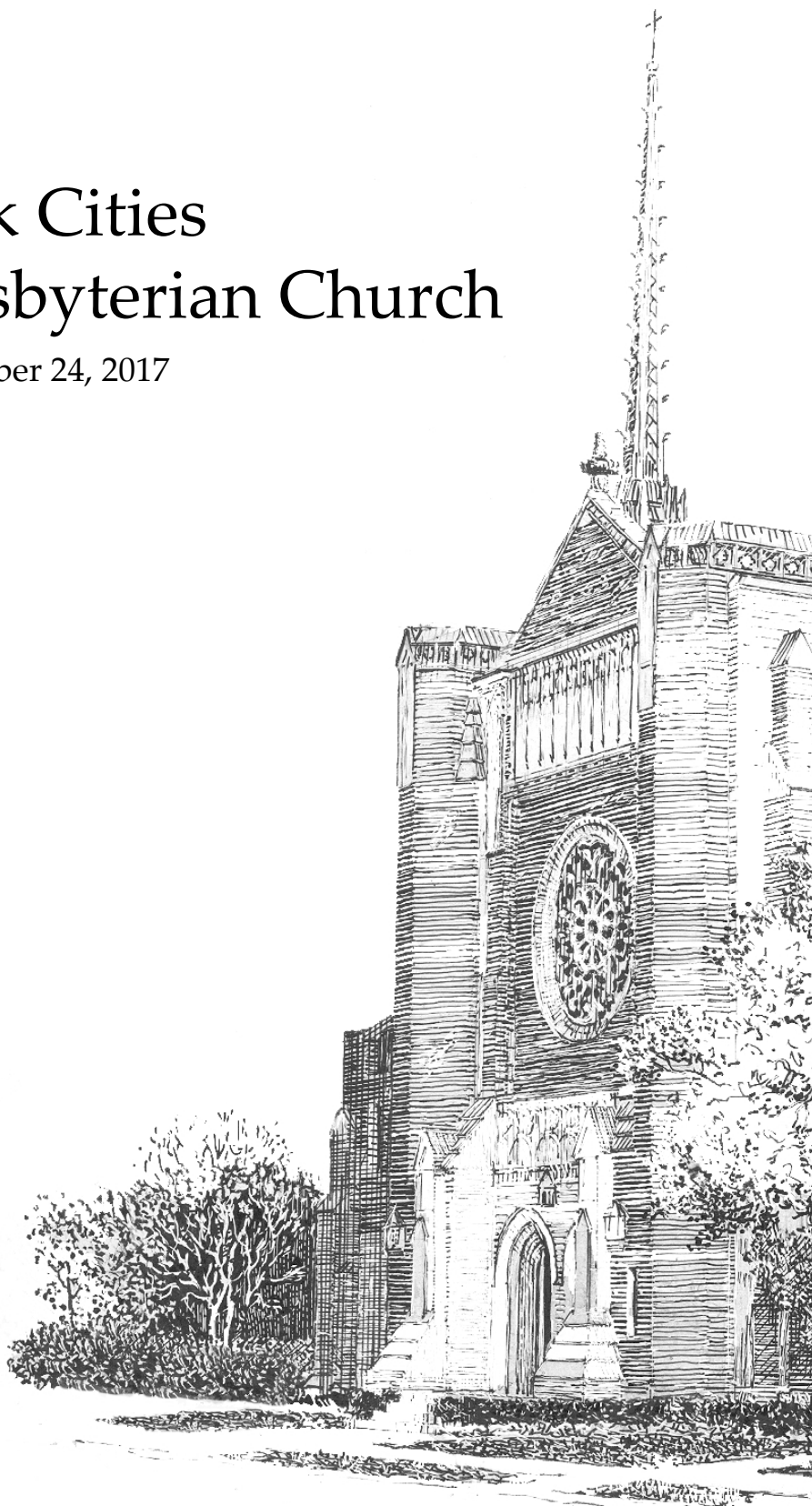


Park Cities Presbyterian Church

September 24, 2017



*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.*



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 24, 2017
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

Prelude

8:00	"Adagio, BWV 564/2" Dr. Nathan Davy, <i>organ</i>	<i>J. S. Bach</i>
9:30/11:00	"Allegro" from <i>Concerto in G Minor RV 157</i> Adrian DeCosta, <i>violin</i> • Steve Pettey, <i>oboe</i>	<i>Antonio Vivaldi</i>

Introit	"Awake, My Soul, and Sing"	<i>arr. Ovid Young</i>
9:30/11:00	Chancel Choir • Dr. Nathan Davy, <i>conductor</i>	

Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00
The Rev. Chad Scruggs 9:30/11:00

Minister: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

People: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Minister: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

People: "To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

Revelation 5.11-13

***Hymn of Praise No. 295 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"** *DIADEMATA*

*Prayer of Adoration

*Profession of Faith

The Rev. Matt Fray 8:00
The Rev. Tommy Overton 9:30
Dr. Pete Deison 11:00

**We believe and confess one single catholic or universal church—
a holy congregation and gathering of true Christian believers.
This holy church is not confined, bound, or limited
to a certain place or certain people.**

But it is spread and dispersed throughout the entire world,
 though still joined and united
 in heart and will,
 in one and the same Spirit,
 by the power of faith.

from the *Belgic Confession*, Art. 27

*Hymn

"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Rodgers/Wyse

1. Won-der-ful, mer-ci-ful Sav-ior, Pre-cious Re-deem-er and Friend,
 2. Coun-sel-or, com-fort-er, keep-er, Spir-it we long to em-brace,
 3. Al-might-y, in-fi-nite Fa-ther faith-ful-ly lov-ing Your own;—

— Who would have thought that a Lamb could res-cue the
 — You of-fer hope when our hearts have hope-less-ly
 — Here in our weak-ness You find us fall-ing be-

souls of man, Oh, You res-cue the souls of man.
 lost our way, Oh, we've hope-less-ly lost the way.
 fore Your throne, Oh, we're fall-ing be-fore Your throne.

