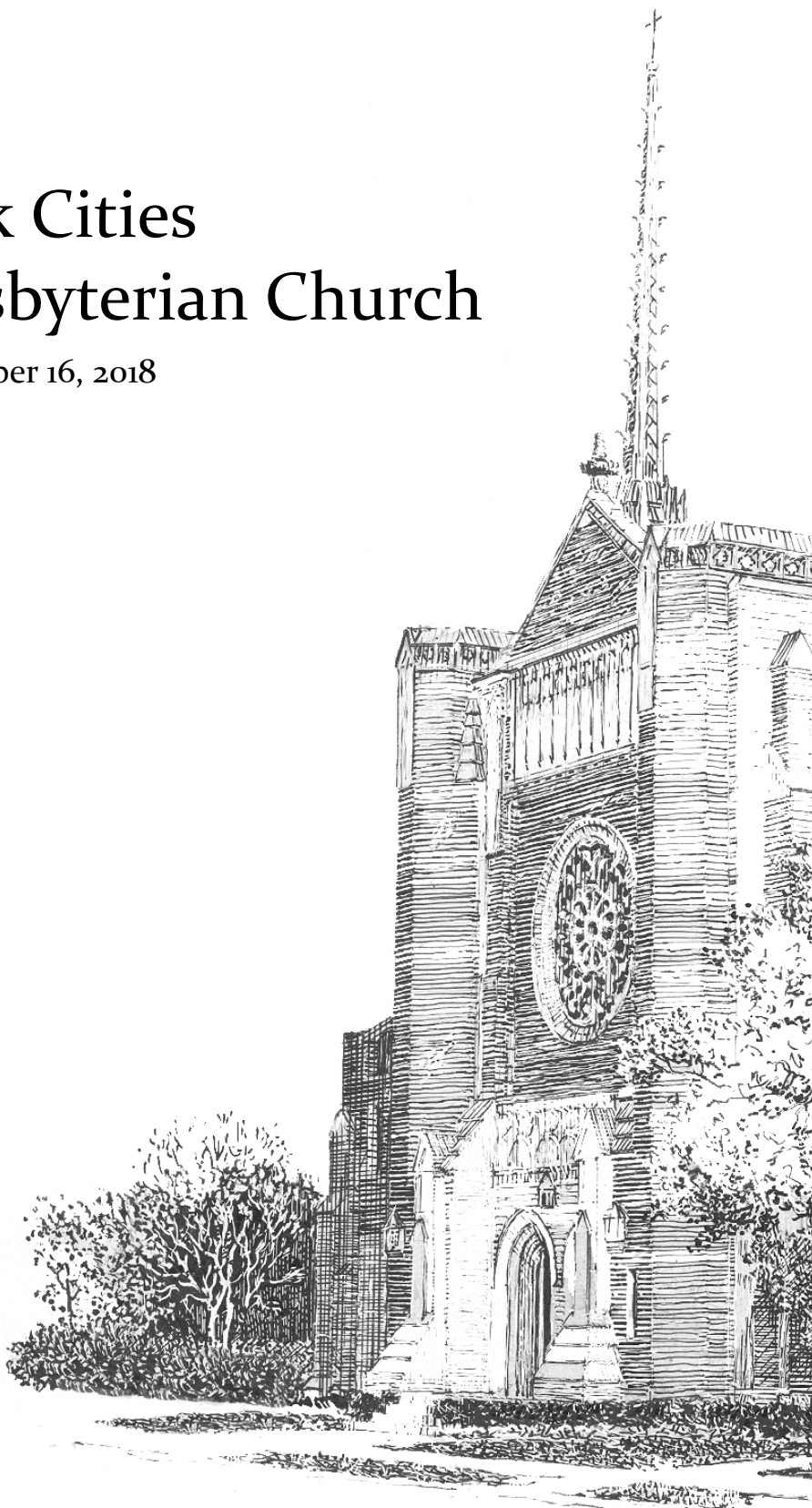


# Park Cities Presbyterian Church

September 16, 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

September 16, 2018  
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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### Prelude

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”  
J. Marty Cope, *organ*

*arr. Dan Miller*

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

### Choral Introit

“Hallelujah! Hallelujah!”  
Chancel Choir • Dr. Nathan Davy, *conductor*

*Psalm 150/LOWE*

*Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
In His temple God be praised;  
In the high and heavenly places,  
Be the sounding anthem raised.  
Hallelujah! Amen.*

### Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00  
The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

Minister: Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever!**

Minister: Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD,

**People: or declare all His praise?**

Minister: Blessed are they who observe justice,

**People: who do righteousness at all times!**

Minister: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting  
to everlasting!

