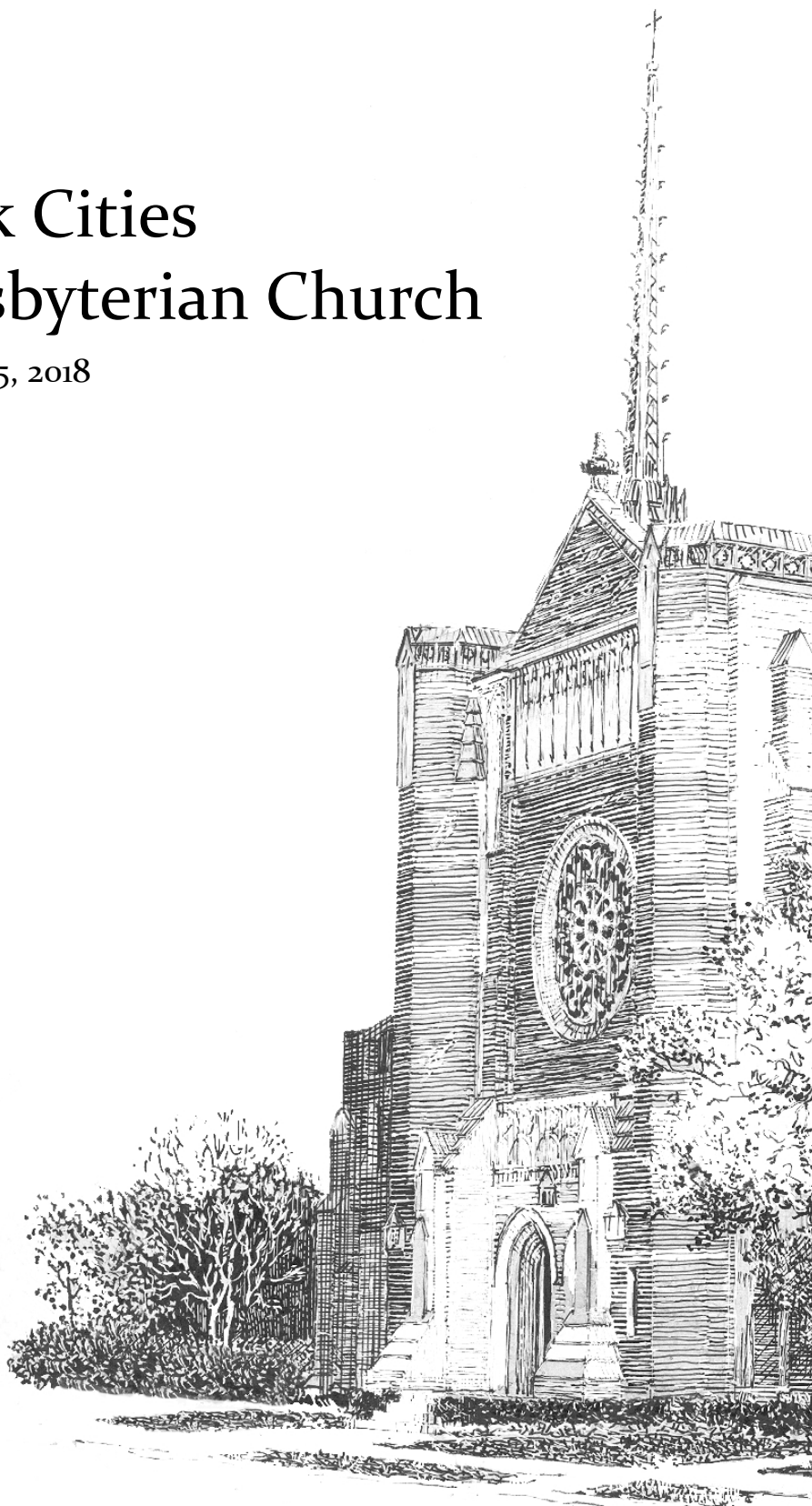


Park Cities Presbyterian Church

August 5, 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

August 5, 2018
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

Prelude

“Allegro” from *Concerto in G major*
Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

J. S. Bach

*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. Matt Fray 9:30/11:00

Minister: Bless the LORD, O you His angels,
People: you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His word!
Minister: Bless the LORD, all His hosts,
People: His ministers, who do His will!
Minister: Bless the LORD, all His works,
People: in all places of His dominion.
Together: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Psalms 103:20-22

***Hymn of Praise No. 77** “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

ANDREWS

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Profession of Faith**

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00

The Rev. Tommy Overton 9:30

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 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

***Hymn No. 94**

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

Stanzas: 1, 3-4, 6

Public Confession of Sin

O God, we rejoice in the perfections of Your Word,
that in the Scriptures You have revealed Your love for us
in Jesus Christ and how we might love You in return.
Lord, we confess that what we know
and how we live don't always line up.
We say we believe,
we say we trust,
and yet our actions reveal our true selves before You.
Have mercy on our wandering hearts,
and pity on our weakness.
Take us to the place where we can see
that without You we can do nothing.
Teach us not only to know Your Word,
but how to live and die by it.
May Your Spirit illumine our lives,
and lead us in paths of righteousness for Your name's sake.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:8-12

