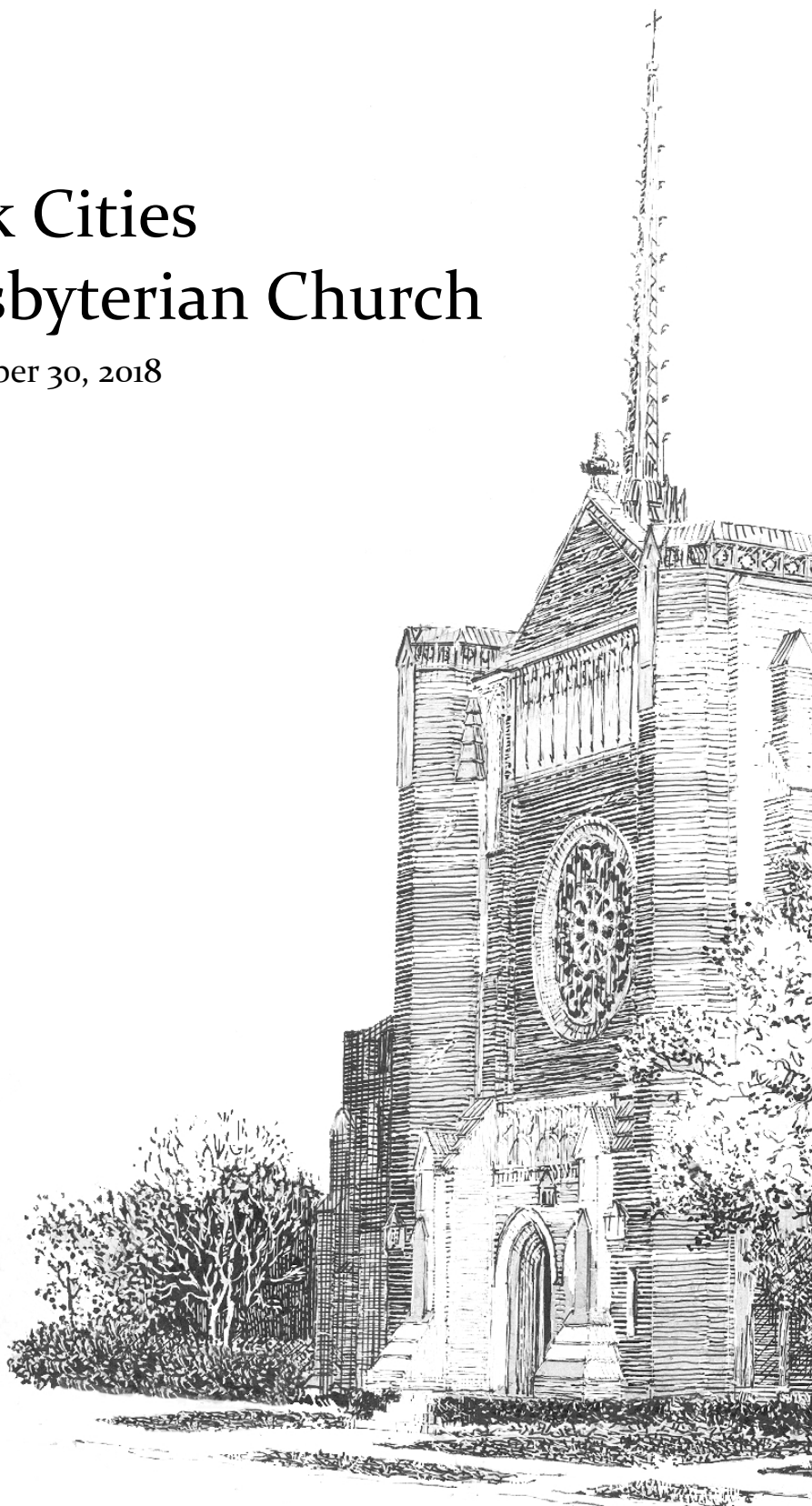


Park Cities Presbyterian Church

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

Prelude

8:00

Prelude on 'St. Anne'
J. Marty Cope, *organ*

Gordon Young

9:30/11:00

"Vivace"
Dr. Nathan Davy, *piano* • Dr. Alex Trygstad, *viola*

Marin Marais

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. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

