancel Choir • Jeff Berta, conductor

My God, my Portion, and my Love, my everlasting All, I've none but Thee in heaven above, or on this earthly ball.

What empty things are all the skies, and this inferior clod! There's nothing here deserves my joys, there's nothing like my God.

In vain the bright, the burning sun scatters his feeble light; 'tis Thy sweet beams create my noon; if Thou withdraw, 'tis night.

Let all that dwell above the sky, and air, and earth, and seas, conspire to lift Thy glories high and speak Thine endless praise.

The whole creation join in one, to bless the sacred Name, of Him that sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb!

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: We are the body of Christ; in one Spirit we were all baptized in

one body. Let us 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

Extending the Kingdom: Sanctity of Life

Mary Jo Ward

9:30/11:00

*The Scripture Reading

James 3.13-18

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic

¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Mr. Williams 8:00 Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

Worshipers 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

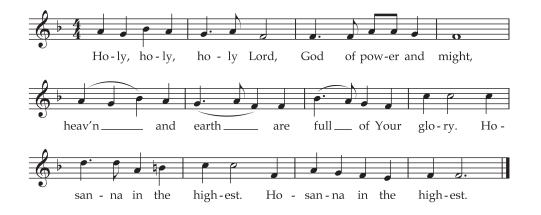
to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,

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:



*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: To God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings, and Lord

of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To Him be honor and

might forever!

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude "We Will Glorify" arr. Fred Bock
Mr. Cope, organ

*The congregation stands.

Celebrating the Sanctity of Human Life, the flowers in our worship services this morning are given to the glory of God by friends of the Thrive Women's Clinic in honor of the babies saved and the men and women who came into a relationship with Christ in 2015 through this ministry.

The red flowers represent the 270 babies who were saved from the tragedy of abortion, and the white flowers represent the 30 new believers who have come into a relationship with Christ through the ministry.

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.

Find your Sunday Morning Community

NURSERY

(BIRTH-18 MONTHS)

Visitors, please check in at red desk **A**

PRESCHOOL (2 YR.-K)

Visitors, please check in at red desk **B**

ELEMENTARY-BIBLE EXPLORERS

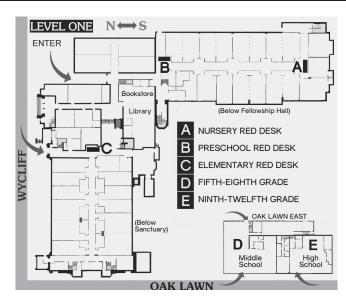
Visitors, please check in at red desk **C**

FIFTH-EIGHTH GRADE

11:00 am Sunday School in Oak Lawn East **D**

NINTH-TWELFTH GRADE

11:00 am Sunday School in Oak Lawn East **E**



A nursing mothers' room with livestream of the worship service is on the lower level beneath the Narthex.

Adult Communities

ALL AGES WELCOME IN ALL CLASSES!

Adults & Adult Families

GO GROUP

Singles & couples

8:00 am, Room 305

BELIEVERS' FELLOWSHIP Empty nesters & singles 9:30 am. Oak Lawn West

GOOD SHEPHERD'S FELLOWSHIP

Couples, singles & families

9:30 am, Room 301

VERITAS

Couples & singles

9:30 am, Room 262

COVENANT

Empty nesters & singles

11:00 am, Room 261

KALEO

Singles & young families

11:00 am, Room 263

NEW CREATIONS

Couples & singles

11:00 am, Room 262

SHEPHERDS OF SOULS

Couples & singles

11:00 am, Room 300

VINEYARD

Couples & singles, 30s, 40s, 50s 11:00 am, Oak Lawn West

THE WELL

Couples, singles, late 30s & 40s 11:00 am, Room 302/304

Young Adults & Families

CORNERSTONE

Young & newly marrieds, 20s & 30s 9:30 am, Room 259

AMBASSADORS

College, singles, marrieds & starter families
11:00 am, Room 301

Senior Adults

KOINONIA

8:15 am. Room 303

GOOD NEWS

9:30 am, Room 263

Special Interest

NEW DAY

9:30 am, Room 261

WOMEN OF GRACE

9:30 am (2nd & 3rd Sundays only) Room 303

To learn more: pcpc.org/communities; elaine.montague@pcpc.org

SERMON NOTES

James 3.13-18

"Wisdom for Life"

Order of Worship for the Home - The Week of January 17, 2016

Praise

Call to Worship (everyone together)

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody! I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You among the nations.

"There Is a Redeemer" (read or sing these words together)

Please see the hymn on page three.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: James 3.13-18 (one person read the Scripture aloud)

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

- 1. (*Parent's Discretion*) What did the flowers in our worship service represent today?
- 2. What does Psalm 139 teach us about our relationship with God and the Sanctity of Life?
- 3. How do we gain wisdom from God?
- 4. How does God's wisdom give us life?

Questions for older children

- 1. What did you learn about the Sanctity of Life today?
- 2. How does wisdom from below destroy life?
- 3. How do you think you should be engaged with Sanctity of Life issues?
- 4. Describe the benefits of God's wisdom?

Scripture Memory for January: (memorize this verse of Scripture this month)

James 3.17

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

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.