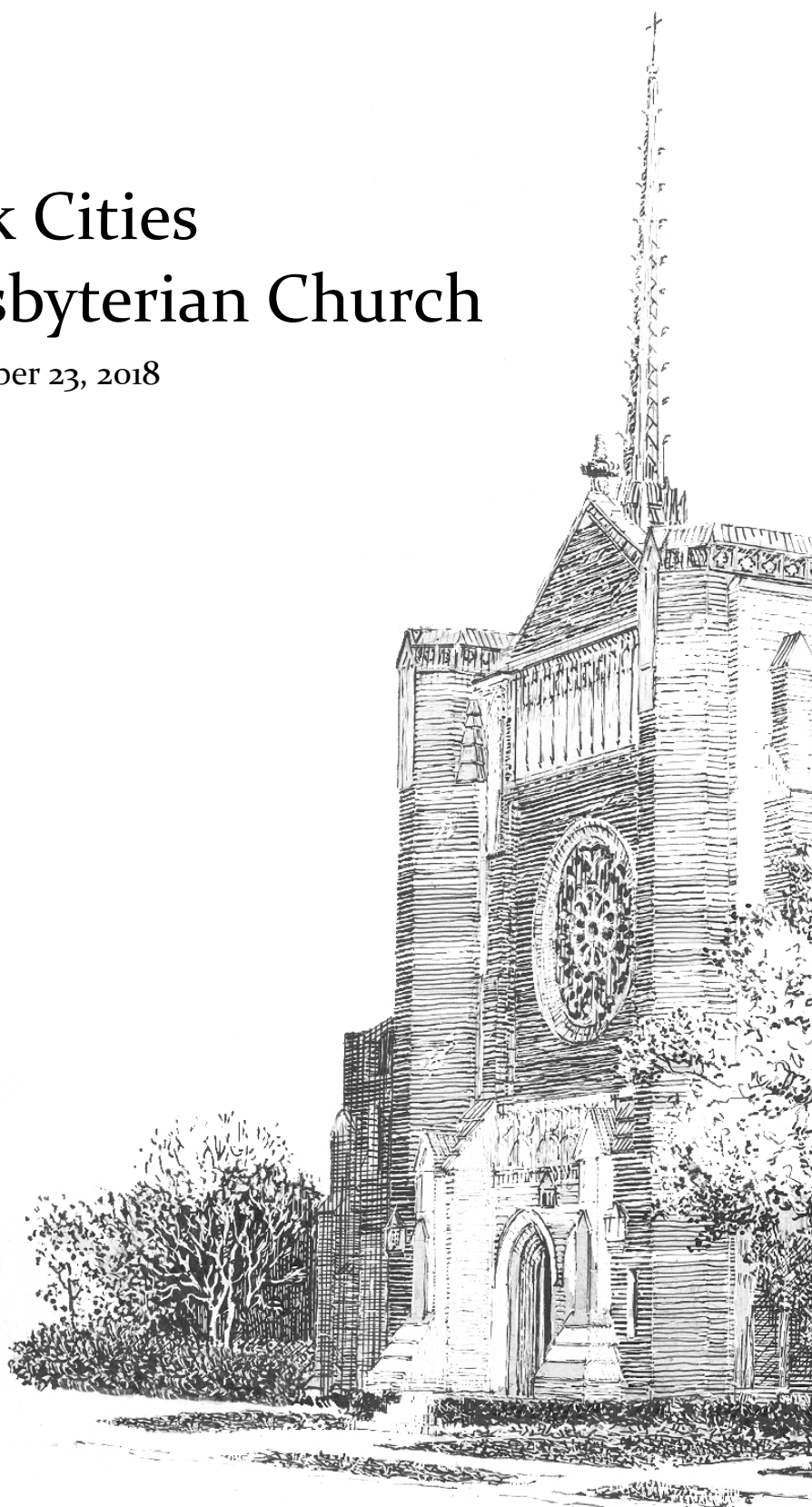


# Park Cities Presbyterian Church

September 23, 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 23, 2018  
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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### Prelude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”  
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

*David Cherwein*

*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: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;

**People: I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds.**

Minister: I will be glad and exult in You;

**People: I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.**

Minister: When my enemies turn back,

**People: they stumble and perish before Your presence.**

Minister: For You have maintained my just cause;

**People: You have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment.**

Psalm 9:1-4

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 38 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

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### **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### **\*Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Tommy Overton 8:00

The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

**God—the great Creator of all things—  
upholds, directs, disposes, and governs  
all creatures, actions, and things,  
from the greatest even to the least.**

**He exercises this most wise and holy providence  
according to His infallible foreknowledge  
and the free and unchangeable counsel of His own will,  
to the praise of the glory of His wisdom,  
power, justice, goodness, and mercy.**

from *Westminster Confession*, Chapter V, Section 1

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.

