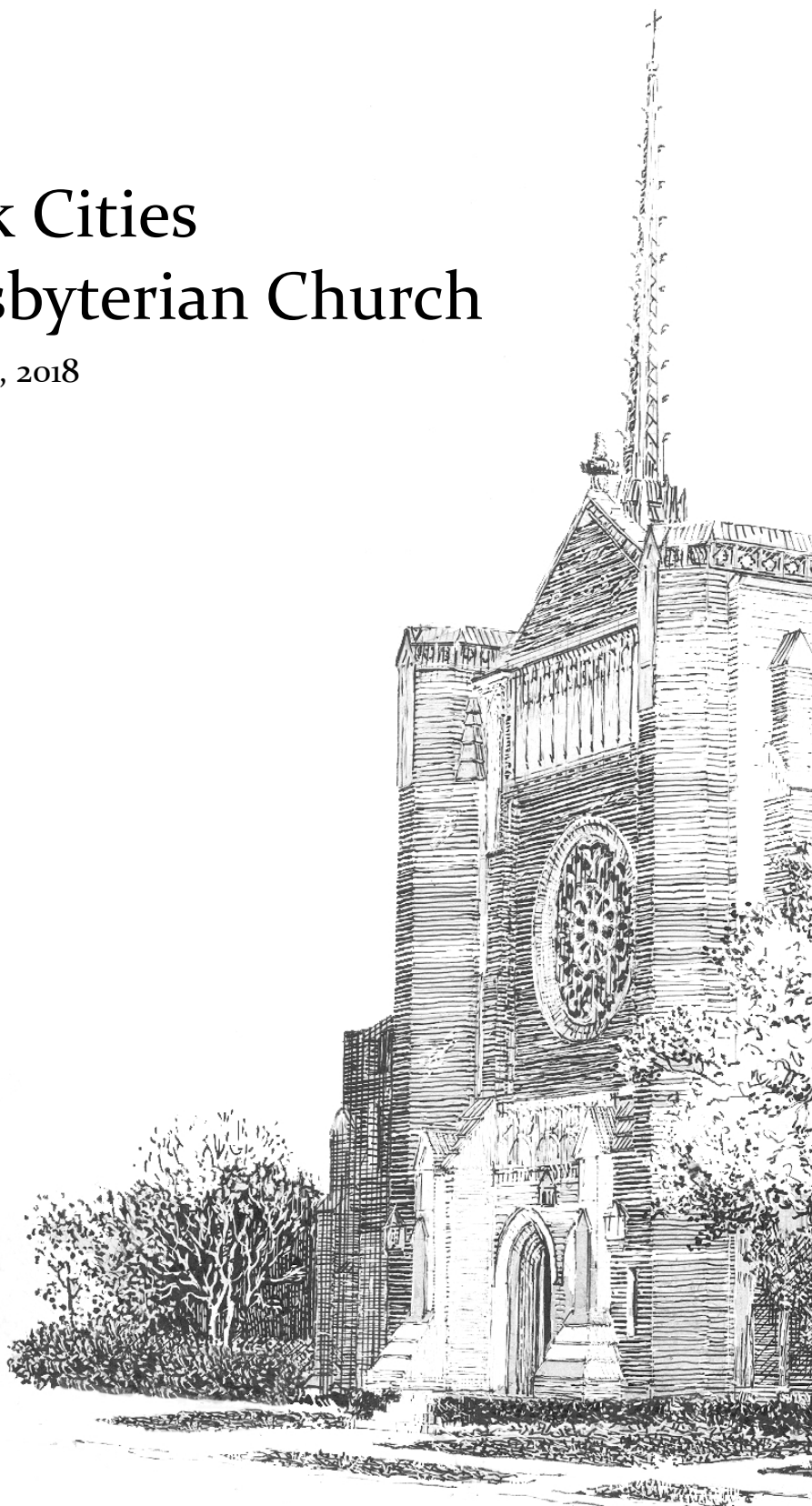


# Park Cities Presbyterian Church

April 29, 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 29, 2018

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

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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### \*Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00

The Rev. Brent Baker 9:30/11:00

Minister: He raises up the needy out of affliction

**People: and makes their families like flocks.**

Minister: The upright see it and are glad,

**People: and all wickedness shuts its mouth.**

Minister: Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things;

**People: let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.** Psalm 107:41-43

### \*Easter Hymn No. 455 “And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

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### \*Prayer of Adoration

#### Musical Meditation “Children of the Heavenly Father”

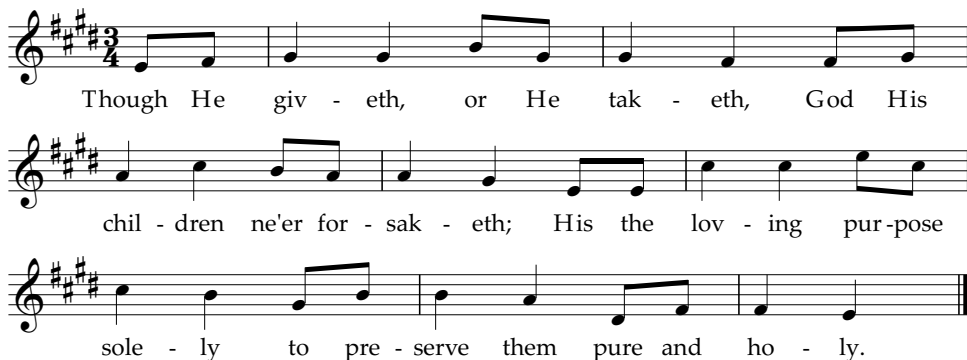
Dan Forrest

9:30/11:00

High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir

Lynda Fray, director • Charlotte Ball, piano • David Fray, cello

*Please join in singing when so directed.*





1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of  
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the



light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this so - lid  
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right-eous-  
 world by dark - ness slain: Then burst-ing forth in glo - r'ous  
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



Ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm.  
 ness scorned by the ones He came to save:  
 Day up from the grave He rose a - gain!  
 breath Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are  
 'Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of  
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry sin's curse has  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My Com - for - ter, my All in  
 God was sat - is - fied For ev - 'ry sin on Him was  
 lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is  
 pluck me from His hand; 'Till He re - turns or calls me



All, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 laid; here in the death of Christ I live.  
 mine—bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

## Recognition of Graduating Seniors

9:30/11:00

## Public Confession of Sin

The Rev. Matt Fray 8:00  
The Rev. Brent Baker 9:30/11:00

O most great, most just and gracious God;  
You are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity,  
but You have promised mercy through Jesus Christ  
to all that repent and believe in Him.

We confess that we have all sinned  
and come short of the glory of God.

You have revealed Your wonderful love to us in Christ  
and offered us pardon and salvation in Him,  
but we have turned away.

Have mercy on us, most merciful Father!

In Your Son is our salvation,  
in Your promises our hope.

Take us for Your children  
and give us the Spirit of Your Son.

May we love You and share Your love with others,  
through Jesus Christ our only Savior.

## Private Confession

## Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:21-23

## Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Fray 8:00  
Mr. Baker 9:30/11:00

## Musical Offering

8:00

“Change My Heart, O God”  
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

*Espinosa*  
*arr. S. Nielson*

9:30/11:00

“Lord, Have Mercy”  
Chancel Choir • William R. Park, *soloist*  
Stephen Nielson, *piano* • David Leeman, *conductor*

*Scott/Digesare*

*God in mercy sent His Son to a world by sin undone; Jesus Christ was crucified—’twas for sinners Jesus died.*

*Let us pray, Lord, have mercy, for we have placed all our hopes in Thee.  
For our sin, we repent, O Lord; we believe Your holy Word, have mercy,  
Lord, we pray, and take all our sins away.*

*If you would mark iniquity, O Lord, who could stand? Mercy, like a fountain,  
flows from Your hand.*

**\*The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The peace of the Lord be with you always. 1 Peter 1:3

People: **And also with you.**

**The Service of Friendship**

*If you are seated on the left end of the pew, please take the Service of Friendship pad fill out the information and pass it down. When it arrives at the other end of the pew, pass it back, taking note of those who are seated in your row.*

**\*The Scripture Reading: Romans 8.22-25** Mr. Williams 8:00  
Slade Sinak, Abby Snelling 9:30  
Brannon Farrow, Scout Hodges 11:00

*For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.*

<sup>23</sup> *And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*

<sup>24</sup> *For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?*

<sup>25</sup> *But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.*

**Musical Meditation** Traditional  
African-American Spiritual  
9:30/11:00 “Give Me Jesus”  
Lisa Jenkins, soloist

**The Sermon** Mr. Williams 8:00  
Pastor Vincent T. Parker 9:30/11:00  
Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church

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!

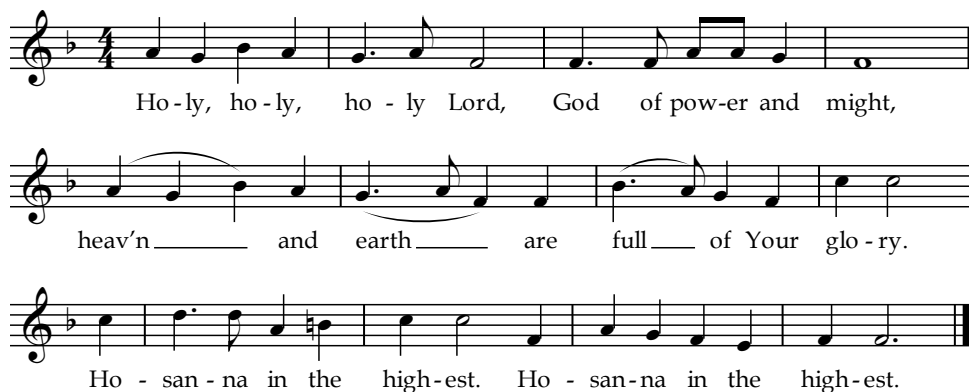
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

*2 Thessalonians. 2.16-17*

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

## Postlude

8:00

“Be Still, My Soul”  
Mr. Nielson, *piano*

*FINLANDIA*  
*arr. S. Nielson*

9:30/11:00

“Hornpipe” from *Water Music*  
“The Rejoicing” from *Music for the Royal Fireworks*  
J. Marty Cope, *organ*

*G.F. Handel*

*\*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 Lynn Gibson on her birthday from her friends at PCPC:  
Andrew, Anne, Ben, Buster, Cathy, Jamie, Kerri, Molly, Mona, Peter, Shannon and Tim.*

**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**

Romans 8.22-25  
“Pregnant with Hope!”

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## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of April 29, 2018

### Praise

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

He raises up the needy out of affliction and makes their families like flocks. The upright see it and are glad, and all wickedness shuts its mouth. Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

Psalm 107.41-43

#### **“In Christ Alone”** *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page three.

### Hearing and Learning God’s Word

#### **Scripture Reading:** Romans 8.22-25 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. As you consider your immediate community/family, what causes you to “groan”?
2. As you look at the church in America, what causes you to “groan”?
3. Consider your answers above; are you pregnant with hope? In other words, is life developing in you? Your family? Your community?
4. Name some specific signs of life—areas where you can see God at work!

#### **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.