

Park Cities Presbyterian Church

January 27, 2019



*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.*



Prelude

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

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

Psalm 27.1-2, 13-14

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But you, Israel, My servant,
 Jacob, whom I have chosen,
 the offspring of Abraham, My friend;
 you whom I took from the ends of the earth,
 and called from its farthest corners,
 saying to you, "You are My servant,
 I have chosen you and not cast you off";
 fear not, for I am with you;
 be not dismayed, for I am your God;
 I will strengthen you,
 I will help you,
 I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41.8-10

*Hymn of Hope

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Townend



1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all
 2. Be - hold the man u - pon the cross, my sin u - pon His
 3. I will not boast in a - ny thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no



mea - sure, that He should give His on - ly Son to make a
 shoul - ders; a - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a -
 wis - dom; but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death and



wretch His trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss:
 mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held Him there
 re - sur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from His re - ward?



the Fa - ther turns His face a - way as wounds, which mar the
 un - til it was ac - com - plished; His dy - ing breath has
 I can - not give an an - swer, but this I know with



Cho - sen One, bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
 brought me life: I know that it is fin - ished.
 all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

Public Confession of Sin

O ruler of the universe and King of our lives,
we confess that the truth of Your complete sovereignty
has not been precious to us.

Though Your providence orders all things,
we have lived fearfully and timidly
becoming slaves to our temporal needs and desires.

We have feared our circumstances,
worried over money,
and bowed the knee to peer pressure.

Forgive us, Lord,
for we have even feared dying,
not trusting that Your victory by the blood of Christ
proves You sovereign over sin and death.

Lord God, strengthen our faith
that we may truly live as those
who have been raised up with Christ in the heavenly places.

Replace our foolish fears with love for the One who loved us
and washed us from our sins in His own blood,
our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

But now thus says the LORD, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed
you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name,
you are Mine.”

Isaiah 43.1

Musical Meditation “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” *arr. Kurt Kaiser*
9:30/11:00 Christopher Adkins, *cello* • Stephen Nielson, *piano*

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Overton 8:00
Mr. Goebel 9:30/11:00

Musical Offering

8:00 “O Worship the King” *arr. Mark Hayes*
Mr. Cope, *piano*

God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear. Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God. He is in the midst of His people, in all the earth.
He is the Word, He is our rock, He will lead us. He is the Lord, the Lord of Hosts, He will cause the wars to cease, He is our strength.

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Psalm 46.11
People: **And also with you.**

Extending the Kingdom: Mission to the World (MTW)

Mr. Jerry Gibson

9:30/11:00

***The Scripture Reading**

1 Samuel 17.1-26

Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle. And they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim.

² *And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered, and encamped in the Valley of Elah, and drew up in line of battle against the Philistines.*

³ *And the Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them.*

⁴ *And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.*

⁵ *He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze.*

⁶ *And he had bronze armor on his legs, and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders.*

⁷ *The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron. And his shield-bearer went before him.*

⁸ *He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me.*

⁹ *If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us."*

¹⁰ *And the Philistine said, "I defy the ranks of Israel this day. Give me a man, that we may fight together."*

¹¹ *When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.*

¹² *Now David was the son of an Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah, named Jesse, who had eight sons. In the days of Saul the man was already old and advanced in years.*

¹³ *The three oldest sons of Jesse had followed Saul to the battle. And the names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah.*

- ¹⁴ David was the youngest. The three eldest followed Saul,
¹⁵ but David went back and forth from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.
¹⁶ For forty days the Philistine came forward and took his stand, morning and evening.
¹⁷ And Jesse said to David his son, "Take for your brothers an ephah of this parched grain, and these ten loaves, and carry them quickly to the camp to your brothers.
¹⁸ Also take these ten cheeses to the commander of their thousand. See if your brothers are well, and bring some token from them."
¹⁹ Now Saul and they and all the men of Israel were in the Valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.
²⁰ And David rose early in the morning and left the sheep with a keeper and took the provisions and went, as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the encampment as the host was going out to the battle line, shouting the war cry.
²¹ And Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army.
²² And David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage and ran to the ranks and went and greeted his brothers.
²³ As he talked with them, behold, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.
²⁴ All the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were much afraid.
²⁵ And the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel. And the king will enrich the man who kills him with great riches and will give him his daughter and make his father's house free in Israel."
²⁶ And David said to the men who stood by him, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

The Sermon

"Delivered from Fear to Freedom"

Mr. Williams 8:00

Dr. Julian Russell 9:30/11:00

Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please
continue at the closing hymn.

*Words of Assurance and The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

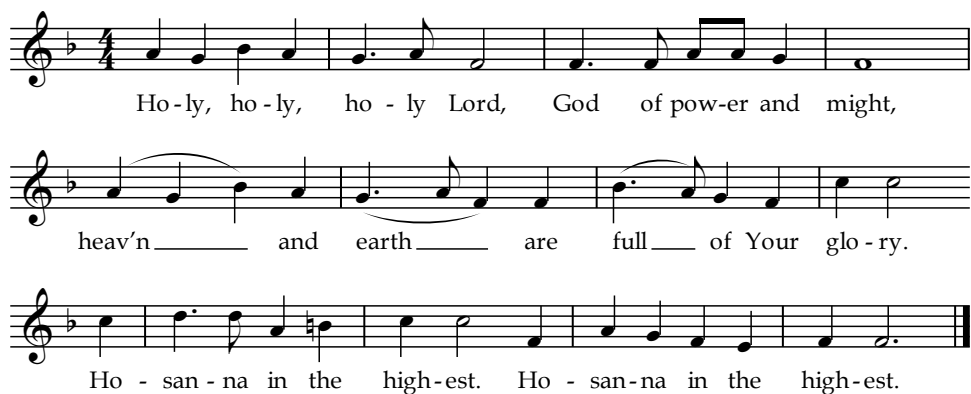
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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

The bread being served at Communion is gluten-free.

*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"**

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***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 Brevis"
 Mr. Cope, organ

Daniel Gawthrop

**Please stand if you are able.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God
 and in celebration of the marriage of Lauren Carrozza and Samuel Huffines.*

SERMON NOTES

1 Samuel 17.1-26
“Delivered from Fear to Freedom”

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 January 27, 2019

Praise

Call to Worship: *(everyone together)*

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great King over all the earth. God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.

Psalm 47:1-2, 8

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” *(read or sing these words together)*

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He, Lord Sabaoth His name,
From age to age the same, and He must win the battle.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 17:1-58 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. Why did Saul forget God’s faithfulness, (see Deuteronomy 20:1)? Why do we forget God’s promises to us?
2. Why were Saul and the army of Israel afraid? What does this teach us about why we are afraid?
3. Goliath was loud and godless. Can you think of other “loud voices” in our city, our nation that seem to be strong? Why are you silent on issues that really bother you?
4. How did David bring God into the conversation? How can you speak up at times, when the direction is godless? Are you afraid to let others know what you think about Christ? Why?
5. Both David and Jesus broke the silence. How can you break the silence?
6. What does 1 Samuel 16:7; 17:26 have in common with Mark 1:11; 1:15?
7. How has Jesus’ victory over sin and death enabled you to live in freedom?

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

1 Samuel 16:7

But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”

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.