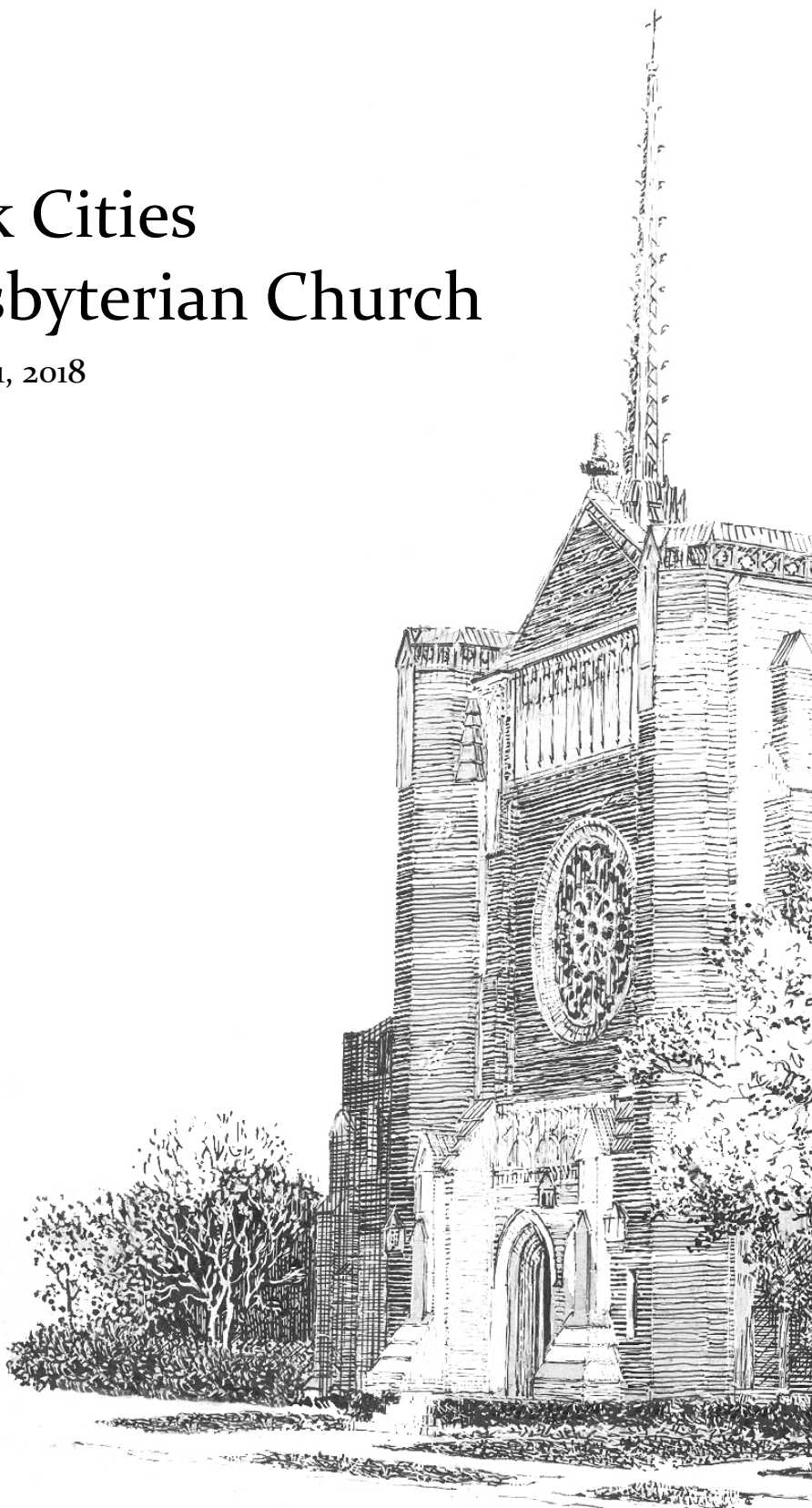


# Park Cities Presbyterian Church

March 11, 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.*



## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

March 11, 2018

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

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### Prelude

8:00

“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”  
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

*Dale Wood*

9:30/11:00

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”  
Mr. Stephen Nielson, *piano*

*EBENEZER*  
*arr. S. Nielson*

### Call to Worship

The Rev. Matt Fray

Minister: “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.

**People: Father, glorify Your name.”**

Minister: Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.

**People: And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself.**

John 12.27-28a; 31-32

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 263**

“Lift High the Cross”

*CRUCIFER*

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed;  
perplexed, but not driven to despair;  
persecuted, but not forsaken;  
struck down, but not destroyed;  
always carrying in the body the death of Jesus,  
so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.  
So we do not lose heart.  
Though our outer self is wasting away,  
our inner self is being renewed day by day.  
For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us  
an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,  
as we look not to the things that are seen  
but to the things that are unseen.  
For the things that are seen are transient,  
but the things that are unseen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:8-10, 16-18

**\*Hymn No. 521**

**“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”**

*SOLID ROCK*

### **Public Confession of Sin**

We confess to You, O God,  
that we have sinned against heaven and in Your sight,  
and are not worthy to be called Your children.  
We have forgotten You, and have broken Your holy laws.  
We have been wayward and disobedient.  
We have been selfish and unkind.  
For the sake of Your dear Son our Savior  
we beseech You to pardon our sins,  
to make clean our hearts within us,  
and to grant us Your peace.

