

Presbyterian Church February 24, 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.



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 24, 2019 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

8:00

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

HAMBURG arr. S. Nielson

9:30/11:00

"Trumpet Tune in D" Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

David N. Johnson

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

Choral Introit

"When in Our Music God Is Glorified" Highland Park Presbyterian and arr. Ovid Young

9:30/11:00 Highland
Park Cities Pre

Park Cities Presbyterian Chancel Choirs
J. Marty Cope, conducting • Stephen Nielson, piano • Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

*Call to Worship

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

Minister: Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is

established; it shall never be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity."

People: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!

Minister: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD,

for He comes, for He comes to judge the earth.

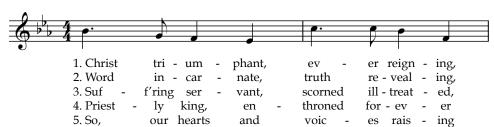
People: He will judge the world in righteousness,

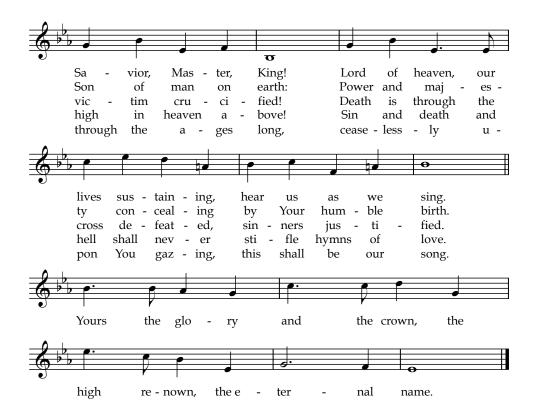
and the peoples in His faithfulness. Psalm 96.10-13

*Hymn of Praise

"Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning"

GUITING POWER





*Prayer of Adoration

*Profession of Faith

The Rev. Tommy Overton 8:00
The Rev. Matt Fray 9:30
The Rev. Robby Higginbottom u:00

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died more than that, who was raised who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered. No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 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.

Romans 8.33-39

Public Confession of Sin

We confess to You, O God,

that we have sinned against heaven and in Your sight, and are not worthy to be called Your children.

We have forgotten You, and have broken Your holy laws.

We have been wayward and disobedient.

We have been selfish and unkind.

For the sake of Your dear Son our Savior we beseech You to pardon our sins,

to make clean our hearts within us, and to grant us Your peace.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5.8

Musical Meditation "He Watching Over Israel" from *Elijah Felix Mendelssohn* 9:30/11:00 Combined Choirs • Mr. Cope, *conducting* • Dr. Davy, *organ*

He watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee.

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

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

Musical Offering

8:00 "Nocturne, Op. 32, No. 1" Frederic Chopin Mr. Nielson, piano

9:30/n:00 "I Was Glad" C. Hubert H. Parry Combined Choirs • Dr. Greg Hobbs, conducting • Mr. Cope, organ

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is One. You shall love

the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Deuteronomy 6.4-5

People: And also with you.

- Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in Ramah, his own city. And Saul had put the mediums and the necromancers out of the land.
- ⁴ The Philistines assembled and came and encamped at Shunem. And Saul gathered all Israel, and they encamped at Gilboa.
- ⁵ When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly.
- ⁶ And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD did not answer him, either by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets.
- ⁷ Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." And his servants said to him, "Behold, there is a medium at En-dor."
- ⁸ So Saul disguised himself and put on other garments and went, he and two men with him. And they came to the woman by night. And he said, "Divine for me by a spirit and bring up for me whomever I shall name to you."
- ⁹ The woman said to him, "Surely you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and the necromancers from the land. Why then are you laying a trap for my life to bring about my death?"
- ¹⁰ But Saul swore to her by the LORD, "As the LORD lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing."
- ¹¹ Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" He said, "Bring up Samuel for me."
- When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice. And the woman said to Saul, "Why have you deceived me? You are Saul."
- The king said to her, "Do not be afraid. What do you see?" And the woman said to Saul, "I see a god coming up out of the earth."
- He said to her, "What is his appearance?" And she said, "An old man is coming up, and he is wrapped in a robe." And Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground and paid homage.
- ¹⁵ Then Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" Saul answered, "I am in great distress, for the Philistines are warring against me, and God has turned away from me and answers me no more, either by prophets or by dreams. Therefore I have summoned you to tell me what I shall do."
- ¹⁶ And Samuel said, "Why then do you ask me, since the LORD has turned from you and become your enemy?
- The LORD has done to you as He spoke by me, for the LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, David.
- ¹⁸ Because you did not obey the voice of the LORD and did not carry out His fierce wrath against Amalek, therefore the LORD has done this thing to you this day.
- ¹⁹ Moreover, the LORD will give Israel also with you into the hand of the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me. The LORD will give the army of Israel also into the hand of the Philistines."
- ²⁰ Then Saul fell at once full length on the ground, filled with fear because of the words of Samuel. And there was no strength in him, for he had eaten nothing all day and all night.
- ^{31.1} Now the Philistines were fighting against Israel, and the men of Israel fled before the Philistines and fell slain on Mount Gilboa.
- ² And the Philistines overtook Saul and his sons, and the Philistines struck down Jonathan and Abinadab and Malchi-shua, the sons of Saul.
- ³ The battle pressed hard against Saul, and the archers found him, and he was badly wounded by the archers.
- ⁴ Then Saul said to his armor-bearer, "Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and mistreat me." But his armor-bearer would not, for he feared greatly. Therefore Saul took his own sword and fell upon it.
- ⁵ And when his armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell upon his sword and died with him.
- ⁶ Thus Saul died, and his three sons, and his armor-bearer, and all his men, on the same day together.

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

Worshipers 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of Your Glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*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.





*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

8:00	"Now Thank We All Our God" Mr. Nielson, <i>piano</i>	NUN DANKET arr. S. Nielson
9:30/11:00	"Fugue in D Major, BWV 532" Dr. Davy, organ	J. S. Bach

*Please stand if you are able.

We welcome the Highland Park Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir and their Director of Music, Dr. Greg Hobbs, as they join our Chancel Choir to lead worship in our services this morning.

SERMON NOTES

1 Samuel 28.3-20, 31.1-6 "The End of Saul"

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

Pelcome 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 February 24, 2019

Praise

Call to Worship: (everyone together)

Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity." Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it.

Psalm 96.10-11

"Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning" (read or sing these words together)

Please see the hymn on page two.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 28.3-20, 31.1-6 (one person read the *Scripture aloud*)

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

- According to Jonathan Edwards, what are some of the characteristics of genuine Christianity?
- 2. What is the difference between hearing and listening? Why was Saul unable to hear the voice of the Lord?
- 3. What does obedience have to do with love? What is love without obedience? What is obedience without love?
- 4. Why did Saul seek out a medium even though he knew the practice was evil? What are the evils that we seek out today? Why?
- 5. What message did the vision of Samuel deliver to Saul? Had Saul heard this message before? Why had Saul ignored this message?
- 6. What did Christ declare on the cross? What does this declaration mean for all those who believe in Him?
- 7. What is condemnation? Is there any condemnation for those who are in Christ?

Scripture Memory for February: (memorize this passage of Scripture this month)

Romans 5.8

God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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.