



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 17, 2017
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

Prelude

“We Are God’s People”

*Johannes Brahms
arr. Nielson & Young*

Dr. Nathan Davy and Mr. Stephen Nielson, *duo-pianists*

Call to Worship

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

Minister: For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

People: So are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

Minister: For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth;

People: It shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Minister: For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace;

People: The mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Isaiah 55.9-12

***Hymn of Praise No. 101** “Come, Thou Almighty King”

TRINITY

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 8:00
The Rev. Chad Scruggs 9:30
The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 11:00

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone,
to whom alone we must cleave,
whom alone we must serve,
whom only we must worship,
and in whom alone we put our trust.**

**Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,
incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;
one in substance and yet distinct in three Persons,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.**

**By whom we confess and believe all things
in heaven and earth,
visible and invisible,
to have been created,
to be retained in their being,
and to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable providence
for such end as His eternal wisdom,
goodness, and justice have appointed,
and to the manifestation of His own glory. Amen.**

The Scots Confession 1560, Article 1

***Hymn**

"Jesus Is Lord"

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1. Je - sus is Lord, the cry that ech - oes through cre - a - tion,
2. Je - sus is Lord, whose voice sus - tains the stars and plan - ets, —
3. Je - sus is Lord, the tomb is glo - ri - ous - ly emp - ty, —
4. Je - sus is Lord, a shout of joy, a cry of an - guish



— re - splen - dant pow'r, e - ter - nal Word, our Rock;
— yet in His wis - dom laid a - side His crown;
— not e - ven death could crush the King of love;
— as He re - turns and ev - 'ry knee bows low;



the Son of God, the King whose glo - ry fills the hea - vens,
Je - sus the man who washed our feet, who bore our suf - f'ring
the price is paid, the chains are loosed and we're for - giv - en, —
when ev - 'ry eye and ev - 'ry heart will see His glo - ry, —



— yet bids us come to taste this liv - ing bread.
— be - came a curse to bring sal - va - tion's plan.
— and we can run in - to the arms of God.
— the Judge of all will take His chil - dren home.

The Sacrament of Baptism

9:30

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

Adeline Elizabeth Smith
Cora Jane Mabry
Samuel William Greenwell
Charles Phillip Hovitz III

Prayer for the Families

9:30

*Hymn No. 355

9:30

"We Are God's People"
Stanza 1

SYMPHONY

Public Confession of Sin

O Lord, You alone know how often we have offended You
and hurt the lives of others.
Forgive us, O Lord, for every unkind thought,
every untrue word,
every wrong act.
Forgive us, for we have been selfish,
and have not thought of the needs of others.
Forgive us for our ingratitude,
our neglect of prayer,
our carelessness in the use of money,
our forgetfulness of our sacred vows.
O God, have mercy upon us.
Create in us clean hearts,
and renew a right spirit within us.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1.9

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Lamberth 8:00

Mr. Scruggs 9:30

Mr. Higginbottom 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

arr. Paul Manz

Dr. Davy, organ

9:30/11:00

“Saints Bound for Heaven”

arr. Mack Wilberg

Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director

Dr. Davy, Mr. Nielson, duo-pianists

Our bondage it shall end by and by. From Egypt’s yoke set free, hail the glorious jubilee, and to Canaan we’ll return by and by.

Our deliverer He shall come by and by. And our sorrows have an end with our three-score years and ten, and vast glory crown the day by and by.

And when to Jordan’s floods we are come, Jehovah rules the tide and the waters He’ll divide and the ransomed host shall shout “We are come.”

Then with all the happy throng we’ll rejoice. Shouting glory to our King, till the vaults of heaven ring, and through all eternity we’ll rejoice.

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: And He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Ephesians 2.17-18

People: **And also with you.**

*The Scripture Reading

Luke 24.44-49

⁴⁴ Then He said to them, “These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

⁴⁵ Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,

⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Acts 1.1-5

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,
² *until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen.*
³ *He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the Kingdom of God.*
⁴ *And while staying with them He ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, "you heard from Me;*
⁵ *for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."*

The Sermon

“The Word and the Witnesses”

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**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

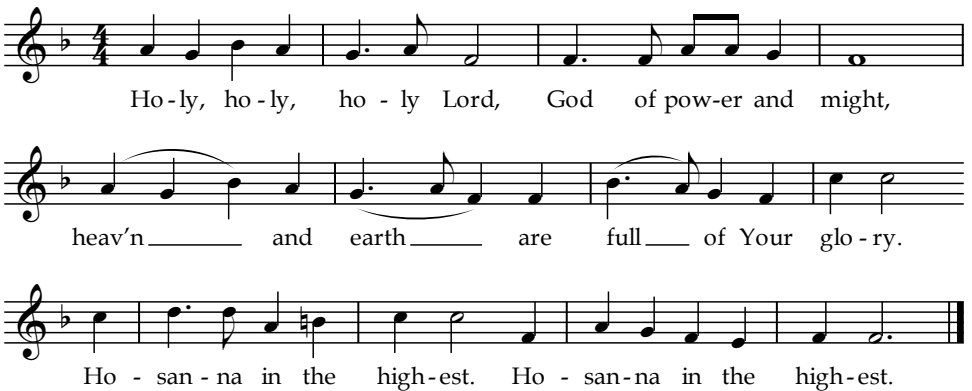
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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. 598** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

***The Benediction**

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6.24-26

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

Postlude

Finale on "Veni, Creator Spiritus"
Dr. Davy, organ

Maurice Duruflé

**Please stand if you are able.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Nat Baker, with thanksgiving for his exquisite drawing of our church which appears on the bulletin cover.

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

Luke 24.44-49; Acts 1.1-5
"The Word and the Witnesses"

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of September 17, 2017

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

“Jesus Is Lord” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please refer to the hymn on page three.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Luke 24.44-49; Acts 1.1-5 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What did Jesus tell the disciples had to happen?
2. What did Jesus tell the disciples to do?
3. Who are they supposed to wait for?
4. What do you think it might have been like for them as they waited?
5. What does it mean to be clothed in the power of the Holy Spirit?

Questions for older children

1. What comfort do you receive from trusting the credibility of God’s word?
2. Summarize the clarity of Christ’s mission.
3. How have you sensed the Holy Spirit’s power?
4. What is your mission field?

Scripture Memory for September: *(memorize this passage of Scripture this month)*

Acts 1.8

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

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.