



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 21, 2016

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

Second Sunday in Lent

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

“O Breath of Life”

SPIRITUS VITAE

The Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00

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

Minister: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

People: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

Minister: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

People: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

Psalm 27.1, 3, 13-14

*Hymn No. 101

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

TRINITY

*Prayer of Adoration

Musical Meditation

“Blest Are They”

David Haas

9:30/11:00

High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir

Lynda Fray, director • Lexi Jones, piano

Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

Rejoice! and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you, rejoice! and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill.

Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God!

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs.

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me. Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom, shine for all to see.

Please join in singing when so directed.

Re-joyce! and be glad! Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you, re-joyce! and be glad! Yours is the king - dom of God!

*Hymn No. 733

“The Doxology”

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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

Zara Alexandra Lord
Emma Allean Stanley
Walker Rudd Steward
Davis James Williams

11:00

Charlie Hamilton Henry
Heidi Sophia Hilkemann
Haven-Grace Lyn Windsor
Robert Ramsey Jennings III

Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

***Hymn No. 660**

9:30/11:00

“O God beyond All Praising”

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Public Confession of Sin

The Rev. Tommy Overton 8:00
The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 9:30
The Rev. Tommy Overton 11:00

**Lord, we have not always watched for You,
but have occupied ourselves with our own concerns.
We have not waited to find Your will for us.
We have not noticed the needs of the people around us.
We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us.
Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness.
Help us to wait to know Your will.
Help us to look out for the needs of others.
Help us to work and watch for Your coming.**

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you.

Isaiah 60.2

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Musical Offering

8:00

“Change My Heart, O God”
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

*Espinosa
arr. Nielson*

9:30/11:00

“Praise the Lord”
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, *director*

G.F. Handel
arr. Hopson

*Praise the Lord. Let songs of joy break forth. Sing alleluia.
Praise His name forevermore.
Shout, sing and dance; come dance and celebrate.
Rejoice; let all within us praise His name!*

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: Look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
The peace of the Lord be with you always. Hebrews 12:2

People: **And also with you.**

The Service of Friendship

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 5:7-11

Mr. Williams 8:00
Mary Beth Burgher 9:30
Susan Blackburn 11:00

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.

⁸ *You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.*

⁹ *Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.*

¹⁰ *As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.*

¹¹ *Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.*

The Sermon

“The Purpose of Waiting”

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

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!

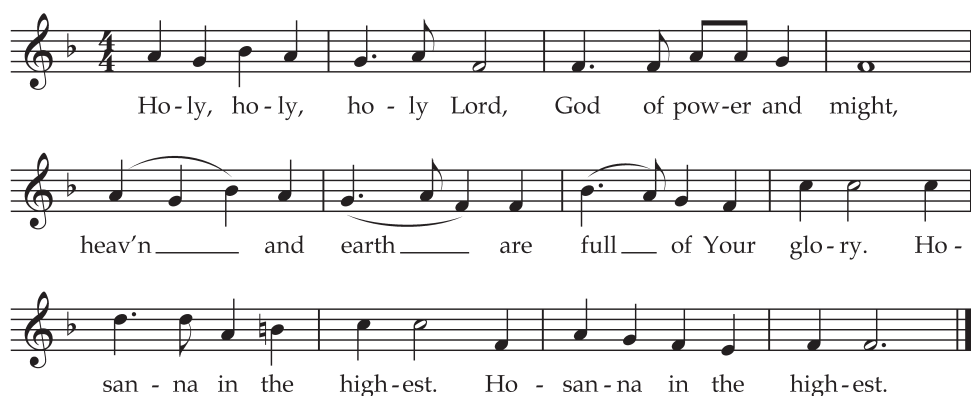
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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

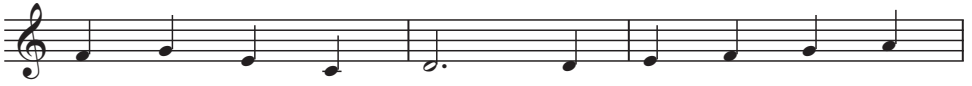
*Please come forward down the center aisle.
Partake of the elements upon receiving them from the elders.
Return to your seat with your empty cup via the side aisle.*



Solo 1. Fa - cing a task un - fin - ished, that drives us
All 2. Where oth - er lords be - side Thee hold their un -
All 3. We bear the torch that, flam - ing, fell from the
All 4. O Fa - ther who sus - tained them, O Spi - rit



to our knees. A need that, un - di - min - ished, re -
 hin - dered sway; where for - ces that de - fied Thee, de -
 hands of those who gave their lives pro - claim - ing that
 who in - spired, Sav - ior, whose love con - strained them to



bukes our sloth - ful ease. We, who re - joice to
 fy Thee still to - day. With none to heed their
 Je - sus died and rose. Ours is the same com -
 toil with zeal un - tired. From cow - ar - dice de -



know Thee, re - new be - fore Thy throne the so - lemn
 cry - ing for life, and love, and light, un - num - bered
 mis - sion, the same glad mess - age ours; fired by the
 fend us, from leth - ar - gy a - wake! Forth on Thine



pledge we owe Thee - to go and make Thee known.
 souls are dy - ing and pass in - to the night.
 same am - bi - tion, to Thee we yield our pow'rs.
 er - rands send us to la - bor for Thy sake.



Refrain

We go to all the world, His king - dom hope un - furled. No



oth - er name has power to save but Je - sus Christ the Lord.

*Benediction

Minister: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God our Father,
 who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope
 through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every
 good work and word. 2 Thessalonians 2.16-17

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

Postlude

8:00	“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” Mr. Nielson, <i>piano</i>	NO OTHER PLEA <i>arr. Nielson</i>
9:30/11:00	“Voluntary in E Minor” Mr. Cope, <i>organ</i>	<i>John Stanley</i>

**The congregation stands.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Caroline Light and Cameron Buescher.

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

*** First penned by China Inland Mission worker, Frank Houghton, at a time when persecution in China was at its height, “Facing a Task Unfinished” has been a rally cry for missions in the Pacific Rim for many years. In 1929, the Lord laid a vision on the heart of CIM leaders to see 200 new workers plunge into the darkness and share the light of Christ, knowing that it could well cost them their lives.*

By 1932, the last of the 200 missionaries had set sail for China to spread the good news of the Gospel. Since that time, the church of China has grown from an estimated 100,000 who claim Christ as their Lord to millions, and the Lord continues to work in great ways because of the faithfulness of those that gave their lives proclaiming that Jesus died and rose.

Today we sing with churches around the world, introducing this missions hymn to a new generation with the prayer it will be an anthem for rising up to face the unfinished task and going to all the world to proclaim salvation in Jesus’ name.

Musicians assisting in worship this morning:

Arthur Busby, *violin*
Klaudia Cop, *violin*
Joseph Kuipers, *cello*
Brian Piper, *piano*

SERMON NOTES

James 5.7-11

“The Purpose of Waiting”

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.

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of February 21, 2016

Praise

Call to Worship (*everyone together*)

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

Psalm 27.13-14

“Facing a Task Unfinished” (*read or sing these words together*)

Please see the hymn on page six.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: James 5.7-11 (*one person read the Scripture aloud*)

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

1. Why is waiting hard?
2. How does James teach us to wait?
3. What does it mean to *establish your heart*?
4. How does the promise of Jesus returning help us wait?

Questions for older children

1. What are you waiting for right now?
2. Why are we tempted to grumble against each other while we wait?
3. How can other stories in Scripture help us wait?
4. What must we remember while we wait?

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

James 4.10

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.

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.