



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 12, 2017

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

8:00 “Have Mercy on Me, O Lord” *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Dr. Bradley Hunter Welch, *organ*

9:30/11:00 “I Will Come and Bow Down” *Martin Nystrom*
Nathaniel Earhart, *guitar*

Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00
The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

Minister: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
Your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: **How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!**
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of
Your wings.

Minister: They feast on the abundance of Your house,
and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.

People: **For with You is the fountain of life;**
in Your light do we see light.

Psalm 36.5, 7-9

*Prayer of Adoration

*Profession of Faith

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 9:30

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 11:00

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places,
even as He chose us in Him
before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy and blameless before Him.

In love He predestined us for adoption to Himself
as sons through Jesus Christ,
according to the purpose of His will,
to the praise of His glorious grace,
with which He has blessed us in the Beloved.

In Him we have redemption through His blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of His grace,
which He lavished upon us,
in all wisdom and insight
making known to us the mystery of His will,
according to His purpose,
which He set forth in Christ
as a plan for the fullness of time,
to unite all things in Him,
things in heaven and things on earth.

Ephesians 1.3-10

Musical Meditation

"Be Still"

Genito/Eithun

9:30/11:00

Chapel Choir and Carol Choir

based on Psalm 46

Emilie Miller, piano • Lynda Fray, director

Please sing when so directed.

Be still and know that I am God. _____

Be still and know that I am God. _____

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Public Confession of Sin

**Almighty God,
You have raised Jesus from death to life
and crowned Him Lord of all.
We confess our tendency to supplant His authority;
we want to control our lives
and constantly pursue the means to do so.
Our lives are anxious
because we fear not getting the things we most desire.
We do not do to others as we would have them do to us;
our altars of self-ambition are covered with broken relationships.
Loving Father,
through the blood of Your Son
reconcile us to Yourself and to one another.
Teach us how to seek first Your kingdom and righteousness,
trusting that You will add to us everything we need.
Place our hope and confidence in our Great High Priest,
who ever lives to make intercession for us.**

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing Your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever!

Psalm 30.11-12

*Hymn

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Vikki Cook



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me
3. Be - hold Him there, the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect



strong, a per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see Him
spot - less Right - eous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I



Love who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
there who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
Am, the King of glo - ry and of Grace. One with Him -



gra - ven on His hands. My name is writ - ten on His
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
self, I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased with His



heart. I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can
free. For God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on
blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my



bid me thence de - part; no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison 8:00

Mr. Lamberth 9:30

Mr. Higginbottom 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

“We Gather Together”
Morgan Yeates, *piano*

arr. Yeates

“Show Me Thy Ways”

Walter Pelz

Chancel Choir • Dr. Welch, *conductor*
Nathaniel Earhart, *guitar* • Lauren White, *oboe*

*Show me Thy ways O Lord, teach me Thy paths;
Lead me in Thy truth and teach me
For Thou art the God of my salvation;*

*And on Thee do I wait all the day
Show me Thy ways O Lord, teach me Thy paths,
Lead me in Thy truth.*

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Romans 5.1, 11

People: **And also with you.**

***The Scripture Reading**

1 Peter 3.8-12

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

⁹ *Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.*

¹⁰ *For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit;*

¹¹ *let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it.*

¹² *For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”*

The Sermon

“On the Contrary, Bless”

Mr. Williams 8:00
Mr. Goebel 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!

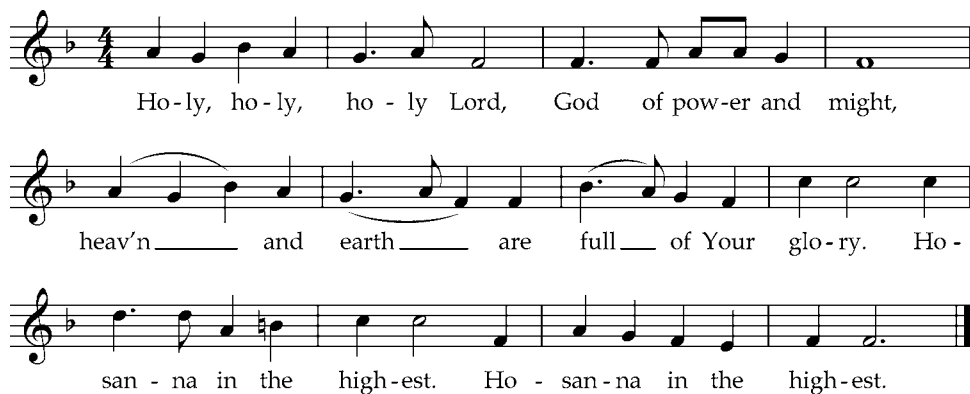
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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.

***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 No. 585 "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated" HENDON**

***The Benediction**

Minister: Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! From Him and through Him and to Him are all things! To Him be the glory forever! Romans 11.33, 36

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

8:00 "There Is a Balm in Gilead" *arr. Yeates*
Mr. Yeates, *piano*

9:30/11:00 "Toccatina in D Minor ('Dorian'), BWV 538" *JS Bach*
Dr. Welch, *organ*

**Please stand if you are able.*

*The flowers in our worship services this morning are given to the glory of God.
"How precious is Your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind
take refuge in the shadow of Your wings." Psalm 36.7*

We thank the following musicians for their participation in our services this morning:

Dr. Bradley Hunter Welch, *organ/conductor*
Nathaniel Earhart, *guitar*
Lauren White, *oboe*
Morgan Yeates, *piano*

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



Welcome to Park Cities Presbyterian Church. We are honored by your presence.

We want to come alongside you in love, hospitality, and prayer. At the conclusion of our services, there are men and women at the front and back of the sanctuary eager to meet and pray with you—in complete confidence.

If you are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, you are loved. For support, please speak with us or call Thrive Women's Clinic at 214-343-9263 or Kari Stainback at 214-224-2738.

"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

SERMON NOTES

1 Peter 3.8-12

“On the Contrary, Bless”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of March 12, 2017

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds. How precious is Your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

“Before the Throne of God Above” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page four.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 3.8-12 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What does it mean to bless someone else? What examples does Peter give?
2. Have you ever wanted revenge? Why is revenge harmful?
3. How should we treat one another as Christians?
4. How should we treat those who are unkind to us?

Questions for older children

1. What is the difference between revenge and justice?
2. How can you be a blessing to Park Cities Presbyterian Church?
3. What does it look like to “love your enemies”?
4. How has Jesus Christ blessed us? How do these blessings shape the way we bless others?

Scripture Memory for March *(memorize this verse of Scripture this month)*

1 Peter 3.18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

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.