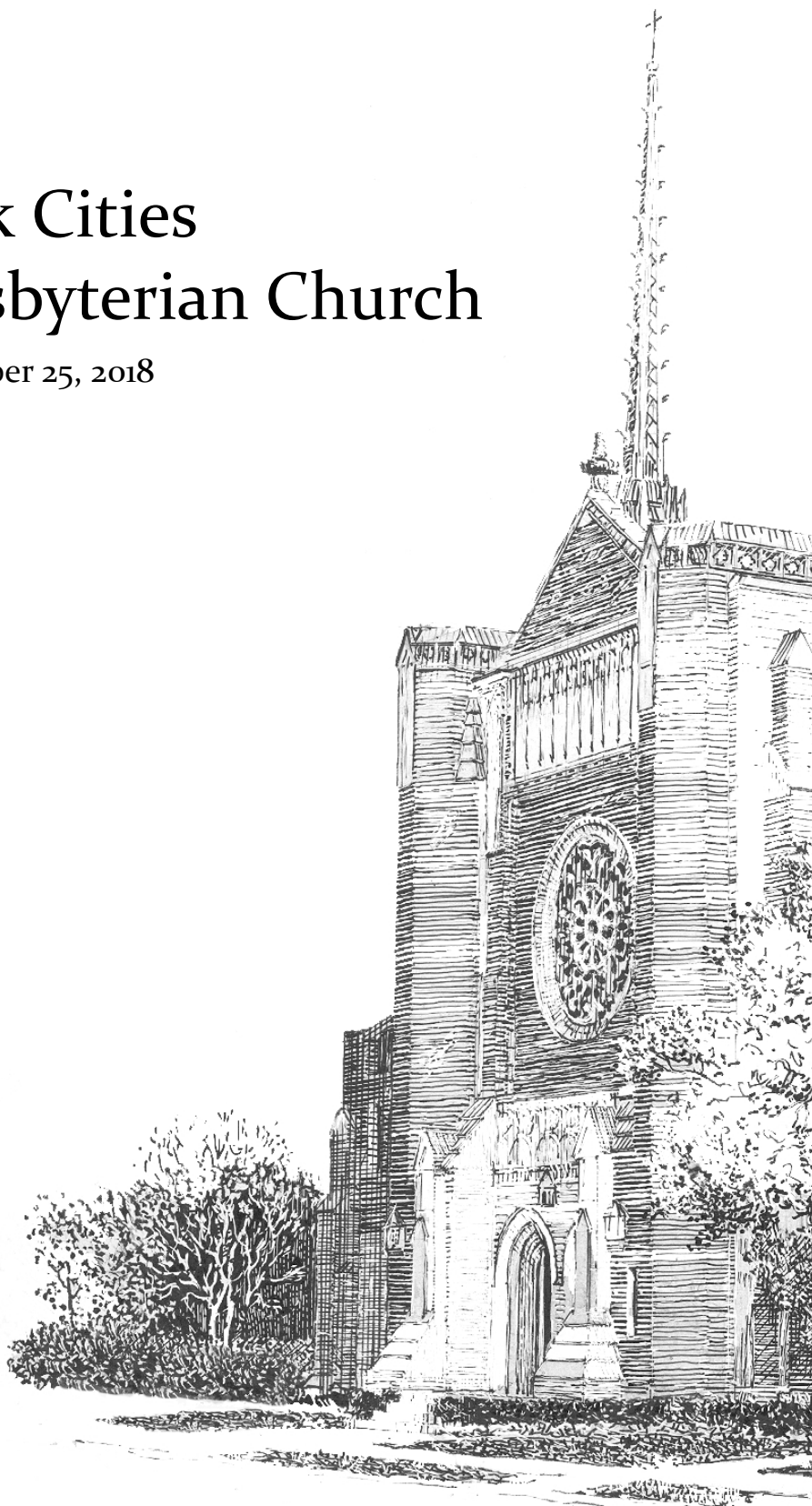


# Park Cities Presbyterian Church

November 25, 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

November 25, 2018  
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

*Christ the King*

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*Christ the King Sunday focuses our worship on the cosmic character of Christ's reign over the world. It is a proclamation to all that everything in creation and culture must submit to Christ and an invitation to actively and joyfully submit to His rule.*

*The day is celebrated widely in some traditions and is normally scheduled on the last Sunday before Advent. It therefore serves as a transitional Sunday leading directly into Advent, the Christmas cycle, and the new Christian year. The day fits well with the eschatological emphasis and anticipation of Christ's second coming highlighted during Advent. It also helps worshipers, who are already thinking about Christmas, to remember that Christmas is about much more than a baby in a manger—it is about a sovereign Christ who came to be the "Prince of Peace."*

—The Worship Sourcebook

### Prelude

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"  
Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

Michael Burkhardt

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

### Call to Worship

Dr. Pete Deison

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!**

Minister: For the LORD is a great God,

**People: and a great King above all gods.**

Minister: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

**People: let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

Minister: For He is our God,

**People: and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of  
His hand.**

Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Profession of Sovereignty and Thanks

The Rev. Tommy Overton 8:00

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 9:30

The Rev. Matt Fray 11:00

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All: We praise You, great God,  
for You are ruler of the universe  
and have sent Your Son to be King of kings.  
We rejoice that He has triumphed over all the powers of this  
world and governs the nations in justice and righteousness.  
We celebrate His victory in His life, death, resurrection,  
and ascension to honor and might at Your side.  
By Your Spirit, claim our complete loyalty,  
establish Christ's rule in every land and in every heart.  
Accept our homage as we offer our lives  
in the service of Christ's Kingdom.  
He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

\*Hymn

“Jesus Is Our King”

POST GREEN

*Refrain*



Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! O - pen - ing our hearts to Him, sing - ing



al - le-lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is our King!