Minister: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

People: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Minister: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

People: let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! Psalm 95:1-2

*Hymn of Praise No. 274

"Thine Be the Glory"

MACCABAEUS

*Prayer of Adoration

*Profession of Faith

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00
The Rev. Tommy Overton 9:30
The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 11:00

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things were made through Him,
and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

In Him was life,
and the life was the light of men.

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:1-5

Musical Meditation

9:30/11:00

"Adagio" from *Sonata BWV 1029*
Dr. Davy, *piano*; Dr. Trygstad, *viola*

J. S. Bach

Please take this time to prepare for confession.

Public Confession of Sin

We praise You, O God of light,
that in You there is no darkness at all.

We are your children; help us to walk as children of the light.

Illumine our lives with Your Word of truth,
that we might know ourselves and see our great need for You.

Father, we confess before You
 and in the presence of one another
 those things which You alone can see;
 the chambers of our hearts where we keep our secret past,
 the part of us which nurtures sinful desire,
 the pride that shields us from being really honest
 with You and with one another.
 We are afraid to be seen as we really are,
 and yet, O God, You know us through and through.
 Help me to see again that Jesus died for all of my sin.
 Lord, I cry out to You in my need.
 Be pleased to help me, O God,
 through Jesus my Savior and Light,
 who rescues me from the darkness.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7

*Hymn

8:00 No. 254

“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”

MARTYRDOM

9:30/11:00

“Come, Behold the Mystery”
 Stanza 1: solo; Stanzas 2-3: all
 Alicia Ucciferri, soloist

Boswell/Papa



1. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, in the dawn - ing
 2. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, He, the per - fect
 3. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, Christ, the Lord up -



of the King. He, the theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in
 Son of Man in His liv - ing, in His suf - f'ring, nev - er
 on the tree. In the stead of ruined sin - ners, hangs the



frail hu - man - i - ty. In our long - ing, in our dark - ness,
 trace nor stain of sin. See the true and bet - ter A - dam,
 Lamb in vic - tor - y. See the price of our re - demp - tion,



now the light of life has come. Look to Christ, who
 come to save the hell - bound man. Christ, the great and
 see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold. Bring - ing ma - ny



con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
 sure ful - fill - ment of the law in Him we stand.
 sons to Glo - ry, grace un - mea - sured, love un - told.

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

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

Musical Offering

8:00

“Be Thou My Vision”
Mr. Cope, organ

arr. Dale Wood

9:30/11:00

“Lord, Most Holy”
Chancel Choir • Mr. Cope, director • Dr. Davy, piano • Dr. Trygstad, viola

Foster/Borop

Lord, most holy, fount of grace, joy of heaven, fill this place; grant this blessing from above, come, sweet Spirit, Thou art loved, Lord, most holy.

Lord, most holy, ever near, Pilgrim seeker, find us here. Make Thy dwelling in our hearts; grant a glimpse of who Thou art, Lord, most holy.

There is none above Thee, there is none beside Thee, make Thy presence known to Thy servants below, Lord, most holy. O Lord most holy, Lord God Almighty.

Lord most holy, stir our faith; quench this thirst to seek Thy face. Hear us as we humbly call, pour Thy life stream on us all, Lord, most holy. Holy is the Lord! Holy is our God!

He who always liveth evermore the same, heaven and earth He ruleth; come and praise His name, Lord, most holy.

Joy of heaven, grant this blessing from above, come, sweet Spirit, Thou art loved, Lord, most holy.

*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.**

*The Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 4.1-22

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.

