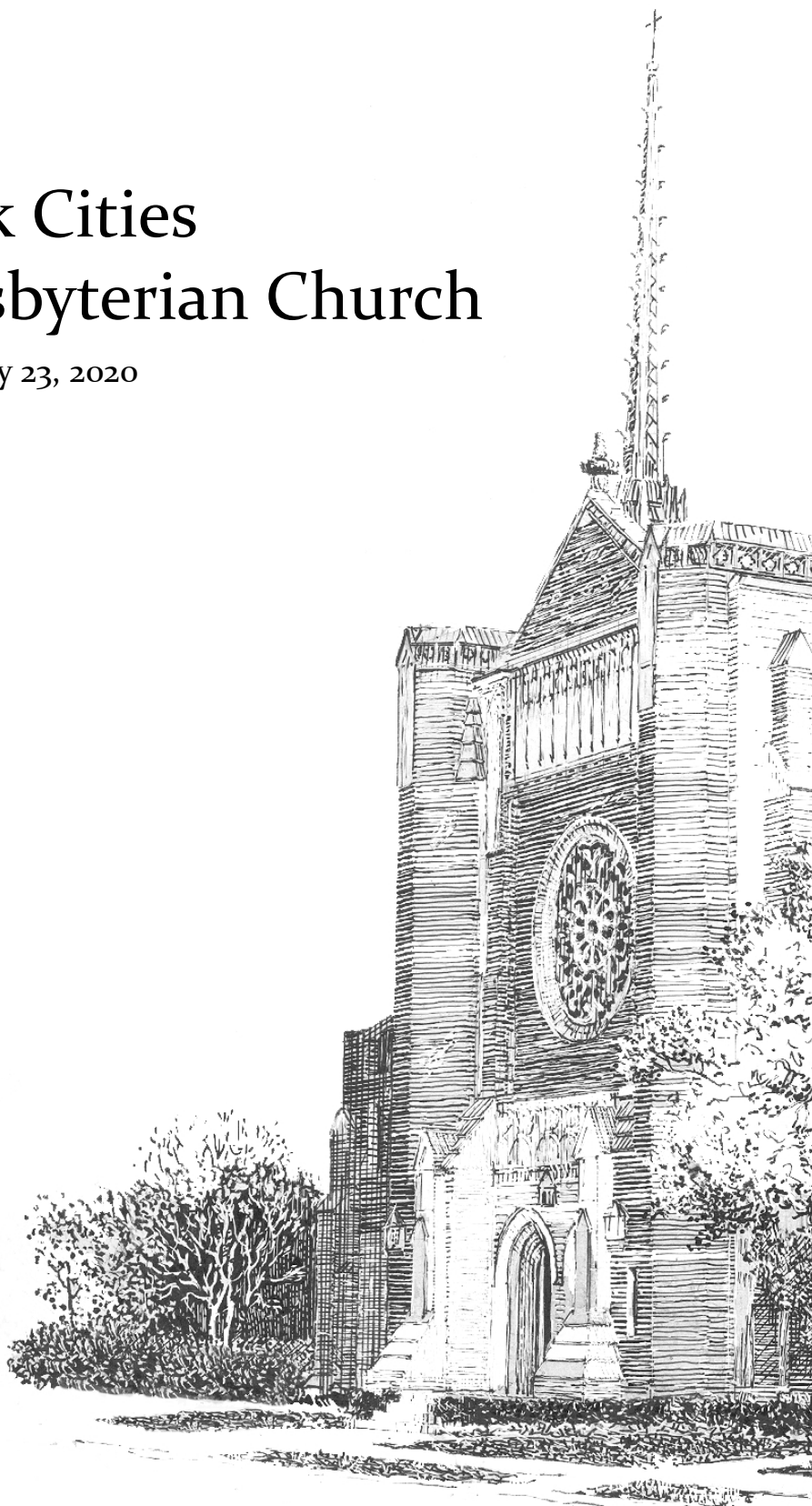


Park Cities Presbyterian Church

February 23, 2020



*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 23, 2020
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Final Sunday of the Epiphany Season

Carrying the themes of “manifestation” and “light,” some Christians celebrate the entire season of Epiphany, from Epiphany Sunday until Lent. This season begins by celebrating the visit of the Magi and then remembers the teaching and healing ministry of Christ. This week we conclude Epiphany and prepare for Lent.