Refrain

You are the one that we praise, You are the one we a-dore,
 — You give the heal-ing and grace our hearts al-ways
 hun-ger for, Oh, our hearts al-ways hun-ger for.

Public Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank You
 for Your steadfast, never-ending love.

We cannot possibly comprehend Your deep affection for us,
 that You did not spare Your only Son,
 but freely gave Him up for our salvation.

We confess, Lord, that our inability to take in the fullness of Your love
 has caused us to limit Your love.

When we limit Your love for us,
 we no doubt limit our love for others.

O Lord, forgive our selfishness!

Enlarge our hearts and our minds,
 give us strength to comprehend the incredible dimension
 of Your love for us in Christ Jesus,
 and may we have the grace to share it with the world.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

But I have trusted in Your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me.

Psalm 13.5-6

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

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

Musical Offering

8:00 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" Michael Burkhardt
Dr. Davy, *organ*

9:30/11:00 "I Will Sing with the Spirit" John Rutter
Chancel Choir • High School Ensemble
J. Marty Cope, *director* • Nathan Davy, *organ*

*I will sing with the spirit, alleluia:
and I will sing with the understanding also, alleluia.*

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Colossians 3:16

People: And also with you.

*The Scripture Reading

Acts 1.6-11

So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ *He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority."*

⁸ But 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."

⁹ *And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight.*

¹⁰ *And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes,*

¹¹ And said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven."

The Sermon

“Be My Witnesses”

Mr. Williams 8:00
Mr. Scruggs 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!

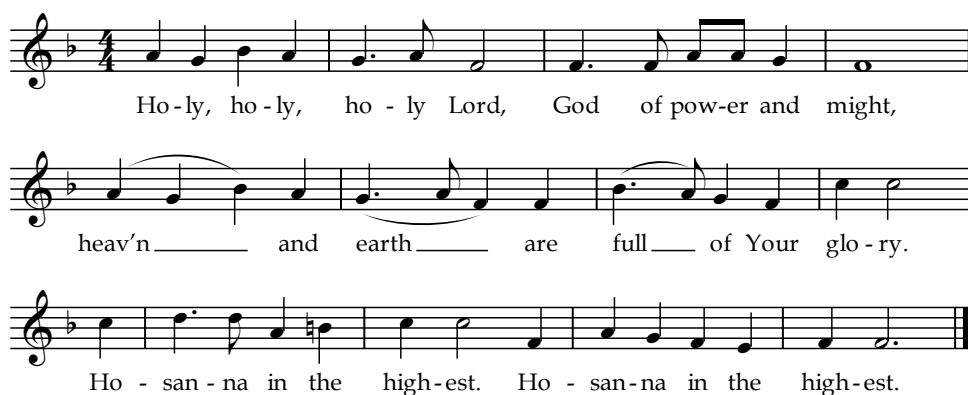
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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:**



***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 Hymns

8:00 No. 585 "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"

HENDON

9:30/11:00

"Facing a Task Unfinished"

AURELIA

Stanza 1: Alicia Ucciferri, *solo*; Stanzas 2-4: *all*



Solo 1. Fa - cing a task un - fin - ished, that drives us
All 2. Where oth - er lords be - side Thee hold their un -
All 3. We bear the torch that, flam - ing, fell from the
All 4. O Fa - ther who sus - tained them, O Spi - rit



to our knees. A need that, un - di - min - ished, re -
 hin - dered sway; where for - ces that de - fied Thee, de -
 hands of those who gave their lives pro - claim - ing that
 who in - spired, Sav - ior, whose love con - strained them to



bukes our sloth - ful ease. We, who re - joice to
 fy Thee still to - day. With none to heed their
 Je - sus died and rose. Ours is the same com -
 toil with zeal un - tired. From cow - ar - dice de -



know Thee, re - new be - fore Thy throne the so - lemn
 cry - ing for life, and love, and light, un - num - bered
 mis - sion, the same glad mess - age ours; fired by the
 fend us, from leth - ar - gy a - wake! Forth on Thine



pledge we owe Thee - to go and make Thee known.
 souls are dy - ing and pass in - to the night.
 same am - bi - tion, to Thee we yield our pow'rs.
 er - rands send us to la - bor for Thy sake.



Refrain
 We go to all the world, His king - dom hope un - furled. No



oth - er name has power to save but Je - sus Christ the Lord.

*The Benediction

Minister: Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations for ever and ever! Ephesians 3.20-21

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

Postlude

“Nun Danket Alle Gott”
Dr. Davy, organ

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**Please stand if you are able.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kristin Koons Jackson on the occasion of her birthday from her Mother.

The LORD your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.
Zephaniah 3.17

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

Acts 1.6-11
“Be My Witnesses”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of September 24, 2017

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

Revelation 5.13

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please refer to the hymn on page three.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Acts 1.6-11 *(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 for something to be restored? What do you want restored?
2. The Ascension means that Jesus is the King over all creation. Why should this make us joyful and confident?
3. What is a witness? Why do you think Jesus calls His followers to be His witnesses?
4. Where does Jesus call His followers to go as His witnesses? What power do they have to do what He has called them to do?
5. What are ways that you are a witness to Jesus’ lordship? What are ways that PCPC can grow in our witness together as a church family?

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.