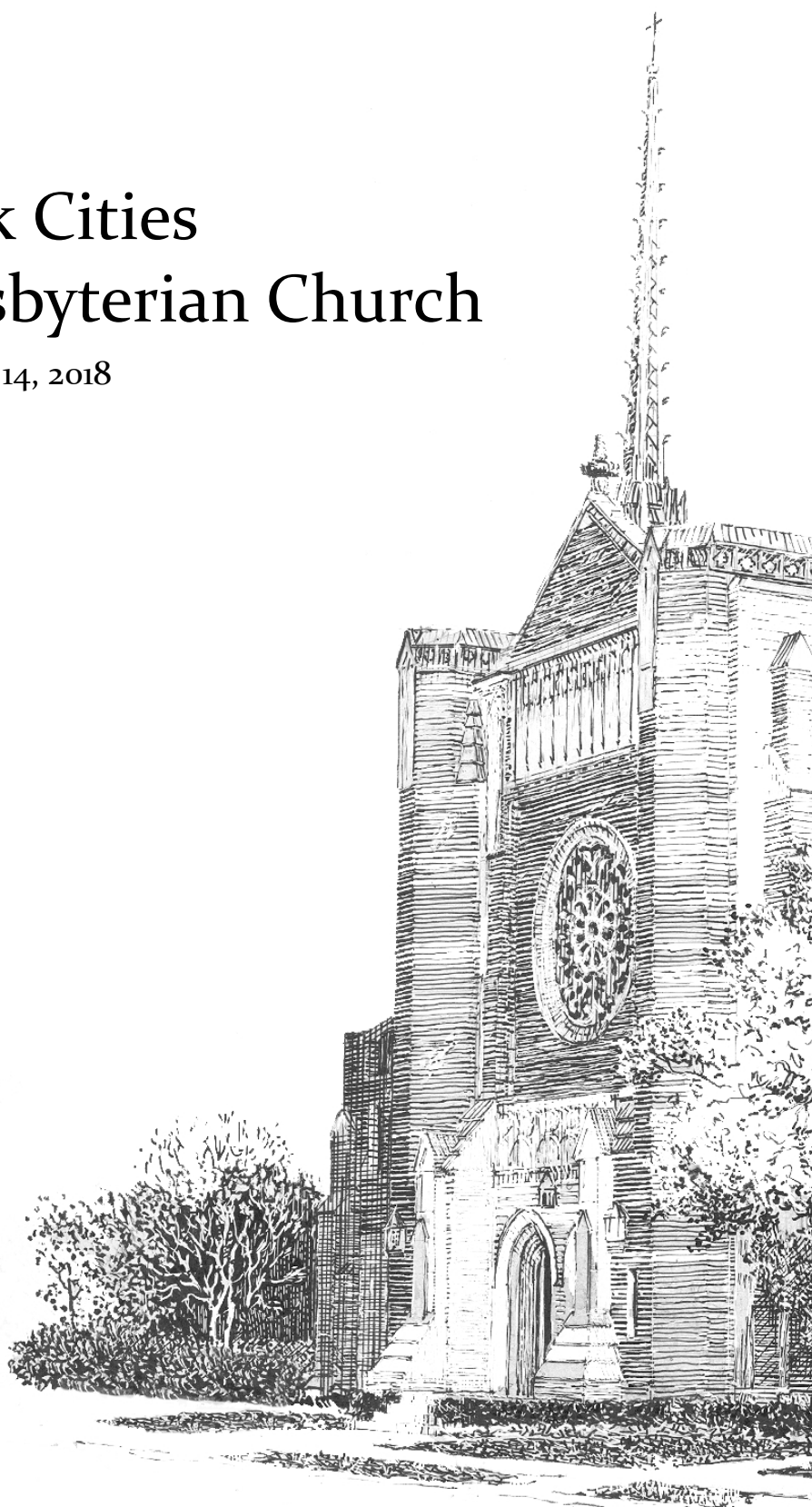


Park Cities Presbyterian Church

January 14, 2018



*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 OF WORSHIP

January 14, 2018
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

Prelude

8:00

“Adagio in D flat”
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

Franz Liszt

9:30/11:00

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” *LOBE DEN HERREN*
Stephen Nielson, *piano* • Christopher Adkins, *cello* *arr. Kaiser*

Call to Worship

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

Minister: Blessed be the LORD! For He has heard the voice of my pleas
for mercy.

**People: The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart
trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song
I give thanks to Him.**

Minister: The LORD is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of
His anointed.

**People: Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage! Be their
Shepherd and carry them forever.** Psalm 28.6-9

***Hymn of Praise No. 164** “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” *AZMON*

*Prayer of Adoration

*Profession of Faith

The Rev. Tommy Overton 8:00
The Rev. Matt Fray 9:30
The Rev. Chad Scruggs 11:00

**Lord, You have been our dwelling place
in all generations.**

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever You had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting You are God.**

Be still, and know that I am God.
 I will be exalted among the nations,
 I will be exalted in the earth!
 The LORD of hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Psalm 90.1-2; 46.10-11

***Song of Remembrance and Proclamation**

8:00

Hymn No. 173

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

JOYFUL SONG

9:30/11:00

"By Faith"

