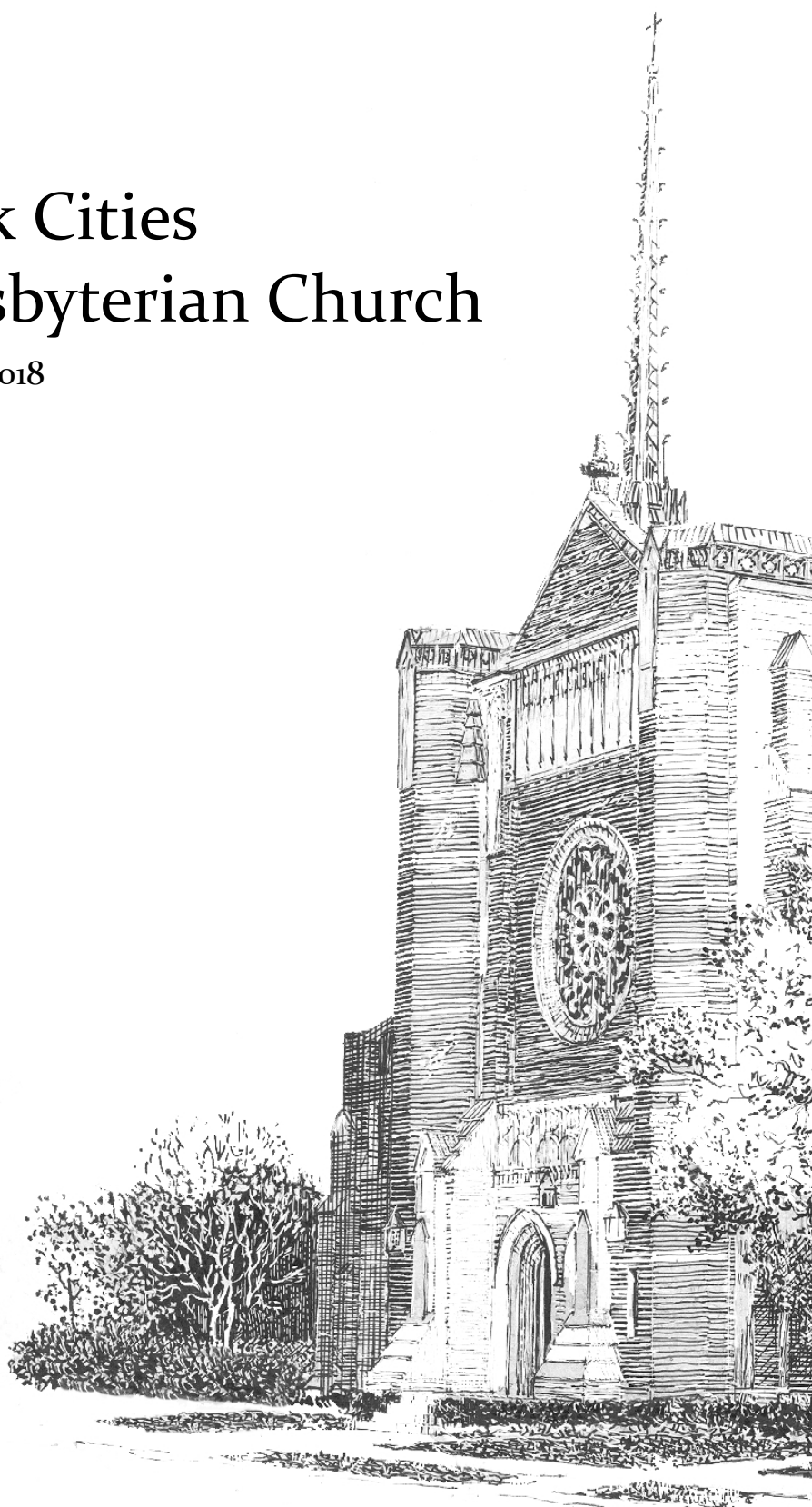


# Park Cities Presbyterian Church

July 8, 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

July 8, 2018  
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

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### Prelude

“Intermezzo in A Major, Opus 118, No. 2” *Johannes Brahms*  
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

*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. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

Minister: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

**People: to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;**

Minister: to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,

**People: and Your faithfulness by night,**

Minister: to the music of the lute and the harp,

**People: to the melody of the lyre.**

Minister: For You, O LORD, have made me glad by Your work;

**People: at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.**

Psalm 92.1,2,4

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 4** “All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above” *MIT FREUDEN ZART*  
Stanzas: 1, 3-4, 6

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

There is only one living and true God,  
 who is infinite in being and perfection.  
 He is almighty, most wise, most holy,  
 most free, and most absolute.  
 He works all things according to the counsel  
 of His own unchangeable and most righteous will,  
 for His own glory.  
 He is most loving,  
 gracious, merciful, long-suffering,  
 abundant in goodness and truth,  
 forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin,  
 and He is the rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

from the *Westminster Confession*, Chapter 2, Section 1

\*Hymn

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

Merker



When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
 Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;  
 For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



When the tempt-er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.  
 Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.  
 Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



I could nev-er keep my hold through life's fear-ful path;  
 He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;  
 Raised with Him to end-less life, He will hold me fast



for my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast. —  
 bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. —  
 'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! —

*Refrain*



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



for my Sav-ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

**Public Confession of Sin**

O Lord, no day of my life has passed  
that has not proved me guilty of sin.  
Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart;  
praise has been often praiseless sound.  
Lord Jesus, though my sins rise to heaven  
Your merits soar above them.  
I appeal from the throne of Your perfect justice  
to Your throne of boundless grace.  
Grant me to hear Your voice assuring me that I am  
guilty of sin, but pardoned;  
wandering, but found;  
sinning, but cleansed.  
Give me perpetual broken heartedness,  
keep me always clinging to Your cross,  
flood me every moment with descending grace.