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

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

Musical Offering

8:00

“Presto” from *Concerto in G Major*
Dr. Davy, organ

J. S. Bach

9:30/11:00

“Deep River”
Hayden Ponder, solo • Stephen Nielson, piano

Harry T. Burleigh

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: We are the body of Christ; in one Spirit we were all baptized in one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

*Hymn

“Speak, O Lord”

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9:30/11:00



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come_ to You to re - ceive_ the food of Your
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di-ence, ho - ly rev - er-ence, true hu -
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new_ our minds; help us grasp_ the heights of Your
ho - ly Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep_ in us;_ shape and
mil - i - ty._ Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
plan_ for us._ Truths un-changed from the dawn_ of time that will
fa - shion us_ in Your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
ra - diance of_ Your_ pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your
seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of_ faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of power that can
pro - mis - es, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your
fill_ in us_ all Your pur - po - ses, for Your glo - ry.
nev - er fail;_ Let their truth_ pre - vail ov - er un - be - lief.
church is built and the earth_ is filled with Your glo - ry.

- Again He began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about Him, so that He got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land.*
- ² *And He was teaching them many things in parables, and in His teaching He said to them:*
- ³ *“Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow.*
- ⁴ *And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it.*
- ⁵ *Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil.*
- ⁶ *And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away.*
- ⁷ *Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain.*
- ⁸ *And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.”*
- ⁹ *And He said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”*
- ¹⁰ *And when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parables.*
- ¹¹ *And He said to them, “To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables,*
- ¹² *so that “they may indeed see but not perceive, and may indeed hear but not understand, lest they should turn and be forgiven.”*
- ¹³ *And He said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?*
- ¹⁴ *The sower sows the word.*
- ¹⁵ *And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them.*
- ¹⁶ *And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy.*
- ¹⁷ *And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away.*
- ¹⁸ *And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word,*
- ¹⁹ *but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.*
- ²⁰ *But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.”*

The Sermon

“The Parable of the Seed”

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Fray 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!

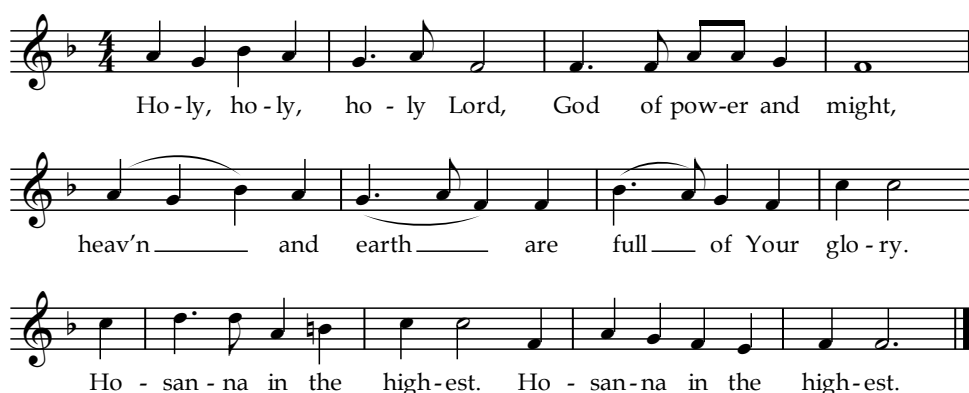
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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 No. 460**

"Amazing Grace!"
Stanzas: 1, 3-4, 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

“God of Grace”
J. Marty Cope, organ

arr. Paul Manz

**Please stand if you are able.*

*Hayden Ponder recently graduated from high school and
will begin music studies at TCU this fall.*

**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 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

SERMON NOTES

Mark 4.1-20
“The Parable of the Seed”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of August 5, 2018

Praise

Call to Worship: *(everyone together)*

Bless the LORD, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His word! Bless the LORD, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will! Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the LORD,
O my soul!

Psalm 103.20-22

“Speak, O Lord” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page four.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Mark 4.1-20 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. This parable is often called the Parable of the Sower or the Parable of the Soils. Why is it also helpful to think of it as the Parable of the Seed?
2. Read Mark 4.11-12. What promise does Jesus give? What warning does Jesus give? How does this help us understand what our response to God’s Word should be?
3. Read Mark 4.15-19. In what ways has your relationship to God’s Word been threatened by Satan, suffering, or success?
4. Read Mark 4.20. Did the good soil do anything to become good? Who prepared it to receive the seed? How does this discourage pride and encourage praise to God?
5. Read Mark 4.20. What are the three ways the good soil engaged with the word? How might that change the way you have been engaging God’s Word? How might it change the way you encourage others to engage with God’s Word?

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

Mark 4.20

But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.

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.