² *The Philistines drew up in line against Israel, and when the battle spread, Israel was defeated before the Philistines, who killed about four thousand men on the field of battle.*

³ *And when the people came to the camp, the elders of Israel said, “Why has the LORD defeated us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD here from Shiloh, that it may come among us and save us from the power of our enemies.”*

⁴ *So the people sent to Shiloh and brought from there the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, who is enthroned on the cherubim. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.*

⁵ *As soon as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel gave a mighty shout, so that the earth resounded.*

⁶ *And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shouting, they said, “What does this great shouting in the camp of the Hebrews mean?” And when they learned that the ark of the LORD had come to the camp,*

- ⁷ the Philistines were afraid, for they said, “A god has come into the camp.”
And they said, “Woe to us! For nothing like this has happened before.”
- ⁸ Woe to us! Who can deliver us from the power of these mighty gods?
These are the gods who struck the Egyptians with every sort of plague in the wilderness.
- ⁹ Take courage, and be men, O Philistines, lest you become slaves to the Hebrews as they have been to you; be men and fight.”
- ¹⁰ So the Philistines fought, and Israel was defeated, and they fled, every man to his home. And there was a very great slaughter, for thirty thousand foot soldiers of Israel fell.
- ¹¹ And the ark of God was captured, and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.
- ¹² A man of Benjamin ran from the battle line and came to Shiloh the same day, with his clothes torn and with dirt on his head.
- ¹³ When he arrived, Eli was sitting on his seat by the road watching, for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city and told the news, all the city cried out.
- ¹⁴ When Eli heard the sound of the outcry, he said, “What is this uproar?”
Then the man hurried and came and told Eli.
- ¹⁵ Now Eli was ninety-eight years old and his eyes were set so that he could not see.
- ¹⁶ And the man said to Eli, “I am he who has come from the battle; I fled from the battle today.” And he said, “How did it go, my son?”
- ¹⁷ He who brought the news answered and said, “Israel has fled before the Philistines, and there has also been a great defeat among the people.
Your two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God has been captured.”
- ¹⁸ As soon as he mentioned the ark of God, Eli fell over backward from his seat by the side of the gate, and his neck was broken and he died, for the man was old and heavy. He had judged Israel forty years.
- ¹⁹ Now his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant, about to give birth. And when she heard the news that the ark of God was captured, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed and gave birth, for her pains came upon her.
- ²⁰ And about the time of her death the women attending her said to her, “Do not be afraid, for you have borne a son.” But she did not answer or pay attention.
- ²¹ And she named the child Ichabod, saying, “The glory has departed from Israel!” because the ark of God had been captured and because of her father-in-law and her husband.
- ²² And she said, “The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured.”

The Sermon

“The Darkness Before the Dawn”

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!

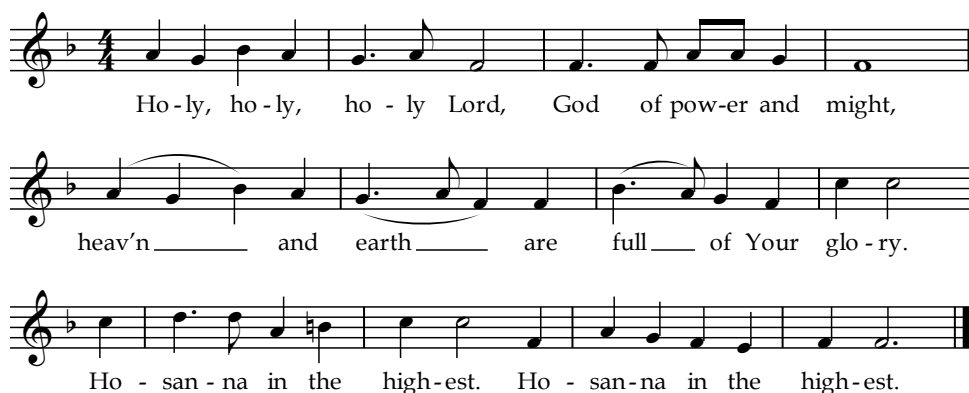
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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**