Prelude

8:00 “When Morning Gilds the Skies” *LAUDES DOMINI*
Mr. Stephen Nielson, *piano* *arr. Ovid Young*

9:30/11:00 “Oh, Sing to the Lord” *Brazilian Folk Song*
“*Cantad al Señor*” *arr. Harriet Ziegenhals*
Covenant Choir • Deborah Waterman, *conductor* • Dr. Nathan Davy, *piano*

*Oh, sing to the Lord, Oh, sing God a new song. Oh, sing to our God!
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders. Oh, sing to our God!
For Jesus is Lord! Amen, Alleluia! Oh, sing to our God!*

Call to Worship

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

Minister: In sacrifice and offering You have not delighted, but You have given me an open ear.

People: Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required.

Minister: Then I said, “Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

People: I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart.”

Minister: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

People: behold, I have not restrained my lips, as You know, O LORD.

Psalm 40.6-9

*Hymn of Praise No. 164 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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*Prayer of Adoration

***Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Tommy Overton

Therefore, my friends,
since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary
by the blood of Jesus,
by the new and living way that He opened for us
through the curtain (that is, through His flesh),
and since we have a Great Priest over the house of God,
let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith,
with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience
and our bodies washed with pure water. Hebrews 10.19-22 (NRSV)

***Hymn No. 307**

“Nothing but the Blood”

PLAINFIELD

Public Confession of Sin

**O Lord Most High,
we confess that we have often tried to please You with our
righteousness,
instead of pleading the righteousness of Christ.
We have tried to cleanse our sins by becoming better Christians,
rather than receiving forgiveness through Your blood.
We have constructed idols for pleasure and for ambition,
and have not been joyful in Your presence,
nor rested in Your accomplishment.
We have sought our nourishment in vain activities
and in setting our own course,
instead of trusting in Your daily provision.
Merciful Father, continue to purge our darkened hearts
with the light of Your Gospel.
Help us not to fear the cleansing work of Your Spirit,
but make us eager for it,
delight in it,
and rejoice with unspeakable joy
that we are being conformed to the image of Your dear Son,
our Savior Jesus Christ.**

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross. Colossians 1.19-20

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Hymn of Assurance**

"See the Destined Day Arise"

Fortunatus (c.530-600)/
Merker

9:30/11:00



Solo See the des - tined day a - rise! See a will - ing sac - ri - fice!
 All Who but Christ had dared to drain, steeped in gall, the cup of pain,
 All Ho - ly Je - sus, grant us grace in that sac - ri - fice to place



Je - sus, to re - deem our loss, hangs up - on the shame - ful cross;
 and with ten - der bo - dy bear thorns, and nails, and pierc - ing spear?
 all our trust for life re - newed, par - doned sin, and prom - ised good.



Je - sus, who but You could bear wrath so great and just - ice fair?
 Slain for us, the wa - ter flowed, ming - led from Your side with blood;
 Grant us grace to sing Your praise, 'round Your throne through end - less days,



Ev - ery pang and bit - ter throe, fin - ish - ing Your life of woe?
 sign to all at - test - ing eyes of the fin - ished sac - ri - fice.
 ev - er with the sons of light: "Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, might!"

Refrain

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Lamb of God for sin - ners slain!



Ha - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus Christ, we praise Your name!

