



## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

*Third Sunday of Lent*

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### Prelude

8:00	“Song Without Words in E Major” Stephen Nielson, <i>piano</i>	<i>Felix Mendelssohn</i>
9:30/11:00	“Look, Ye Saints! The Sight Is Glorious” Stephen Nielson, <i>piano</i> Dr. Nathan Davy, <i>organ</i>	<i>BRYN CALFARIA</i> <i>arr. Nielson &amp; Young</i>

*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: Come, behold the works of the LORD,

**People: how He has brought desolations on the earth.**

Minister: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow  
and shatters the spear;

**People: He burns the chariots with fire.**

Minister: “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the  
nations,

**People: I will be exalted in the earth!”**

Minister: The LORD of hosts is with us;

**People: the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Psalm 46.8-11

### \*Hymn No. 53

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”  
Stanzas: 1-2, 4-5

*LOBE DEN HERREN*

### \*Prayer of Adoration

**\*Profession of Faith**

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 9:30

The Rev. Tommy Overton 11:00

**The true light, which gives light to everyone,  
 was coming into the world.  
 He was in the world,  
 and the world was made through Him,  
 yet the world did not know Him.  
 He came to His own,  
 and His own people did not receive Him.  
 But to all who did receive Him,  
 who believed in His name,  
 He gave the right to become children of God,  
 who were born,  
 not of blood nor of the will of the flesh  
 nor of the will of man,  
 but of God.**

John 1.9-13

**\*Hymn**

“Come Behold the Glorious Mystery”

*Boswell/Papa*

9:30/11:00



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 -  
 4. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, slain by death, the



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  
 God of life. But no grave could e'er re - strain Him, praise 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,  
 Lord: He is a - live. What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance,



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  
 how un - wa - ver - ing our hope. Christ, in pow - er,



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.  
 res - ur - rect - ed, as will we be when He comes.

## Public Confession of Sin

O Lord, I am deeply convinced of the evil and misery of a sinful state,  
of the vanity of creatures,  
but also of the sufficiency of Christ.

When You would guide me,  
I control myself.

When You would be sovereign,  
I rule myself.

When You would take care of me,  
I suffice myself.

When I should depend of Your provision,  
I supply myself.

When I should submit to Your providence,  
I follow my will.

When I should study, love, honor, and trust You,  
I serve myself.

I fault and correct Your law to suit myself.

Take away my roving eye, curious ear, greedy appetite and lustful heart,  
then take me to the cross and leave me there.

## Private Confession

### Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1.13-14

\*Hymn No. 521

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

SOLID ROCK

### Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison 8:00

Mr. Higginbottom 9:30

Mr. Overton 11:00

### Musical Offering

8:00

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”  
Mr. Nielson, *piano*

Hassler/J. S. Bach/  
S. Nielson

9:30/11:00

“He Comes to Us as One Unknown”  
Amanda Reeves, *solo* • Dr. Davy, *piano*

Parry/Dudley-Smith

*He comes to us as one unknown, a breath unseen, unheard; as though within a heart of stone, or shriveled seed in darkness sown, a pulse of being stirred.*

*He comes when souls in silence lie and thoughts of day depart; half-seen upon the inward eye, a falling star across the sky of night within the heart.*

*He comes to us in sound of seas, the ocean's fume and foam; yet small and still upon the breeze, a wind that stirs the tops of trees, a voice to call us home.*

*He comes in love as once He came by flesh and blood and birth; to bear within our mortal frame a life, a death, a saving name for every child of earth.*

*He comes in truth when faith is grown; believed, obeyed, adored: the Christ in all the Scriptures shown, as yet unseen, but not unknown, our Savior and our Lord.*

### \*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: Now in Christ Jesus, we who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ, for He Himself is our peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Ephesians 2.13-14

People: **And also with you.**

*Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.*

- <sup>2</sup> Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow."*
- <sup>3</sup> Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.*
- <sup>4</sup> But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers."*
- <sup>5</sup> And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat."*
- <sup>6</sup> And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again.*
- <sup>7</sup> And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you."*
- <sup>8</sup> And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.*
- <sup>9</sup> There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"*
- <sup>10</sup> He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away."*
- <sup>11</sup> And He said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.*
- <sup>12</sup> And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper.*
- <sup>13</sup> And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"*
- <sup>14</sup> He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away."*
- <sup>15</sup> And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria.*
- <sup>16</sup> And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place.*
- <sup>17</sup> And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death.*
- <sup>18</sup> Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."*

**The Sermon**

"The Greatest Miracle"

Mr. Williams 8:00  
Mr. Goebel 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:**

**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 side aisles.  
Partake of the elements upon receiving them from the elders.  
Return to your seat with your empty cup via the same path.*

**\*Closing Hymns**

“Be Still, My Soul”

FINLANDIA

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

Merker



When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;  
For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



When the tempt-er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.  
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.  
Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



I could nev-er keep my hold through life's fear-ful path;  
 He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;  
 Raised with Him to end-less life, He will hold me fast



for my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast. —  
 bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. —  
 'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! —

*Refrain*



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



for my Sav-ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

### \*The Benediction

**Minister:** May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13.14

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

### Postlude

8:00

“In Thee Is Joy”  
 Mr. Nielson, piano

*J. S. Bach/Busoni*

9:30/11:00

“Con Moto Maestoso” from *Sonata 3*  
 Dr. Davy, organ

*Felix Mendelssohn*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

Today we conclude our sermon series on Elijah. We finish tonight at 6:00 p.m. with a dramatic, staged presentation of the great Biblical oratorio *Elijah* by Felix Mendelssohn, featuring Will Hughes as Elijah, soloists, the choirs of PCPC, and symphony orchestra.

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the eighth anniversary of the sobriety of our daughter Amanda Overton and the beginning of her journey with God by Mary and George Jackson.*

**If you need help regarding our Sunday Morning Community room locations, please go to the Information Center where someone will be happy to assist you.**

# SERMON NOTES

1 Kings 19.1-18  
“The Greatest Miracle”

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**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 March 24, 2019

### Praise

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

Come, behold the works of the LORD, how He has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire. “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Psalm 46:8-11

**“Come Behold the Glorious Mystery”** *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page three.

### Hearing and Learning God’s Word

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Kings 19:1-18 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What is faith? What is doubt? Is it possible to have faith in God and yet still have doubts?
2. Why was Elijah filled with fear and doubt? How did God respond to Elijah’s fear and doubt?
3. What does the Hebrew word *hesed* mean? What does God’s faithfulness have to do with His love?
4. Where have you seen God’s power at work in your life? Why are we so prone to forget the powerful things that God has done?
5. What is the greatest miracle that God has ever done? What does this miracle mean for you?
6. How has God drawn near to us? What does it look like for us to draw near to Him?

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

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

### 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.