## Public Confession of Sin

**Awesome and compassionate God,  
 You have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,  
 but we have not loved You.  
 You constantly call us,  
 but we do not listen.  
 You ask us to love,  
 but we walk away from neighbors in need,  
 wrapped in our own concerns.  
 We condone all kinds of evil.  
 God of grace, as You come to us in mercy,  
 we repent in spirit and in truth,  
 admit our sin,  
 and gratefully receive Your forgiveness  
 through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

## Private Confession

## Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of His inheritance? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Micah 7:18-19

## Freedom Sunday: “To Set the Captive Free”

Mr. Goebel

9:30/11:00

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight  
to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.*

Luke 4.18

Jesus read these words, signaling His fulfillment of the prophecy in Isaiah.

## Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Overton 8:00

Victor Boutros, Ruth Eliot, Mr. Goebel 9:30/11:00

## Musical Offering

8:00

“Prayer”  
Dr. Davy, organ

Jean Langlais

9:30/11:00

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director • Dr. Davy, organ/hand drum  
Stephen Nielson, piano • Barbara Woodring, violin

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.  
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.  
See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?  
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

## \*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Romans 8.35, 38-39

People: **And also with you.**

## \*The Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 3.1-4.1

*Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.*

<sup>2</sup> *At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place.*

<sup>3</sup> *The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.*

<sup>4</sup> *Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!”*

- <sup>5</sup> and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down.
- <sup>6</sup> And the LORD called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.”
- <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.
- <sup>8</sup> And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy.
- <sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if He calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.
- <sup>10</sup> And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for Your servant hears.”
- <sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said to Samuel, “Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle.
- <sup>12</sup> On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end.
- <sup>13</sup> And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them.
- <sup>14</sup> Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever.”
- <sup>15</sup> Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli.
- <sup>16</sup> But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” And he said, “Here I am.”
- <sup>17</sup> And Eli said, “What was it that He told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that He told you.”
- <sup>18</sup> So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, “It is the LORD. Let Him do what seems good to Him.”
- <sup>19</sup> And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.
- <sup>20</sup> And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.
- <sup>21</sup> And the LORD appeared again at Shiloh, for the LORD revealed Himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD.
- <sup>4.1</sup> And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out to battle against the Philistines. They encamped at Ebenezer, and the Philistines encamped at Aphek.

**The Sermon**

“Rare Vision”

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!

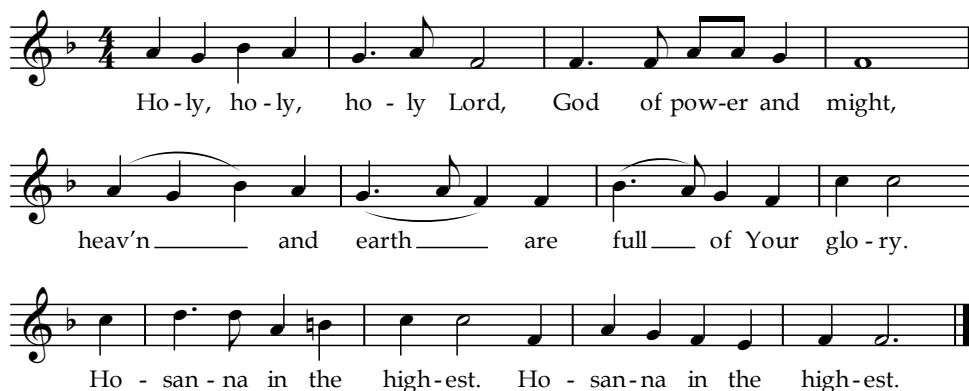
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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. 92 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

*EIN' FESTE BURG*

**\*The Benediction**

Minister: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Hebrews 13:20-21

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

**Postlude**

*"Grand Choeur Dialogue"  
Dr. Davy, organ*

*Eugene Gigout*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the transforming presence  
of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.**

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The Rev. Mark Davis

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Don Dillahunty	Tim Jeffress	Blake Woodall
Pete Flowers, <i>Clerk</i>	Gregory Morris	
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The Rev. Ron Williams	The Rev. Brent Baker
The Rev. Bill Lamberth	The Rev. Robby Higginbottom
The Rev. Tommy Overton	The Rev. Matt Fray

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 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

“Rare Vision”  
1 Samuel 3.1-4.1

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## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of September 23, 2018

### Praise

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

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

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

Please see the hymn on page three.

### Hearing and Learning God’s Word

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Samuel 3.1-4.1 *(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 that there was no frequent vision in those days? (3.1)
2. What can we learn about listening to God from this story?
3. What was God’s message to Samuel?
4. How did Samuel respond to this message?
5. What does this story teach us about God and what He cares about?

**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.