**People: And let all the people say, “Amen!” Praise the LORD!**

*Psalm 106.1-3, 48*

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 296** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”  
Stanzas: 1, 4-6

*CORONATION*

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Profession of Faith**

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00  
The Rev. Bill Lamberth 9:30  
The Rev. Brent Baker 11:00

We believe that God—  
who is perfectly merciful  
and also very just—  
sent the Son to assume the nature  
in which the disobedience had been committed,  
in order to bear in it the punishment of sin  
by His most bitter passion and death.  
So God made known His justice toward His Son,  
who was charged with our sin,  
and He poured out His goodness and mercy on us,  
who are guilty and worthy of damnation,  
giving to us His Son to die,  
by a most perfect love,  
and raising Him to life  
for our justification,  
in order that by Him  
we might have immortality and eternal life. *Belgic Confession, Article 20*

**\*Hymn**

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

*McCracken*

*Refrain*

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our  
hearts re-stored. He has done great things we will say to - ge - ther  
we will feast and weep no more. 1. We will not be  
2. In the dark of  
3. Ev - 'ry vow we've  
burned by the fire, He is the Lord our  
night be - fore the dawn, my soul be not a -  
bro - ken and be - trayed, You are the faith - ful  
God; we are not con - sumed by the flood up -  
afraid, for the pro - mised mor - ning, O how long? O  
one; and — from the gar - den to the grave bind  
held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up.  
God of Ja - cob be my strength.  
us to - ge - ther, bring sha - lom.

## 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

Hadleigh Rivers Ward  
Ann Carolyn Laughlin

James Hastings Ganier  
Charles Don Pollard

### Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

### \*Doxology

9:30/11:00

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### Public Confession of Sin

O most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
Who pardons all such as truly repent and turn to You;  
we humbly confess our sins and implore Your mercy.  
We have not loved You with a whole heart fervently;  
Neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
We have not done justly,  
nor loved mercy,  
nor walked humbly with You, our God.  
Have mercy upon us, O Lord,  
according to Your loving-kindness;  
according to the multitude of Your tender mercies,  
blot out our iniquity.  
Create in us a clean heart, O God;  
and renew a right spirit within us.  
As You have generously poured out Your love upon us,  
may we freely share that love with others.

## Private Confession

## Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthia

2 Corinthians 5.21

### Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison 8:00  
Mr. Lamberth 9:30  
Mr. Baker 11:00

## Musical Offering

8:00 “Allegro” from *Voluntary in A major* John Stanley  
Dr. Davy, organ

“Offertory”                      John Ness Beck

Chancel Choir • Mr. Cope, *director* • Dr. Davy, *organ*

*With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings; shall I come before Him with  
yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten  
thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgressions, the  
fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?  
He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good. And what does the  
Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk  
humbly with your God?*

### \*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Ephesians 2.13-14

People: **And also with you.**

### \*The Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 2.11-36

*Then Elkanah went home to Ramah. And the boy was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli the priest.*

<sup>12</sup> Now the sons of Eli were worthless men. They did not know the LORD.

<sup>13</sup> *The custom of the priests with the people was that when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant would come, while the meat was boiling, with a three-pronged fork in his hand,*

<sup>14</sup> and he would thrust it into the pan or kettle or cauldron or pot. All that the fork brought up the priest would take for himself. This is what they did at Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there.

<sup>15</sup> Moreover, before the fat was burned, the priest's servant would come and say to the man who was sacrificing, "Give the meat for the priest to roast, for he will not accept boiled meat from you but only raw."

<sup>16</sup> And if the man said to him, "Let them burn the fat first, and then take as much as you wish," he would say, "No, you must give it now, and if not, I will take it by force."

