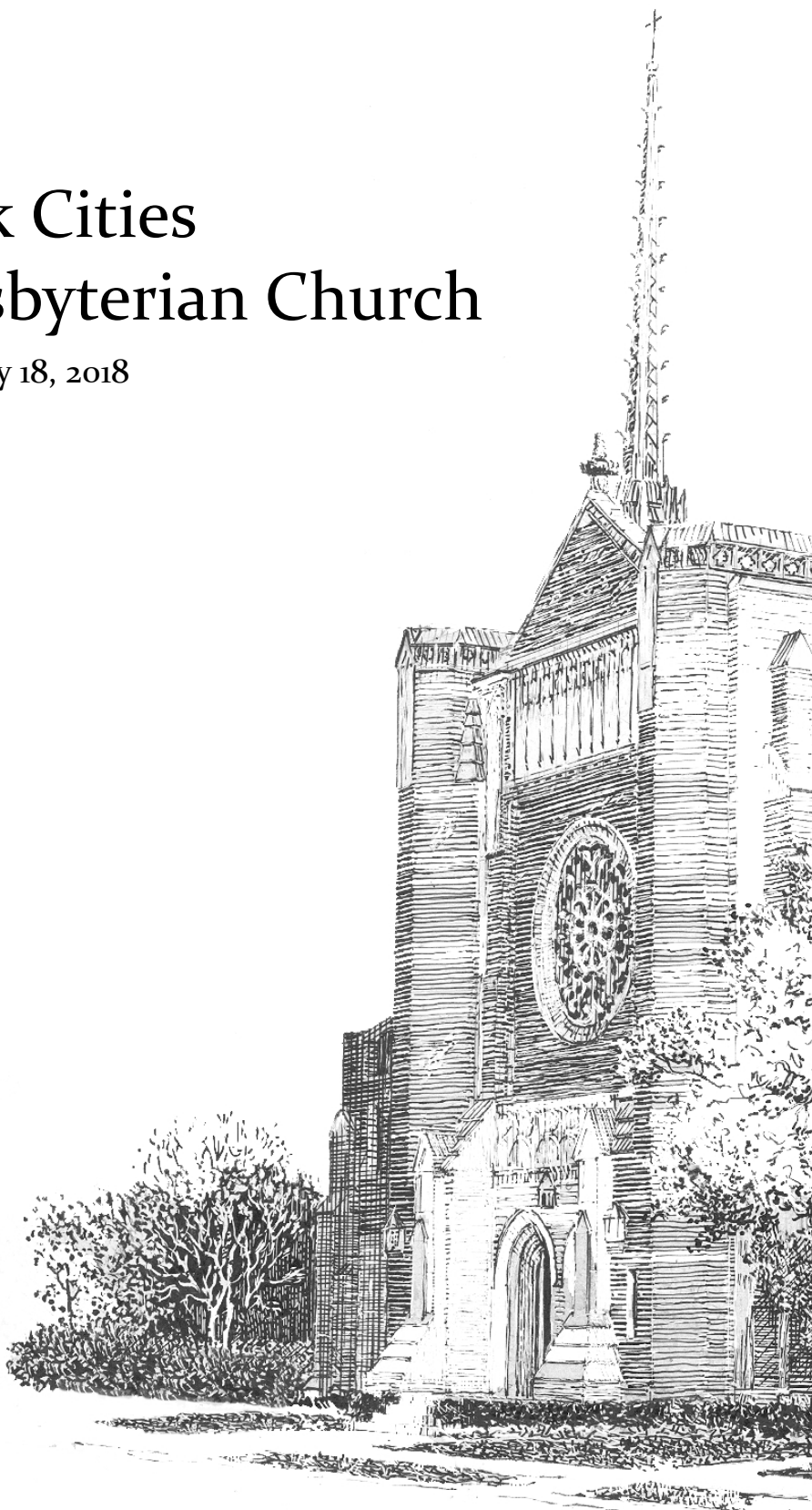


Park Cities Presbyterian Church

February 18, 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

February 18, 2018
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

First Sunday of Lent

*Call to Worship

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

Minister: I have set the Lord always before me;

People: Because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Minister: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

People: My flesh also dwells secure.

Minister: For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

People: Or let Your holy one see corruption.

Minister: You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy;

People: At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalm 16.8-11

*Hymn of Praise

"I Stand Amazed"

WHAT A SAVIOR



I stand a - mazed in the pres - ence of
He took my sins and my sor - rows, He
When with the ran - somed in glo - ry His



Je - sus the Naz - a - rene, and won - der how He could
made them His ver - y own; He bore the bur - den to
face I at last shall see, 'Twill be my joy through the



love me, a sin - ner, con - demned, un - clean.
Cal - v'ry, and suf - fered and died a - lone.
a - ges to sing of His love for me.

Refrain

How mar-vel-ous! How won-der-ful! And my song shall ev - er be:
How mar-vel-ous! How won-der-ful is my Sav - ior's love for me!