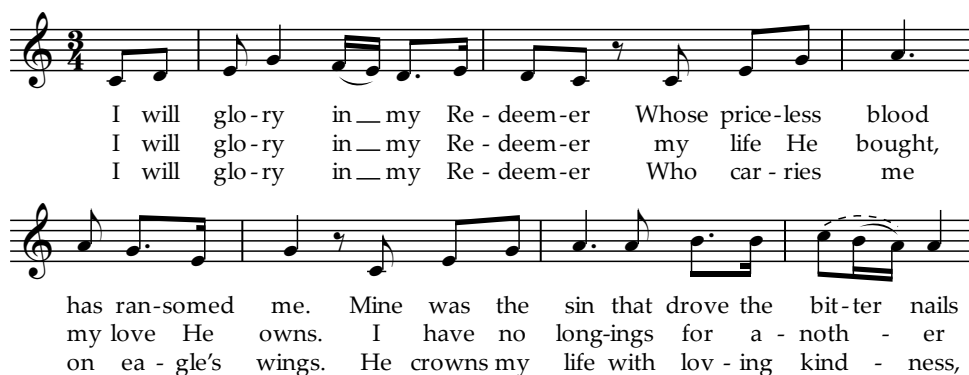
Communion 8:00

*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**

"I Will Glory in My Redeemer"

Vikki Cook



I will glo - ry in _____ my Re - deem - er Whose price - less blood
I will glo - ry in _____ my Re - deem - er my life He bought,
I will glo - ry in _____ my Re - deem - er Who car - ries me
has ran - somed me. Mine was the sin that drove the bit - ter nails
my love He owns. I have no long - ings for a - noth - er
on ea - gle's wings. He crowns my life with lov - ing kind - ness,



and hung Him on that — judg-ment tree. I will glo-ry in my Re-
 I'm sat - is - fied in — Him a - lone. I will glo-ry in my Re-
 His tri - umph song I'll — ev - er sing. I will glo-ry in my Re-

deem-er Who crushed the pow'r of sin and death; My on - ly
 deem-er His faith - ful - ness, my stand - ing place Though foes are
 deem-er Who waits for me at gates of gold And when He

Sav - ior be - fore the Ho - ly Judge, the Lamb who is my —
 might-y and rush up - on — me my feet are firm, held —
 calls me it will be par - a - dise His face for - ev - er —

right-eous - ness, the Lamb who is my — right-eous - ness.
 by His grace, my feet are firm held — by His grace.
 to be - hold, His face for - ev - er — to be - hold.

*The Benediction

Minister: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

1 Thessalonians 5.23-24

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

Postlude

"Finale" from *Symphony 2*
 Dr. Davy, organ

Charles-Marie Widor

**Please stand if you are able.*

*The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
 Kristin Koons Jackson on the occasion of her birthday from her Mother.
 Forever missed, forever loved.*

*The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves.
 He will take great delight in you; in His love He will no longer rebuke you,
 but will rejoice over you with singing." Zephaniah 3.17*

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

SERMON NOTES

“The Darkness Before the Dawn”

1 Samuel 4.1-22

 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 30, 2018

Praise

Call to Worship: *(everyone together)*

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Psalm 95.1-2

“I Will Glory in My Redeemer” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page six.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 4.1-22 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. Why does the Bible use the word “darkness” to describe our sin and God’s judgment?
2. Why did the Israelites bring the Ark of the Covenant with them into battle? What did they think the Ark would do for them?
3. Why did God allow the Philistines to defeat the Israelites? Why did God allow the Ark to be captured?
4. How did Eli respond to the news that the Ark was captured? Why?
5. What does the name “Ichabod” mean in Hebrew? How has God responded with the person and work of Jesus Christ?

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.