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1. By faith we see the hand of God in the
2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the
3. By faith the church was called to go in the
4. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the



light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the lives of those who prove His
 pow'r of His pro-mise in their hearts, of a ho - ly cit - y built by
 pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost, to de - liv - er cap-tives and to
 pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre-vail, for we know in Christ all things are



faith - ful - ness, who walk by faith and not by sight. (to vs. 2)
 God's own hand, a place where peace and jus-tice — reign.→
 preach good news in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the earth. (to vs. 4)
 pos - si - ble for all who call up - on His — name.→



We will stand as chil-dren of the pro - mise; We will fix our



eyes on Him, our soul's re-ward. 'Till the race is fin-ished and the



work is done we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

Public Confession of Sin

Almighty God,
we confess how hard it is to be Your people.
You have called us to be the church,
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ
to our lonely and confused world.
Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved,
callous than compassionate,
fearful than bold,
obstinate than obedient.
Gracious Lord,
have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
Remove the obstacles preventing us
from being Your representatives to a broken world.
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of Your indwelling Spirit.
This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You.

Psalm 51:12-13

Musical Meditation

9:30/11:00

“Keep Watch, Dear Lord”

Mr. Nielson, *piano* • Mr. Adkins, *cello*

Kurt Kaiser

This piece is based on the following prayer by St. Augustine:

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give Your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted and shield the joyous. All for Your love's sake. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Overton 8:00

Mr. Fray 9:30

Mr. Scruggs 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

Dr. Davy, *organ*

J.S. Bach

9:30/11:00

“Here I Am, Lord”

Schutte/arr. Schrader

Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, *director* • Dr. Davy, *organ*

Mr. Nielson, *piano* • Mr. Adkins, *cello*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry; all who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night; I will go, Lord, if You lead me, I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright; who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain; I have wept for love of them, they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone; I will speak my words to them, whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will send the poor and lame; I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide, 'til their hearts be satisfied; I will give My life to them, whom shall I send?

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Colossians 1.19-20

People: **And also with you.**

*The Scripture Reading

Acts 5.17-42

Mr. Williams 8:00

Erin and Matt Fray 9:30

Jada and Chad Scruggs 11:00

But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy
¹⁸ *they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison.*
¹⁹ *But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said,*
²⁰ *“Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.”*
²¹ *And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach. Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.*
²² *But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported,*
²³ *“We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside.”*
²⁴ *Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to.*
²⁵ *And someone came and told them, “Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.”*
²⁶ *Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.*
²⁷ *And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them,*
²⁸ *saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this Man’s blood upon us.”*
²⁹ *But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.*
³⁰ *The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging Him on a tree.*
³¹ *God exalted Him at His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.*
³² *And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.”*
³³ *When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them.*
³⁴ *But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while.*
³⁵ *And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men.*
³⁶ *For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing.*
³⁷ *After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered.*
³⁸ *So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail;*
³⁹ *but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice,*
⁴⁰ *and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.*
⁴¹ *Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.*
⁴² *And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.*

Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00, please
continue at the closing hymn.

***The Great Thanksgiving 8:00**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

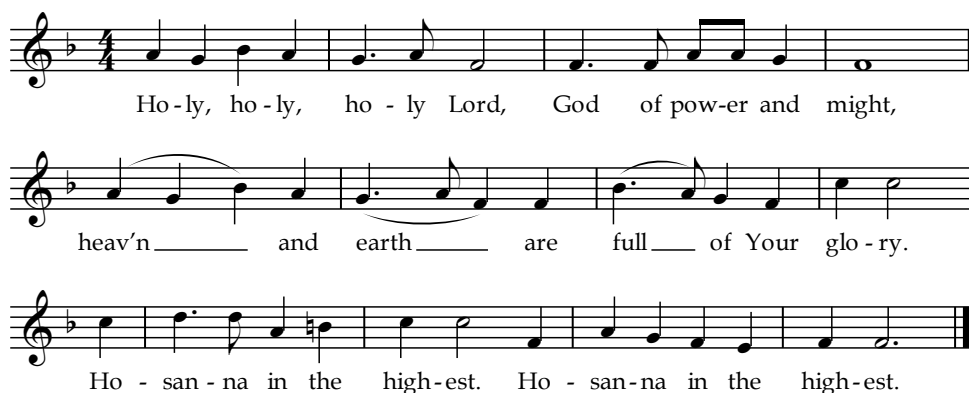
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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 Words of Institution 8:00**

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. 693**

“Blessed Assurance”

ASSURANCE

*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

“Allegro Maestoso”
Dr. Davy, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

**Please stand if you are able.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the PCPC Pastoral Care Ministry as they faithfully minister to those who are in need of care and prayer.

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 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 5.17-42

“Prison Break”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of January 14, 2018

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.

“By Faith” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page three.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Acts 5.17-42 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. Why were the apostles thrown into prison?
2. Why did the angel set them free?
3. When they were told to stop teaching people about Jesus, what did Peter say? (See Acts 5.27-32)
4. Even after they were punished, what did the apostles continue to do? Why?
5. Where did their power come from?

Questions for older children

1. How does the theme of a prison break flow throughout the gospel narrative?
2. What prison walls keep us from living in the freedom we have in Christ?
3. How can we live in the power of the Holy Spirit to be the witnesses He has called us to be?

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

Acts 5.42

And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

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.