

Park Cities Presbyterian Church

March 1, 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.*



CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

March 1, 2020

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Lent

Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. The practice of a forty-day preparation period began in the Christian church during the third and fourth centuries. The number forty carries biblical significance based on the forty years Israel spent in the wilderness and Jesus' forty-day fast in the wilderness.

As a period of preparation, Lent has historically included the instruction of persons for baptism and profession of faith; the calling back of those who have become estranged from the church; and efforts by all Christians to deepen their piety, devotion, and readiness to mark the death and resurrection of their Savior. Symbolizing the season, the Chancel Choir will be wearing black robes during Lent.

*Call to Worship

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

Minister: Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

People: yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Minister: But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;

People: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

Minister: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;

People: and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:4-6

*Hymn of Praise No. 261 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

WONDROUS LOVE

*Prayer of Adoration

Musical Meditation

9:30/11:00

"The Prayer of St. Patrick"

St. Patrick (372-466)

arr. William M. Schoenfeld

Carol Choir and Chapel Choir

Deborah Waterman, conductor • Emma Jennings, piano

*Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

Profession of Faith

The Rev. Tommy Overton 8:00

The Rev. Brent Baker 9:30

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 11:00

Minister: How are you righteous before God?

People: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.

Even though my conscience accuses me
of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments,
of never having kept any of them,
and of still being inclined toward all evil,
nevertheless, without any merit of my own,
out of sheer grace,
God grants and credits to me
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness,
and holiness of Christ,
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,
and as if I had been as perfectly obedient
as Christ was obedient for me.

All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart.

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A No. 60

*Hymn

"By Faith"

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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.→



We will stand as chil-dren of the pro - mise; We will fix our



eyes on Him, our soul's re - ward. 'Till the race is fin - ished and the



work is done we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

Becoming a Communing Member and Coming to the Lord's Table for the First Time

9:30/11:00

High School Communicants:

Spencer Merchant Bell
Grant Mitchell Dixon
Harold Wilson Glasscock

Jacob Lee Holmes
Lucy Primrose Silva

Middle School Communicants:

Bessie Holman Brown
Lucy Carroll Cox
Caitlyn Adair Crouch
Wright Hudson Morris
Dylan Philip Palmer
Hudson Stokes Palmer

Gracie Reed Pinkston
Bryan Alexander Pletcher
Jonathan Michael Terry
Luke Kwangsoo Thomason
Riley Elizabeth Westerburg

The Sacrament of Baptism

9:30

Spencer Merchant Bell
Grant Mitchell Dixon
Lucy Carroll Cox

Public Confession of Sin

**My God, I bless You that You have given me the eye of faith,
to see You as Father,
to know You as a covenant God,
to experience Your love planted in me.**

**Be pleased to live and move within me,
breathing in my prayers,
inhabiting my praises,
speaking in my words,
living in my life,
causing me to grow in grace.**

**Your bounteous goodness has helped me believe,
but my faith is weak and wavering,
its light dim,
its steps tottering,
its increase slow,
its backslidings frequent.**

**Lord, fan this divine spark into glowing flame!
When faith sleeps, my heart becomes an unclean thing,
the fount of every loathsome desire,
the cage of unclean lusts all fluttering to escape,
the toxic tree with deadly fruit.**

**Lord, awake faith to put forth its strength
until all heaven fills my soul and all impurity is cast out.**

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

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

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Overton 8:00

Mr. Baker 9:30

Mr. Lamberth 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

“O Lord, Punish Me Not, a Poor Sinner”
Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

J. S. Bach

9:30/11:00

“My Eternal King”
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, conductor • Dr. Davy, organ

Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby, nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace; for me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well? Not for the hope of winning heaven, or of escaping hell; not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward; but as Thyself hast loved me, O ever loving Lord! Even so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing; solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Hebrews 11.6

People: And also with you.

*The Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11.1-2, 13-16, 39-40

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

² *For by it the people of old received their commendation.*

¹³ *These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.*

¹⁴ *For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.*

¹⁵ *If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return.*

¹⁶ *But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared for them a city.*

³⁹ *And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised,*

⁴⁰ *since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.*

***Words of Assurance and The Great Thanksgiving**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

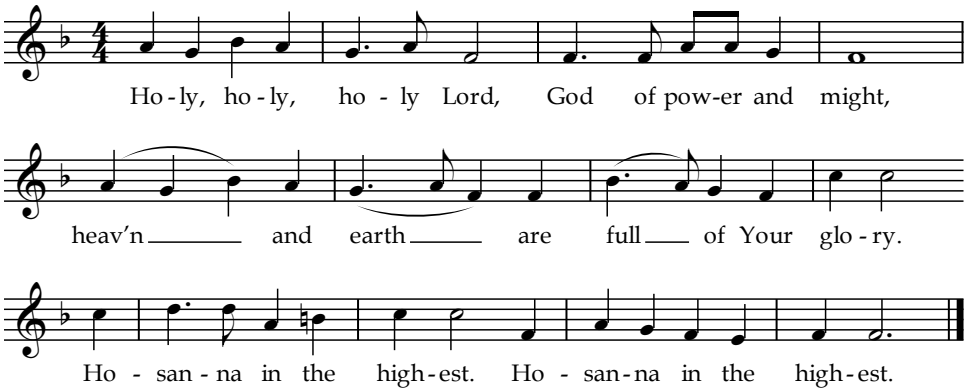
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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:



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**

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.*

(Worshippers at 8:00, please continue at the closing hymn.)

Communion 9:30/11:00

*Please come forward to receive the elements as directed by an usher.
 Partake of each when served, returning to your seat with your empty cup.*

(The bread being served is gluten free.)

During the serving of Communion:

9:30/11:00

“Ah, Holy Jesus”
Dr. Davy, organ

arr. David Blackwell

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

Sandra McCracken



Refrain

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our



hearts re - stored. He has done great things we will say to - ge - ther



we will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be
2. In the dark of
3. Ev - 'ry vow we've



burned by the fire, He is the Lord our
night be - fore the dawn, my soul be not a -
bro - ken and be - trayed, You are the faith - ful



God; we are not con - sumed by the flood up -
fraid, for the pro - mised mor - ning, O how long? O
one; and — from the gar - den to the grave bind



held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up.
God of Ja - cob be my strength.
us to - ge - ther, bring sha - lom.

*Closing Hymn No. 263

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

*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.**

**Please stand if you are able.*

*Members of PCPC who have joined the Church Triumphant
since our last Communion service:*

Martha Prince Nichols
John Browne
Bobby Burns
Hudson “Dean” Spicer (Covenant Child)
Mary Beth Applewhite
M.A. (Mary Alice) Dunscombe

**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 1, 2020

Praise

Call to Worship: *(everyone together)*

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:4-6

“By Faith” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page three.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11.1-2, 13-16, 39-40 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What are some ways that we misunderstand doubt? What are some ways that we misunderstand faith?
2. What is the difference between believing in God and believing God? What does faith have to do with trust?
3. The author of Hebrews describes faith as both “assurance” and “conviction.” How does your faith compare to this definition?
4. Do you think that God is pleased with you? According to the author of Hebrews, what pleases God? (See Hebrews 11.6)
5. What does it mean to be saved through faith alone and not by works? Are there any ways that you tried to add to this gracious truth?
6. What does faith have to do with waiting? What were the Old Testament people of faith waiting for? What are we waiting for? What makes it so hard to wait?
7. What does our faith have to do with the faithfulness of God?

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

Hebrews 12.1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

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.