

# Park Cities Presbyterian Church

April 15, 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 FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 15, 2018  
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

*Third Sunday of Easter*

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### Prelude

“Fanfare”  
Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

*Paul Dukas*

*During the Prelude, please join in silent preparation of heart and mind to worship our God.*

### Call to Worship

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

Minister: Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre!

**People: I will awake the dawn!**

Minister: I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples;

**People: I will sing praises to You among the nations.**

Minister: For Your steadfast love is great to the heavens,

**People: Your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Minister: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

**People: Let Your glory be over all the earth!**

Psalm 57:8-11

### \*Easter Hymn No. 273

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

*LLANFAIR*

### \*Prayer of Adoration

### \*Profession of Faith

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

**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.**

The Apostles' Creed

*Refrain*

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give\_ thanks to the ris-en Lord, Al-le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give\_ praise to His\_ name!

1. Je - sus is Lord of all the\_ earth.  
2. Spread the good news o'er all the\_ earth;  
3. We have been cru - ci - fied with\_ Christ.  
4. Come, let us praise the liv - ing\_ God,

He is the King of cre - a - - tion.  
Je - sus has died and has ris - - en.  
Now we shall live\_ for - ev - - er.  
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - - ior.

*D.C.*

## 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

Mary Evelyn Bell  
Claire Allison Vick  
Samuel Dean Morrison  
Elizabeth Wilson Nelms

Aniyah Victoria Austin  
Sterling Charles Ream

### Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

**Public Confession of Sin**

Almighty God,  
You have raised Jesus from the grave  
and crowned Him Lord of all.  
We confess that we have not always bowed before Him  
or acknowledged His rule in our lives.  
We have gone along with the way of the world  
and failed to give Him glory.  
Forgive us and raise us from sin,  
that we may be Your faithful people,  
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who rules the world and is head of the church, His body. Amen.

**Private Confession**

**Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel**

Then shall come to pass the saying that is written:  
“Death is swallowed up in victory.”  
“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”  
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.  
But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
I Corinthians 15:54b-57

**Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer** Mr. Overton 8:00  
Dr. Deison 9:30/11:00

**Musical Offering**

8:00 “Fugue in E major” Dietrich Buxtehude  
Dr. Davy, organ

9:30/11:00 “With a Voice of Singing” Martin Shaw  
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, conductor • Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

*With a voice of singing declare ye this,  
And let it be heard, Alleluia.  
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.  
The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia.  
O be joyful in God, all ye lands,  
O sing praises to the honor of His name,  
Make His praise to be glorious.*

**\*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.**

- <sup>14-27</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.
- <sup>15.1</sup> But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”
- <sup>2</sup> And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question.
- <sup>3</sup> So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers.
- <sup>4</sup> When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them.
- <sup>5</sup> But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses.”
- <sup>6</sup> The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter.
- <sup>7</sup> And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe.
- <sup>8</sup> And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as He did to us,
- <sup>9</sup> and He made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith.
- <sup>10</sup> Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?
- <sup>11</sup> But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”
- <sup>12</sup> And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.
- <sup>13</sup> After they finished speaking, James replied, “Brothers, listen to me.
- <sup>14</sup> Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for His name.
- <sup>15</sup> And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written,
- <sup>16</sup> “After this I will return, and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it,
- <sup>17</sup> that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who are called by My name, says the Lord, who makes these things
- <sup>18</sup> known from of old.’
- <sup>19</sup> Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God,
- <sup>20</sup> but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood.
- <sup>21</sup> For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues.”