**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

<b>Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer</b>	Dr. Fulmer 8:00
	Dr. Deison 9:30
	Mr. Overton 11:00

**Musical Offering**

8:00	“Amazing Grace”	George Shearing
	Dr. Nathan Davy, organ	

9:30/11:00	“Hallelujah, We Shall Rise”	arr. Thomas/Williams
	Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director	
	Mr. Nielson, piano • Dr. Davy, organ	

*In the resurrection morning, when the trump of God shall sound, we shall rise,  
Hallelujah! we shall rise! Then the saints will come rejoicing and no tears  
will e’er be found, we shall rise, Hallelujah! We shall rise.*  
*We shall rise, Hallelujah! we shall rise! Amen! We shall rise! Hallelujah! In the  
resurrection morning, when death’s prison bars are broken, we shall rise,  
Hallelujah! We shall rise.*  
*In the resurrection morning, what a meeting it will be, we shall rise, Hallelujah!  
We shall rise! When our fathers and our mothers, and our loved ones we  
shall see, we shall rise, Hallelujah! We shall rise!*

*In the resurrection morning, blessed thought it is to me, we shall rise, Hallelujah!  
We shall rise! I shall see my blessed Savior, who so freely died for me, we  
shall rise, Hallelujah! We shall rise!*  
*In the resurrection morning, we shall meet Him in the air, we shall rise, Hallelujah!  
We shall rise! And be carried up to glory, to our home so bright and fair, we  
shall rise, Hallelujah! We shall rise!*

### **\*The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again  
to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from  
the dead. 1 Peter 1.3

People: **And also with you.**

### **Extending the Kingdom: Silent Retreats**

Kelli and Mark Macatee

### **\*The Scripture Reading**

Luke 18.1-8

*And He told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and  
not lose heart.*  
<sup>2</sup> *He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor  
respected man.*  
<sup>3</sup> *And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying,  
'Give me justice against my adversary.'*  
<sup>4</sup> *For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither  
fear God nor respect man,*  
<sup>5</sup> *yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she  
will not beat me down by her continual coming.'"*  
<sup>6</sup> *And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says.*  
<sup>7</sup> *And will not God give justice to His elect, who cry to Him day and night?  
Will He delay long over them?*  
<sup>8</sup> *I tell you, He will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of  
Man comes, will He find faith on earth?"*

### **The Sermon**

"Always Pray and Never Give Up"

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!

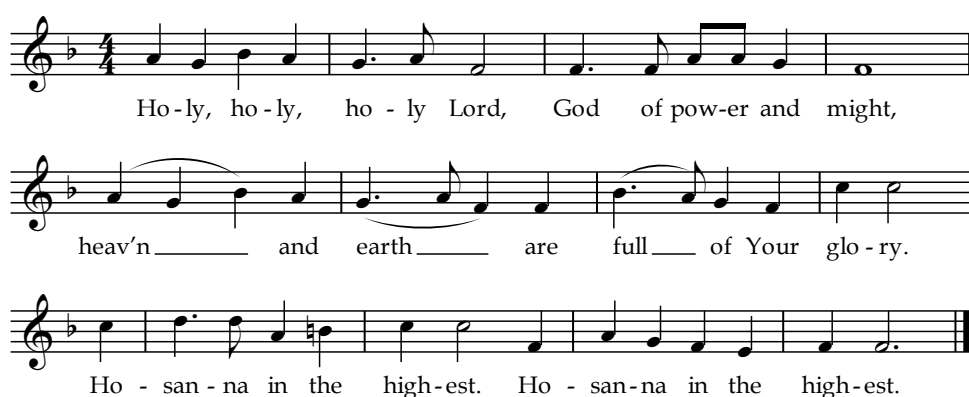
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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 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. 32**

**"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

*FAITHFULNESS*

## **\*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! Amen.**

## **Postlude**

“Alleluia”  
Dr. Davy, organ

*Dan Miller*

*\*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 the marriage of Susanna Carlson and Nathan Seymour.*

**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**

Luke 18.1-8

“Always Pray and Never Give Up”

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## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of July 8, 2018

### Praise

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

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Psalm 92.1-4

#### **“He Will Hold Me Fast”** *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page three.

### Hearing and Learning God’s Word

#### **Scripture Reading: Luke 18.1-8** *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. Why did Jesus teach this parable? (see verse 18.1)
2. Describe the judge.
3. Describe the widow.
4. How does God use these two individuals to teach us how to pray?

#### **Questions for older children**

1. How is God not like the judge?
2. How are we not like the widow?
3. How is this parable teaching us how not to pray?

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

Matthew 7.24-27

Everyone then who hears these words of Mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

<sup>27</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.

### 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.