



## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 8, 2016  
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

*Ascension 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.*

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### The Prelude

“Prelude on ‘Rhosymedre’”

*Ralph Vaughan Williams*

### Call to Worship

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

Minister: Sing to God, sing praises to His name; lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts; His name is the LORD; exult before Him!

People: **Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation.**

Minister: You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in Your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there.

People: **Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.**

Psalm 68.4-5, 18-19

### \*Hymn No. 292

“Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord”

*ENGELBERG*

### \*Prayer of Adoration

**\*Profession of Faith**

Dr. Julian Russell 8:00  
The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 9:30  
Dr. Pete Deison 11:00

**Christ, while His disciples watched,  
was lifted up from the earth to heaven.  
He will be there for our good until He comes again  
to judge the living and the dead.  
In all our distress and persecution  
we turn our eyes to the heavens  
and confidently await as judge, the very One  
who has already stood trial in our place before God,  
and so has removed the whole curse from us.**

from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 46, 52

**\*Hymn No. 4**

*"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"*  
Stanzas: 1, 2, 4, 6

*MIT FREUDEN ZART*

**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

Oliver Edward Januszewski  
Emmett Durham Nelms, Jr.  
James Bennett Brewer  
Mallory Reed Squibb  
Alexandra Hope Squibb

Kendall Lee Goostree  
James Crockett Goostree  
Robert Crawford Martin, Jr.  
Edwin Auble "Boots" Riter  
Henry Asher Seifert

**Prayer for the Families**

9:30/11:00

The Rev. Tommy Overton 9:30  
Mr. E. E. "Boots" Nowlin 11:00

## Public Confession of Sin

**Almighty God,**

**You have raised Jesus from death to life  
and crowned Him Lord of all.**

**We confess that, in our sin, we have not bowed before Him  
or acknowledged His rule in our lives.**

**We have gone along with the ways of the world  
and failed to give Him glory.**

**Forgive us**

**and raise us from sin,**

**that we may be Your faithful people,**

**obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**who rules the world**

**and is head of the church, His body. Amen.**

## Private Confession

## Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ  
the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only  
but also for the sins of the whole world.

I John 2.1-2

## Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Russell 8:00

Mr. Higginbottom 9:30

Dr. Deison 11:00

## Musical Meditation

8:00

*“At the Name of Jesus”*  
J. Marty Cope, *organ*

*arr. Michael Burkhardt*

9:30/11:00

*“If Ye Love Me”*  
Chancel Choir • Jeff Berta, *conductor*

*Philip Wilby*

*If ye love Me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He  
shall give you another Comforter. That He may abide with you forever;  
e'en the Spirit of truth.*

*And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you. I will not  
leave you comfortless. I will come to you.*

based John 14.15-18

## \*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like the grass; and the hand of the LORD shall be known to His servants, and He shall show His indignation against His enemies. Isaiah 66.13-14  
The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**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 Scripture Reading

Psalm 25

*To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.*

<sup>2</sup> *O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.*

<sup>3</sup> *Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.*

<sup>4</sup> *Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.*

<sup>5</sup> *Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.*

<sup>6</sup> *Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.*

<sup>7</sup> *Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!*

<sup>8</sup> *Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way.*

<sup>9</sup> *He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.*

<sup>10</sup> *All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.*

<sup>11</sup> *For Your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.*

<sup>12</sup> *Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will He instruct in the way that he should choose.*

<sup>13</sup> *His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land.*

<sup>14</sup> *The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear Him, and He makes known to them His covenant.*

<sup>15</sup> *My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for He will pluck my feet out of the net.*

<sup>16</sup> *Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.*

<sup>17</sup> *The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses.*

<sup>18</sup> *Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.*

<sup>19</sup> *Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me.*

<sup>20</sup> *Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in You.*

<sup>21</sup> *May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You.*

<sup>22</sup> *Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.*

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.

**\*The 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.*

**\*Closing Hymn**

*"Jesus Is Our King"*

POST GREEN

*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! O - pen - ing our hearts to Him, sing - ing



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is our King!



Cre - ate in us, O God, A hum - ble heart that sets us free to pro -  
We bear the name of Christ. Jus - ti - fied we meet with Him. His  
Let kin - dred voic - es join, hon - or - ing the Lamb of God who  
Pour out Your Spir - it on us, em - pow'r - ing us to live as one, to

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claim the won - drous maj - es - ty of our Fa - ther in hea - ven.  
words and pre - sence calm our fear, re - veal - ing God, our Fa - ther, here.  
teach - es us by bread and wine the mys - tery of His bo - dy.  
car - ry Your re - deem - ing love to a world en - slaved by sin.

**\*Benediction**

Minister: To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood  
and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him  
be glory and dominion forever and ever. Revelation 1.5b-6

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

**Postlude**

*"Postlude on 'Beech Spring'"  
Mr. Cope, organ*

*arr. Dale Wood*

*\*The congregation stands.*

*The flowers in our worship service on this Mother's Day morning are  
given to the glory of God and in humble thanksgiving for my children,  
Audrey Figari and Alexandra & Coleman Easley, by Elizabeth Figari.  
Thanks be to God for His indescribable gifts!*

*I said to the Lord, "You are my Master!  
Every good thing I have comes from You."*

*Psalm 16.2*

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

## **MINISTERS**

The members of this church family who, in serving their Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, extend His Kingdom in Dallas and to the world.

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### **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.**

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### **Senior Pastor**

The Rev. Mark Davis

### **Session/Associate Pastors**

Joe Abbate  
Dr. Pete Deison  
Don Dillahunty  
Pete Flowers  
Mark Fulmer  
The Rev. Paul Goebel  
Pat Hamner

John Hawkins  
Eric Horan  
Houston Hunt  
Ed Jarrett  
Bob McCamey  
Gregory Morris  
Boots Nowlin

Rob Sayles  
The Rev. Chad Scruggs  
Gil Sheehan  
Jay Turner  
Jeff Wilson

# SERMON NOTES

Psalm 25

THE LYRICS OF KNOWING GOD  
"Fixing Our Eyes: Part 2"

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## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of May 8, 2016

### Praise

#### **Call to Worship** *(everyone together)*

Sing to God, sing praises to His name; lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts; His name is the LORD; exult before Him!

#### **“Jesus Is Our King”** *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page six.

### Hearing and Learning God’s Word

#### **Scripture Reading:** Psalm 25 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. Try and list all the ways David describes his life.
2. Name several of the requests David makes to God. There are at least 19.
3. Where can you see Jesus in this passage? Ask your parents to help explain.
4. How does fixing our eyes on Jesus change our lives?

#### **Questions for older children**

1. Why is God worthy of our trust according to David?
2. How have you experienced God’s faithfulness?
3. What is the condition of your soul right now?
4. Are you tempted to trust something in place of God? If so, what and why?
5. Where do you see Jesus in this passage?

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

Psalm 103.8

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

### 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.