*Prayer of Adoration

Musical Meditation

“Blest Are They”

David Haas

9:30/11:00

based on *The Beatitudes—Matthew 5.3-12*

Covenant Choir and Chapel Choir

Lynda Fray, *director* • Stephen Nielson, *piano*

Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

Rejoice! and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you. Rejoice! and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs.

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.

Please sing when so directed.

Re-joice! and be glad! Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you, re-
joice! and be glad! Yours is the king - dom of God!



1. O, to see the dawn of the dark - est day; Christ
 2. O, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face, bear -
 3. Now the day-light flees; Now the ground be - neath quakes
 4. O, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for



on the road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
 ing the awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
 as its Ma - ker bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,
 through Your suf - f'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death,



torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood. ____
 ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing Your blood - stained brow. ____
 dead are raised to life— "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry. ____
 life is mine to live, won through Your self - less love! ____

Refrain



(v1-3) This the pow'r ____ of the cross: ____ Christ be - came ____ sin for us. ____
 (v4) This the pow'r ____ of the cross: ____ Son of God ____ slain for us. ____



Took the blame, ____ bore the wrath; We stand for - gi - ven at the cross.
 What a love, ____ what a cost! We stand for - gi - ven at the cross.

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

11:00

Eleanor Drummond Cooper
Hadley Jewell Pogoloff
Elliot Gregory Wood
Emily Courtney Squibb

Aurora Emmeline Wileman

Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

Musical Meditation

9:30/11:00

“Sanctus”
Chancel Choir

James MacMillan

Please join in singing when so directed.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Public Confession of Sin

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00
The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30
The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 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

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have loosed my
sackcloth and clothed me with gladness. Psalm 30.11

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

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

Musical Offering

8:00

“O Sacred Head”
Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

J. S. Bach

9:30/11:00

“Agnus Dei” from *Requiem*
Chancel Choir • High School Ensemble
J. Marty Cope, director • Dr. Davy, organ

Gabriel Fauré

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi dona nobis requiem. Lux aeterna luceat nobis, Domine: Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es. Requiem aeternam dona nobis Domine, et lux perpetua luceat nobis.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, give us rest. May light eternal shine upon us, O Lord, in the company of Thy saints forever and ever; for Thou art merciful. Rest eternal grant to us, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon us.

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: 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

Acts 7.58-8.3

Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ *And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”*

⁶⁰ *And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.*

^{8.1} *And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.*

² *Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him.*

³ *But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.*

Acts 9.1-9

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest

² *and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.*

³ *Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him.*

⁴ *And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?”*

⁵ *And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” And He said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.*

⁶ *But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”*

⁷ *The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.*

⁸ *Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.*

⁹ *And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.*

The Sermon

“Converting Opposition”

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

Worshippers 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!

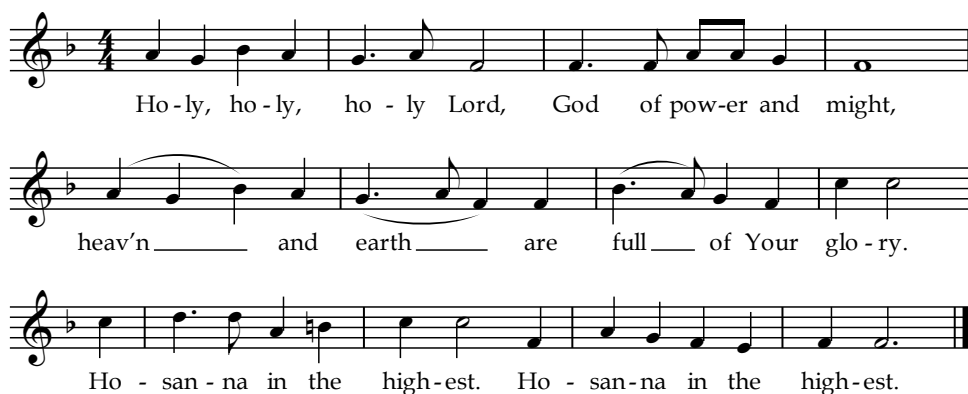
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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 and 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. 460**

"Amazing Grace!"
Stanzas: 1-3, 6

AMAZING GRACE

***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

"Grand Choeur"
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 in celebration of and thanksgiving for Ernie Figari by "his girls" on the occasion of his birthday.

"Now, our God, we give You thanks and praise Your glorious name."

1 Chronicles 29:13

SERMON NOTES

Acts 7.58-8.3 • Acts 9.1-9
“Converting Opposition”

Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.



elcome 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

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of February 18, 2018

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

“Power of the Cross” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page four.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Acts 7.58-8.3 • Acts 9.1-9 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What was Saul doing to Christians?
2. How might you have felt if you were a Christian living at this time in history?
3. What happens to Saul?
4. What does this story teach us about God’s power and plan?

Questions for older children

1. What amazes you about his story?
2. How might this story influence the way we pray for our enemies?

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

Acts 16.30-31.

Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

³¹ And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

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.