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Overton

Musical Offering

8:00

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"
Mr. Nielson, *piano*PASSION CHORALE
arr. S. Nielson

9:30/11:00

"Walk in the Light"
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, conductor • Dr. Davy, *piano*

arr. André Thomas

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,
 Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
 Shine all around us by day and by night,
 Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hark! The herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world;
 "Glory to the newborn King," Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Jesus, the Light of the world;
 Christ, the everlasting Lord! Jesus, the Light of the world.

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: 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. The peace of the Lord be with you always. 1 John 1.7

People: And also with you.

The Service of Friendship and Announcements

*The Scripture Reading

Hebrews 10.1-18

For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near.

² *Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshippers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins?*

³ *But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year.*

⁴ *For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.*

⁵ *Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me;*

⁶ *in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.*

⁷ *Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'*

⁸ *When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law),*

⁹ *then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second.*

¹⁰ *And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

¹¹ *And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.*

¹² *But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,*

¹³ *waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.*

¹⁴ *For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.*

¹⁵ *And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,*

¹⁶ *"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,"*

¹⁷ *then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."*

¹⁸ *Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.*

The Sermon

"Better Blood"

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!

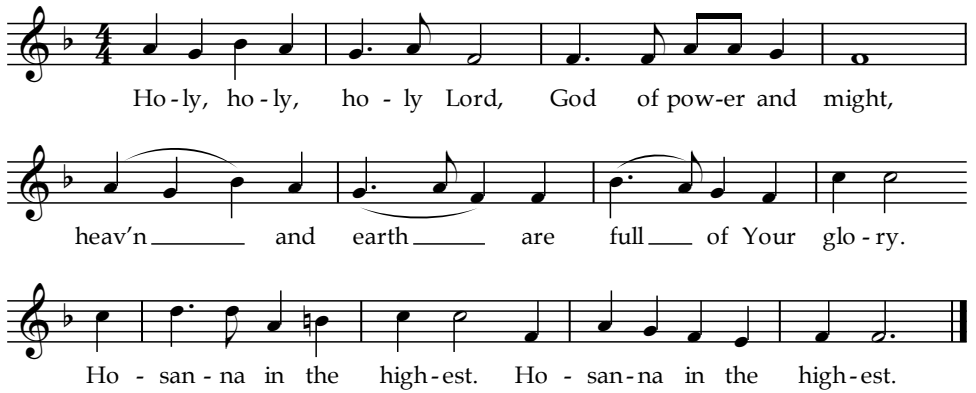
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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 No. 253 "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"**

FOUNTAIN

***The Benediction**

Minister: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Hebrews 13.20-21

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

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| 8:00 | “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” Mr. Nielson, <i>piano</i> | CWM RHONDDA <i>arr. S. Nielson</i> |
| 9:30/11:00 | “Prelude in E flat” Dr. Davy, <i>organ</i> | J. S. Bach |

**Please stand if you are able.*

We thank the following musicians for their leadership in worship this morning:

Alicia Ucciferri, *vocalist*
Paul Unger, *double bass*
Steve Barnes, *percussion*

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

SERMON NOTES

Hebrews 10.1-18
“Better Blood”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of February 23, 2020

Praise

Call to Worship: *(everyone together)*

I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart. I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as You know, O LORD. Psalm 40.8-9

“See the Destined Day Arise” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page four.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10.1-18 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. For many people the idea of Christ’s blood is offensive. For others the blood of Christ has become commonplace. How do you react when you consider the blood of Christ?
2. Why is the blood of Christ a better substitute for humanity than the blood of bulls and goats? What does this have to do with the incarnation (Christ is fully God and fully man)?
3. According to Leviticus 17.11, what did blood represent in the Old Testament sacrificial system? What does this teach us about Christ’s sacrifice for us?
4. According to Hebrews 10.11, how often did the priests make sacrifices for the sins of the people? According to Hebrews 10.12, how many sacrifices did Christ offer for our sins? What does this teach us about the power of Christ’s blood?
5. In what way is true forgiveness costly for the forgiver? What did our forgiveness cost God?

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

Hebrews 9.11-12

But when Christ appeared as High Priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

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.