

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church September 4, 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.

Prelude "Guide My Feet" arr. Jester Hairston

9:30/11:00 Alicia Ucciferri, solo • Adrian DeCosta, violin

Call to Worship

Dr. Mark Fulmer 8:00 The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

Minister: You hold my right hand. You guide me with Your counsel,

and afterward You will receive me to glory.

People: Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth

that I desire besides You.

Minister: My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my

heart and my portion forever.

People: But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord GOD

my refuge, that I may tell of all Your works. Psalm 73.23b-26, 28

*Hymn No. 103

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

GROSSER GOTT

*Confession of Faith

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00 The Rev. Matt Fray 9:30 The Rev. Chad Scruggs 11:00

I believe that the Son of God
through His Spirit and Word,
out of the entire human race,
from the beginning of the world to its end,
gathers, protects, and preserves for Himself
a community chosen for eternal life
and united in true faith.

And of this community I am and always will be
a living member.

from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A54

*Hymn No. 32

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

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

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Isaiah 1.18

9:30/11:00



Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison 8:00 Mr. Fray 9:30 Mr. Scruggs 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00 "O Love of God, How Strong and True" Stephen Nielson, piano JERUSALEM arr. Nielson

9:30/11:00 "It Is Well with My Soul" arr. Krogstad Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director • Stephen Nielson, piano

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll — Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, with my soul." My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought— my sin not in part, but the whole is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, O my soul! And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll: the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, "Even so" it is well with my soul.

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Romans 15.13

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

Hebrews 11.39-40; 12.1-4

Dr. Fulmer 8:00 Drew Obenchain 9:30 Christen Nutter 11:00

And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised,

- ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.
- ^{12.1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
- ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.
- ³ Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.
- ⁴ In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

The Sermon

"Something Better"

Dr. Fulmer 8:00 Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00, please continue at closing hymn on page six.

*The Great Thanksgiving 8:00

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

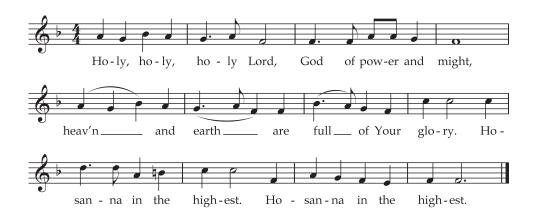
to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,

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.

*The Benediction

Minister: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead

our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Amen. Hebrews 13.20-21

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

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

9:30/11:00 "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng" arr. Michael Burkhardt Mr. Cope, organ

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.

^{*}The congregation stands

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.

Senior Pastor

The Rev. Mark Davis

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SERMON NOTES

Hebrews 11.39-40; 12.1-4

"Something Better"

Order of Worship for the Home - The Week of September 4, 2016

Praise

Call to Worship (everyone together)

You hold my right hand. You guide me with Your counsel, and afterward You will receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides You.

"He Will Hold Me Fast" (read or sing these words together)

Please refer to the hymn on page three.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11.39-40; 12.1-4 (one person read the Scripture aloud)

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

- 1. Why do you think God gave us Hebrews Chapter 11?
- 2. What is a promise?
- 3. What are some of God's promises?
- 4. What does it mean to fix your eyes on Christ?

Questions for older children

- 1. How does Hebrews Chapter 11 encourage your faith?
- 2. What can we say about God's promises?
- 3. What is the connection between Hebrews 11 and Hebrews 12?
- 4. How can these passages impact the way you walk with Christ?

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

1 Peter 2.9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

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.