



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 19, 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.*

*Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 9:30/11:00

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

People: I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds.

Minister: I will be glad and exult in You;

People: I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

Minister: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,

People: A stronghold in times of trouble.

Minister: And those who know Your name put their trust in You,

People: For You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

Psalm 9.1-2, 9-10

*Hymn of Praise No. 98

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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*Prayer of Adoration

Musical Meditation

“Shepherd of My Heart”

Francis P. O’Brien

9:30/11:00

High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir
Charlotte Ball, *piano* • David Fray, *cello*
Adrian Decosta and Brittany Peterson, *violins*
Lynda Fray, *director*

Please sing when so directed.



Guide me, — O shep-herd of my heart; lead me home-ward
through the dark, in-to ev-er-last-ing day. Show me — the
way of truth and light; keep me al-ways in your sight.
May my life nev-er part from the shep-herd of my heart.

Public Confession of Sin

The Rev. Matt Fray 8:00

Dr. Pete Deison 9:30

The Rev. Chad Scruggs 11:00

Lord Jesus Christ,

surely You have borne my griefs and carried my sorrows;
yet I have considered You stricken by God, and afflicted.

But You were pierced through for my transgressions;

You were crushed for my iniquities;
the chastening for my well-being was upon You;
and by Your scourging I am healed.

Like a sheep I have gone astray,

I have turned to my own way;

but the Lord has caused my iniquity to fall on You, my blessed Savior.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Romans 8.31b-34



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the



light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this so - lid
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right-eous-
 world by dark - ness slain: Then burst-ing forth in glo-r'ous
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



Ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm.
 ness scorned by the ones He came to save:
 Day up from the grave He rose a - gain!
 breath Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
 'Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry sin's curse has
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My Com - for - ter, my All in
 God was sat - is - fied For ev - 'ry sin on Him was
 lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is
 pluck me from His hand; 'Till He re - turns or calls me



All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine— bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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

Eliza DuBose Ligon
Daley Elizabeth McFarland
Jacob Martin Cope IV
Britton David Mueller

11:00

Ryan Sadkin Rodriguez
Margot Tate Rodriguez
William Charles Wallace
Reed Simon DeLuca

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

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

Musical Offering

8:00

"Prelude, Op. 28, No. 15"
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

Frederic Chopin

9:30/11:00

"But Thanks Be to God" from *Messiah*
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, *conductor*
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

G.F. Handel

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?
The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law...

But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 15.55-57(KJV)

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Isaiah 53.5

People: And also with you.

*The Scripture Reading

1 Peter 3.13-22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?

¹⁴ *But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled,*

¹⁵ *but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,*

¹⁶ *having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.*

¹⁷ *For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.*

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,*

¹⁹ *in which He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison,*

²⁰ *because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.*

²¹ *Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,*

²² *who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him.*

The Sermon

“The Sojourner’s Hope in Suffering”

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Higginbottom 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!

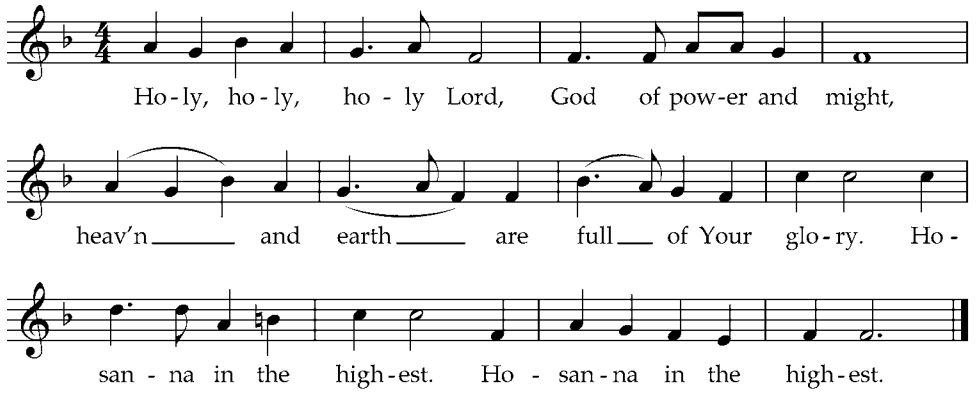
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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. 92 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN' FESTE BURG**

***The Benediction**

Minister: In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.37-39

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

8:00	“Crown Him with Many Crowns” Mr. Nielson, <i>piano</i>	<i>DIADEMATA</i> <i>arr. S. Nielson</i>
9:30/11:00	“Prelude in Classic Style” Mr. Cope, <i>organ</i>	<i>Gordon Young</i>

**Please stand if you are able.*

The flowers in our worship services this morning are given to the glory of God.

“If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?”

Romans 8.31-32

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 glad you have joined us today.

We want to come alongside you in hospitality and prayer. At the conclusion of our services, there are men and women at the front and back of the sanctuary 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 3.13-22

“The Sojourner’s Hope in Suffering”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of March 19, 2017

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

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.

“In Christ Alone” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page three.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 3.13-22 *(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 “suffer for righteousness’ sake”?
2. What are some examples of how you might suffer for your faith?
3. Peter tells us that we always need to be ready to do something: what is it?
4. If someone asked you, “Why do you believe in Jesus?” what would you tell them?
5. According to verse 18, why did Jesus suffer?

Questions for older children

1. Suffering for our faith can feel like a curse. Why do you think God’s Word calls it a blessing?
2. What does it mean to honor or sanctify Christ the Lord as holy in our hearts?
3. Why would someone ask you about the hope that you have? Has this ever happened for you?
4. How does Jesus’ suffering encourage us as we suffer?

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.