Cre - ate in us, O God, A hum - ble heart that sets us free to pro -  
We bear the name of Christ. Jus - ti - fied we meet with Him. His  
Let kin - dred voic - es join, hon - or - ing the Lamb of God who  
Pour out Your Spir - it on us, em - pow'ring us to live as one, to



claim the won - drous maj - es - ty of our Fa - ther in hea - ven.  
words and pre - sence calm our fear, re - veal - ing God, our Fa - ther, here.  
teach - es us by bread and wine the mys - tery of His bo - dy.  
car - ry Your re - deem - ing love to a world en - slaved by sin.

**Public Confession of Sin**

Righteous God,  
You have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.  
We confess that we have not bowed before Him  
and are slow to acknowledge His rule.  
We give allegiance to the powers of this world  
and fail to be governed by justice and love.  
In Your mercy, forgive us.  
Raise us to acclaim Him as ruler of all,  
that we may be loyal ambassadors,  
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Private Confession**

**Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.  
Romans 8.1  
This is the Scripture memory verse for November. (see page nine)

**Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer**

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

**Musical Offering**

8:00	“Fairest Lord Jesus” Dr. Davy, organ	Samuel Metzger
9:30/11:00	“Made Me Free” Chancel Choir • Dr. Susie Wilson, conductor Stephen Nielson, piano • Dr. Davy, organ	David Danner

*Alas and did my Savior bleed and did my Sovereign die? Would He devote that  
sacred head for sinners such as I.  
Was it for crimes that I have done He groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity,  
grace unknown, and love beyond degree!  
At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light, and the burden of my heart  
rolled away; it was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy  
all the day!  
But drops of grief can ne’er repay the debt of love I owe: Here, Lord, I give myself  
away, ‘tis all that I can do.  
Sing, oh, sing of my Redeemer, with His precious blood He purchased me; on  
the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free!*

**\*The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: Look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Hebrews 12.2

**People: And also with you.**

**\*The Scripture Reading**

2 Thessalonians 1.1-5, 11-12

*Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:*

<sup>2</sup> *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>3</sup> *We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.*

<sup>4</sup> *Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.*

<sup>5</sup> *This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering—*

<sup>11</sup> *To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of His calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by His power,*

<sup>12</sup> *so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**The Sermon**

“Made Worthy for a Generous Faith”

Dr. Deison

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**

**"By Faith"**

*Townend/Getty*

1. By faith we see the hand of God in the  
 2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the  
 3. By faith the church was called to go in the  
 4. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the  
 light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the lives of those who prove His  
 pow'r of His pro-mise in their hearts, of a ho - ly cit - y built by  
 pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost to de - liv - er cap-tives and to  
 pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail, for we know in Christ all things are  
 faith - ful - ness, who walk by faith and not by sight. (to vs. 2)  
 God's own hand, a place where peace and jus-tice reign.→  
 preach good news in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the earth. (to vs. 4)  
 pos - si - ble for all who call up - on His name.→



### \*The Benediction

Minister: To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be  
honor and glory forever and ever. 1 Timothy 1.17

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

### Postlude

"Fanfare"  
Dr. Davy, organ

*Jacques Lemmens*

*\*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.**

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

“Made Worthy for a Generous Faith”  
2 Thessalonians 1.1-5, 11-12

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### 2 Thessalonians 1.11-12

#### New International Version (NIV)

11 With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of His calling, and that by His power He may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. 12 We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### J.B. Phillips New Testament

11 In view of this great prospect, we pray for you constantly, that God will think you worthy of this calling, and that He will effect in you all His goodness desires to do, and that your faith makes possible. 12 We pray that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may become more glorious through you, and that you may share something of His glory—all through the grace of our God and Jesus Christ the Lord.

#### The Message (MSG)

11 Because we know that this extraordinary day is just ahead, we pray for you all the time—pray that our God will make you fit for what He’s called you to be, pray that He’ll fill your good ideas and acts of faith with His own energy so that it all amounts to something. 12 If your life honors the name of Jesus, He will honor you. Grace is behind and through all of this, our God giving Himself freely, the Master, Jesus Christ, giving Himself freely.



## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of November 25, 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! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Psalm 95:1-3

**“Jesus Is Our King”** *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page three.

### Hearing and Learning God’s Word

**Scripture Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 1.1-5, 11-12 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What three things does Paul give thanks for in the Thessalonian believers?
2. Paul writes of their being worthy twice. What is different about each statement?
3. What does Paul pray for them and why?
4. Compare vs. 11 with Philippians 3.12. How do they complement each other?
5. What desire for goodness has God put in your heart?

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

Romans 8.1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

### 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.