

For Thy Holy Spirit doth assure our consciences
 that Thou art our merciful Father,
 and so lovest us, Thy children, through Him,
 that nothing is able to remove
 Thine heavenly grace and favor from us.
 To Thee, therefore, O Father,
 with the Son and with the Holy Ghost,
 be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Silent Meditation

*Hymn

“O Church, Arise”

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9:30/11:00



1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; hear the
 2. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the
 3. So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give —



call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that
 Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be -
 grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has gi - ven.
 neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en!
 win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful.



With shield of faith and belt of — Truth, we'll stand a -
 And as the stone is rolled a - way and Christ e -
 As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing



gainst the de - vil's lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle
 mer - ges from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues
 tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
 'til the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
 for the day when with Christ we stand in Glo - ry.

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

Elizabeth Lewis Clark
Elizabeth Lee Seifert

11:00

Margaret Anne Allen
Noah Malone Mitchell V

Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

*Psalm No. 86

"The Lord's My Shepherd"
Stanzas: 1, 5

BROTHER JAMES' AIR
from the *Scottish Psalter*, 1650

"And then let some place of Scripture be plainly and distinctly read..."

*The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 11.1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words.

² *And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.*

³ *And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar.*

⁴ *Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth."*

⁵ *And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built.*

⁶ *And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them.*

⁷ *Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech."*

⁸ *So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.*

⁹ *Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.*

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

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

Musical Offering

8:00

“Brother James’ Air”
Dr. Davy, organ

Searle Wright

9:30/11:00

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Dale Wood

Chancel Choir • High School Ensemble • Covenant Choir

Dr. Susie Wilson and Mrs. Lynda Fray, conductors • Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone;
Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion’s help forever, and her confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With Thy wonted loving kindness hear Thy servants as they pray,
And Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.*

*Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one,
One on might and One in glory, while unending ages run.*

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Romans 5.1

People: **And also with you.**

***The New Testament Reading**

Acts 2.5-13

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.

⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.

⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”

⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?

⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,

¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³ But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

The Sermon

“The Mission of Pentecost”

Mr. Williams 8:00
Mr. Goebel 9:30/11:00

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please
continue at the closing hymn on page seven.

*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 Hymn No. 164** “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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***The Benediction**

Minister: The Lord bless us, and save us;
The Lord make His face to shine upon us,
and be merciful unto us;
The Lord turn His countenance towards us,
and grant us His peace.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

“Toccata”
Dr. Davy, organ

Theodore Dubois

**Please stand if you are able.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of and thanksgiving for all our PCPC missionaries serving locally and around the world and for the staff at PCPC who work to support our missions’ ministry.

*With great joy, PCPC looks forward to co-hosting the
PCA Global Missions Conference here in Dallas, November 10-12.*

**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.

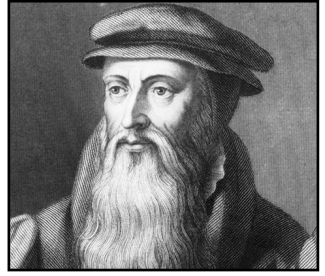
We want to come alongside you in hospitality and prayer. At the conclusion of our services, there are men and women at the front and back of the sanctuary to meet and pray with you—in complete confidence.

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

Reformation 500

Why are we celebrating the Protestant Reformation? There is, of course, the magnitude of this year's particular anniversary (500 years!), and also the gratitude we feel for the blessing of our heritage; the Reformers themselves, however, would abhor the thought of doing anything apart from a basis in Scripture, and so I point to the injunction of Hebrews 13:7: "Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith." Indeed, the bold proclamation of the word of God in the face of hardship and the threat of death characterized the life and ministry of John Knox.



John Knox
1514-1572

Not much is known about John Knox's early life. He was born about 1514, and he was ordained a Catholic priest in 1536. He converted to the Christ in 1543, but though Knox himself authored the first history of the Reformation in Scotland, we do not know how his conversion came about. In 1545, he began to follow the Scottish Reformer George Wishart, traveling with him throughout the Scottish Lowlands preaching the gospel, and protecting him from would-be assassins with a two-handed broadsword. Early in 1546, aware that his arrest and execution were imminent, Wishart sent Knox away, and was burnt at the stake only weeks later.

Following the assassination of the corrupt Roman Catholic archbishop of St. Andrews, who had been responsible for Wishart's martyrdom, Knox was caught up in political turmoil, joined a company of Protestants, and was besieged with them in St. Andrews Castle. When the castle fell after the French came to the aid of the Catholic regime in Scotland, he was enslaved in a French galley, chained to an oar for 19 months before being released to England. There he preached the gospel to the newly crowned Edward VI, at St. George's chapel in Windsor Castle. When Mary Tudor ("Blood Mary") ascended to the throne he went into hiding, subsequently fleeing to Geneva, where he assisted John Calvin in his ministry.

In 1559, Protestant members of the Scottish nobility wrote to Knox, pleading with him to return to Scotland and pledging to aid and protect him. Knox returned to St. Andrews, and upon his arrival began to proclaim the gospel, despite a warning that he would be shot that moment he began to preach. Revival spread through Scotland, and in 1560 the Scottish parliament adopted Knox's Scot's Confession as the rule for faith and practice.

The struggle was far from over, for the next year Mary, Queen of Scots, still a practicing Catholic, ascended the throne. Mary tried to maintain the Catholic faith in her court, in defiance of the Scottish parliament, and for the rest of his life, John Knox found himself fighting for the truth in the face of her resistance. One Sunday in 1565, Lord Darnley, the Queen's husband, heard Knox preach in St. Andrews; he was so angered by what he heard that he summoned Knox and forbade him from preaching when he and the Queen were in town. Knox's response was to write down the sermon as best he could from memory (he always preached without notes) and publish it. In these words, spoken just a few years before his death, we see his love of the gospel, his zeal for the word of God, and his hope in Christ.

—Dr. Nathan Davy

"Let us now humble ourselves in the presence of our God; and from the bottom of our hearts let us desire Him to assist us with the power of His Holy Spirit...that He let us not forget His mercy, and that glorious Name that hath been proclaimed among us."

"Give us, O Lord, hearts to visit Thee in time of our affliction; and that albeit we see none end of our dolours, that yet our faith and hope may conduct us to the assured hope of that joyful resurrection, in the which, we shall possess the fruit of that for the which now we travail!"

—John Knox, from *A Sermon, on Isaiah 26:13-20*

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of October 15, 2017

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me! Incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me! For You are my rock and my fortress; and for Your name's sake you lead me and guide me. Psalm 31:1-3

“O Church, Arise” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please refer to the hymn on page three.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:5-13 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. Why did God send the Holy Spirit to the Church?
2. What does it mean to be a witness?
3. Why should we tell others about Jesus Christ?
4. What did the Jews celebrate during the feast of Pentecost? What does this have to do with our mission as Christ's Church?

Questions for Older Children:

1. What is the Great Commission? Who has God called to fulfill the Great Commission?
2. What miracle happened at Pentecost? What does this miracle teach us about world missions?
3. What is reconciliation? How has God reconciled us to Himself?
4. What role does the Holy Spirit play in evangelism?

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

Acts 2:42-43

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

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.