- <sup>17</sup> Thus the sin of the young men was very great in the sight of the LORD, for the men treated the offering of the LORD with contempt.
- <sup>18</sup> Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy clothed with a linen ephod.
- <sup>19</sup> And his mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.
- <sup>20</sup> Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD give you children by this woman for the petition she asked of the LORD." So then they would return to their home.
- <sup>21</sup> Indeed the LORD visited Hannah, and she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew in the presence of the LORD.
- <sup>22</sup> Now Eli was very old, and he kept hearing all that his sons were doing to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who were serving at the entrance to the tent of meeting.
- <sup>23</sup> And he said to them, "Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealings from all these people.
- <sup>24</sup> No, my sons; it is no good report that I hear the people of the LORD spreading abroad.
- <sup>25</sup> If someone sins against a man, God will mediate for him, but if someone sins against the LORD, who can intercede for him?" But they would not listen to the voice of their father, for it was the will of the LORD to put them to death.
- <sup>26</sup> Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and also with man.
- <sup>27</sup> And there came a man of God to Eli and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Did I indeed reveal Myself to the house of your father when they were in Egypt subject to the house of Pharaoh?
- <sup>28</sup> Did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be My priest, to go up to My altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before Me? I gave to the house of your father all My offerings by fire from the people of Israel.
- <sup>29</sup> Why then do you scorn My sacrifices and My offerings that I commanded for My dwelling, and honor your sons above Me by fattening yourselves on the choicest parts of every offering of My people Israel?'
- <sup>30</sup> Therefore the LORD, the God of Israel, declares: 'I promised that your house and the house of your father should go in and out before Me forever,' but now the LORD declares: 'Far be it from Me, for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.
- <sup>31</sup> Behold, the days are coming when I will cut off your strength and the strength of your father's house, so that there will not be an old man in your house.
- <sup>32</sup> Then in distress you will look with envious eye on all the prosperity that shall be bestowed on Israel, and there shall not be an old man in your house forever.
- <sup>33</sup> The only one of you whom I shall not cut off from my altar shall be spared to weep his eyes out to grieve his heart, and all the descendants of your house shall die by the sword of men.
- <sup>34</sup> And this that shall come upon your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, shall be the sign to you: both of them shall die on the same day.
- <sup>35</sup> And I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest, who shall do according to what is in My heart and in My mind. And I will build him a sure house, and he shall go in and out before My anointed forever.
- <sup>36</sup> And everyone who is left in your house shall come to implore him for a piece of silver or a loaf of bread and shall say, "Please put me in one of the priests' places, that I may eat a morsel of bread.'"

**The Sermon**

**"(Mis)Representing God"**

**Mr. Williams 8:00  
Mr. Goebel 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!

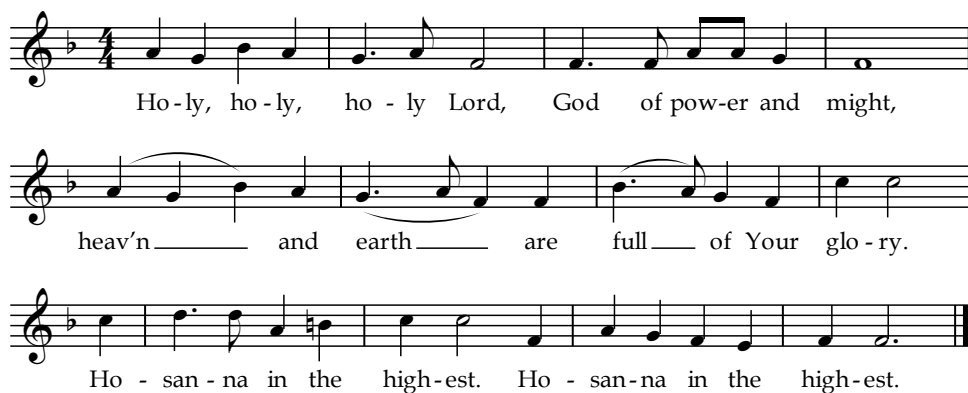
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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. 308**

**"Jesus Paid It All"**

*ALL TO CHRIST*

**\*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 in D minor, "Dorian"  
Dr. Davy, organ

*J. S. Bach*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

## SERMON NOTES

“(Mis)Representing God”  
1 Samuel 2.11-36

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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 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*



## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of September 16, 2018

### Praise

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

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, “Amen!” Praise the LORD!

**“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”** *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page three.

### Hearing and Learning God’s Word

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Samuel 2.11-36 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What does it mean to be made in the image of God? What does it mean to be a priest? How are we called to be God’s representatives?
2. What made the sin of Eli’s sons so heinous?
3. What is blasphemy? How do we take the Lord’s name in vain in other ways besides swearing?
4. What was God’s judgment against Eli and his sons? What does this judgment tell us about the character of God?
5. What was God’s promise in verse 35? What does this promise tell us about the character of God?
6. Who is the ultimate “faithful priest”? What has this “faithful priest” done for us?

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

And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for Your servant hears.” 1 Samuel 3.10

### 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.