**The Sermon**

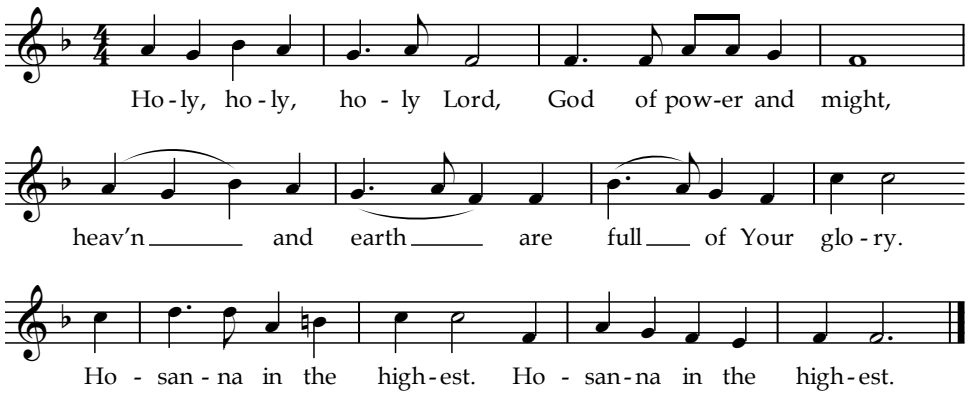
**“Applying the Gospel”**

Mr. Williams 8:00  
Mr. Scruggs 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:**



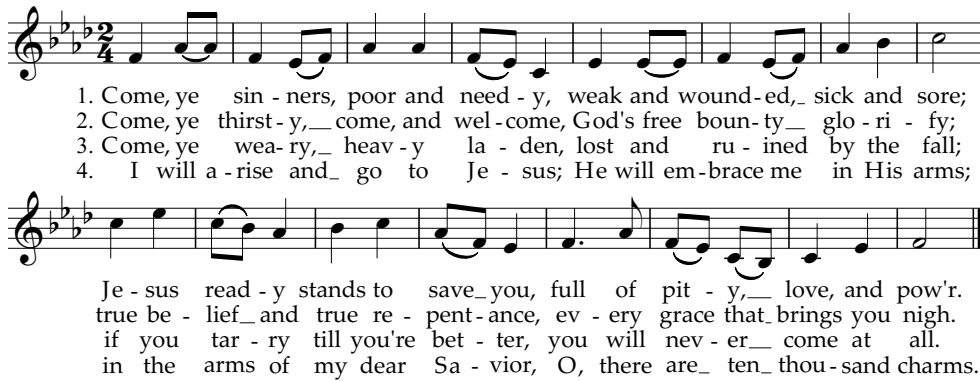
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav'n \_\_\_\_\_ and earth \_\_\_\_\_ are full \_\_\_\_\_ of Your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*The Words of Institution 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**                      **“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”**                      *RESTORATION*



1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound - ed, sick and sore;  
2. Come, ye thirst - y, come, and wel - come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;  
3. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y la - den, lost and ru - ined by the fall;  
4. I will a - rise and go to Je - sus; He will em - brace me in His arms;  
Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and pow'r.  
true be - lief and true re - pent - ance, ev - ery grace that brings you nigh.  
if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.  
in the arms of my dear Sa - vior, O, there are ten thou - sand charms.

## \*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

"Toccata" from Suite Op. 5  
Dr. Davy, organ

Maurice Duruflé

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Aniyah Victoria Austin.*

*"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."  
3 John 4*

*The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Sterling Charles Ream from Tracy and Fred Ream.*

**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 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*

# **SERMON NOTES**

Acts 14.27-15.21  
“Applying the Gospel”

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## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of April 15, 2018

### Praise

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

Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You among the nations. For Your steadfast love is great to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let Your glory be over all the earth!

Psalm 57.8-11

#### **“Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord”** *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page three.

### Hearing and Learning God’s Word

#### **Scripture Reading:** Acts 14.27-15.21 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What was the problem that the church was addressing in Acts 15? Why was it hard to resolve?
2. What are the names of the people involved? Who were they?
3. How does Peter say that we are all saved in verse 11? What is the “grace of the Lord Jesus”?
4. How does James say that the Jewish Christians should treat the Gentiles in verse 19?
5. How does James say that the Gentile Christians should treat the Jewish Christians in verses 20-21? Why does he put these things on the list?
6. How do we make it hard for people to turn to God today? How can we do a better job of helping people turn to Him and love Him?

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

Acts 14.21-22

When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, 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.

### 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.