### **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

**\*Song of Response**

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

Townend



1. The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want. He makes me  
 2. He guides my ways in right - eous - ness, and He a -  
 3. And though I walk the dark - est path, I will not



lie in pas - tures green. He leads me by the still, still  
 noints my head with oil, and my cup, it o - ver -  
 fear the e - vil one, for You are with me, and Your



wa - ters, His good - ness re - stores my soul.  
 flows with joy, I feast on His pure de - lights.  
 rod and staff are the com - fort I need to know.



And I will trust in You a-lone. And I will trust in You a-lone, for Your



end - less mer - cy fol - lows me, Your good - ness will lead me home.

**Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer**

Mr. Lamberth 8:00/9:30

Dr. Deison 11:00

**Musical Offering**

8:00

"I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ"  
 Dr. Davy, organ

J. S. Bach

9:30/11:00

"Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs" from *Messiah*  
 Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director • Dr. Davy, organ

G.F. Handel

*Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him.*

Isaiah 53.4-5

**\*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.**

- Now at Iconium they entered together into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed.*
- <sup>2</sup> *But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers.*
- <sup>3</sup> *So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.*
- <sup>4</sup> *But the people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews and some with the apostles.*
- <sup>5</sup> *When an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and to stone them,*
- <sup>6</sup> *they learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country,*
- <sup>7</sup> *and there they continued to preach the gospel.*
- <sup>8</sup> *Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked.*
- <sup>9</sup> *He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well,*
- <sup>10</sup> *said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he sprang up and began walking.*
- <sup>11</sup> *And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!"*
- <sup>12</sup> *Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker.*
- <sup>13</sup> *And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds.*
- <sup>14</sup> *But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out,*
- <sup>15</sup> *"Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them.*
- <sup>16</sup> *In past generations He allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways.*
- <sup>17</sup> *Yet He did not leave Himself without witness, for He did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness."*
- <sup>18</sup> *Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them.*
- <sup>19</sup> *But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead.*
- <sup>20</sup> *But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.*
- <sup>21</sup> *When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch,*
- <sup>22</sup> *strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.*
- <sup>23</sup> *And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.*
- <sup>24</sup> *Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia.*
- <sup>25</sup> *And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia,*
- <sup>26</sup> *and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled.*
- <sup>27</sup> *And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.*
- <sup>28</sup> *And they remained no little time with the disciples.*

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!

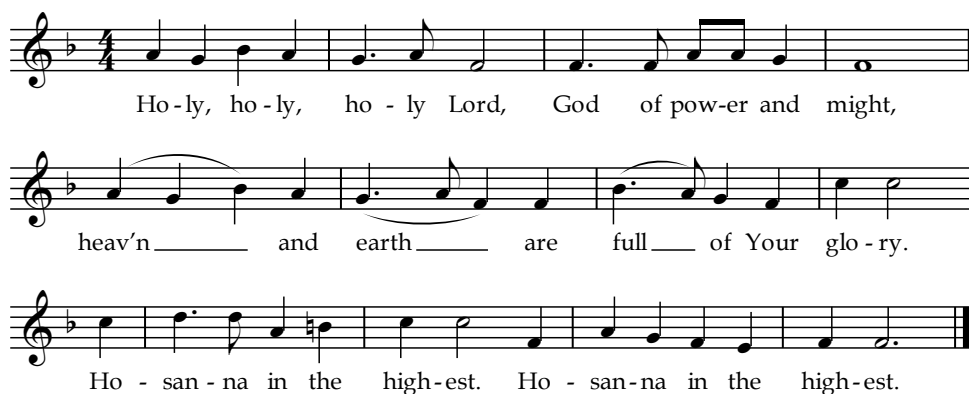
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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:**



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 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**

"Facing a Task Unfinished"

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1. Fa - cing a task un - fin - ished, that drives us  
 2. Where oth - er lords be - side Thee hold their un -  
 3. We bear the torch that, flam - ing, fell from the  
 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.



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 strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen. Romans 16.25-27

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

### Postlude

“Trumpet Processional”  
Dr. Davy, organ

Alfred Fedak

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God by  
Carolyn and Stephen Nielson in loving memory of Carolyn's beloved sister,  
Karin Crismier Padilla, on the anniversary of her homegoing.  
~ November 29, 1950 - March 11, 1997 ~*

# SERMON NOTES

Acts 14  
“Through Many Tribulations”

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**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 people at the front of the sanctuary to meet and pray with you. You may also call our 24/7 prayer line: 214-224-2680 or email your request to our pastors at: [pastorsprayer@pcpc.org](mailto:pastorsprayer@pcpc.org).

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 March 11, 2018

### Praise

#### **Call to Worship** *(everyone together)*

“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’?  
But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify Your name.”

#### **“The Lord’s My Shepherd”** *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page four.

### Hearing and Learning God’s Word

#### **Scripture Reading:** Acts 14 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What is persecution? What are some examples of persecution in the Bible? Do Christians still experience persecution today? \*
2. Read Acts 14.5-7. What do Paul and Barnabas do after being persecuted? Why is that surprising?
3. What are some ways you can be more faithful in telling others the good news about Jesus? How should you respond if people mistreat you?
4. Read Acts 14.27. What do Paul and Barnabas celebrate? How did God use their persecution to spread the Church?

\* To learn more about how the Christian Church is experiencing persecution today, please visit: [www.opendoorsusa.org](http://www.opendoorsusa.org)

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

Acts 4.32-33

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

### 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.