



*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.*

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 13, 2020

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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## The Prelude

“Choral”  
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organist*

*Joseph Jongen*

“Arabesque in C, Op. 18”  
Stephen Nielson, *pianist*

*Robert Schumann*

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

## Welcome

The Rev. Mark Davis

## Call to Worship

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” *arr. Tim Zimmerman*  
Brass and Percussion Ensemble

Minister: How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

**People: The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of  
Your wings.**

Minister: They feast on the abundance of Your house,

**People: and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.**

Minister: For with You is the fountain of life;

**People: in Your light do we see light.**

Psalm 36:7-9

## \*Hymn of Praise

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON



1. Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to  
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, hith - er by Thy  
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
help I'm come; And I hope, by Thy good pleas - ure,  
strained to be! Let that grace now, like a fet - ter,



call for songs of loud-est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious  
safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I



son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove; Praise the  
stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my



mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!  
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove!

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

Mr. Davis

**\*Affirmation of Faith: Luke 4.16-21**

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom

Minister: And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as  
was His custom, He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and He  
stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to  
Him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

**People: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,  
because He has anointed Me to  
proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent Me to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."**

Minister: And He rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant  
and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him.  
And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in  
your hearing."

*Please sing stanza one.*



What is our hope in life and death? Christ a - lone,  
Un - to the grave, what will we sing? “Christ, He lives!



Christ a - lone. What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our  
Christ He lives!” And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er -



souls to Him be - long. Who holds our days with - in His  
last - ing life with Him. There we will rise to meet the



hand? What comes, a - part from His com - mand? And what will  
Lord, then sin and death will be de - stroyed, and we will



keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.  
feast in end - less joy, when Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.



O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing hal - le -



lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

**Public Confession of Sin**

**O God, I bless You for the happy moment  
when I first saw Your law fulfilled in Christ,  
wrath appeased,  
death destroyed,  
sin forgiven,  
my soul saved.**

**I want no other rock to build upon than that which I have,  
desire no other hope than that of gospel truth,  
need no other look than that which gazes on the cross.**

**Forgive me when I have tried to add anything to the one foundation,  
if I have unconsciously relied upon my knowledge,  
experience, and deeds—  
if I have attempted to complete what is perfect in Christ.**

**May my cry be always,  
Only Jesus! Only Jesus!**



**\*The Scripture Reading: Mark 1.1-8**

*The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*

<sup>2</sup> *As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,*

*“Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way,  
<sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the LORD,  
make His paths straight,’”*

<sup>4</sup> *John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.*

<sup>5</sup> *And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.*

<sup>6</sup> *Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey.*

<sup>7</sup> *And he preached, saying, “After me comes He who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.*

<sup>8</sup> *I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”*

**The Sermon**

“Prophecy, Preaching, and Presence  
in the Kingdom of God”

Mr. Davis

**\*Closing Hymn**

“God Has Spoken by the Prophets”

ODE TO JOY



1. God has spo - ken by the proph - ets, spo - ken an un -  
2. God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er -  
3. God is speak - ing by the Spi - rit, speak - ing to the



chang - ing word; each from age to age pro - claim - ing  
last - ing Son, bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry,  
hearts of all, in the age - less word ex - pound - ing



God, the one, the righ - teous Lord. In the world's de - spair and  
with the Fath - er ev - er one; spok - en by the Word In -  
God's own mess - age for us all. Through the rise and fall of



tur - moil, one firm an - chor holds us fast; God is King, en -  
car - nate, God of God, be - fore time was; light of light, to  
na - tions one sure faith yet stand - ing fast; God a - bides in



throned e - ter - nal; God the first, and God the last.  
earth de - scend - ing, Christ re - veals our God to us.  
word un - chang - ing; God the first, and God the last.

**\*The Benediction**

Mr. Davis

Minister: Increase, O God, the spirit of neighborliness among us, that in peril we may uphold one another, in suffering tend to one another, and in homelessness, loneliness, or exile befriend one another. Grant us brave and enduring hearts that we may strengthen one another, until the disciplines and testing of these days are ended, and You again give peace in our time; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Book of Common Prayer*

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

**Postlude**

“Now Thank We All Our God”  
Dr. Davy, *organist*

*Egil Hovland*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*



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

**SERMON NOTES**

Mark 1.1-8

“Prophecy, Preaching, and Presence in the Kingdom of God”

# Highlights

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

## EVERYONE

### Welcome

Thank you for your flexibility week to week as we work to ensure the safety of our worshippers. We appreciate you wearing your mask while you are in the building and maintaining a 6-foot safe distance between parties. Our amazing volunteers will assist you each week in knowing where to park, how best to enter the Sanctuary, and how to safely exit after the service. If you develop any symptoms related to COVID-19, we ask that you abstain from joining us in person and continue to worship with us online at [pcpc.org/live](https://pcpc.org/live).

### Fall Bible Studies

Sign up today for our fall Bible studies that kick off this week! We are studying the miracles of Jesus. Women's studies will consolidate and meet on Wednesdays, Men will meet on Tuesdays, and we are offering a new Couple's Study on Wednesdays evenings. The teachings will be live streamed, recorded, and posted on our church website along with a study guide. Small groups will meet virtually and off campus, as appropriate. A preschool program will be offered following the same passages you will study as adults! Registration is open and the studies begin **September 15-16**. Join us and find your hope renewed in Christ Jesus as we study His miracles this fall! [pcpc.org/events](https://pcpc.org/events)

### Fall Daily Prayer Guide

Our theme is "Looking to Jesus", and it runs from **September 6 – November 28**. Join us as we read through the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, and John. The daily Psalm readings pick up where our Summer Prayer Guide left off. We've made this Prayer Guide available through the PCPC app (download via Apple App Store or Google Play Store for free). [pcpc.org/resources](https://pcpc.org/resources)

## WORLD MISSIONS

### Missionary Zoom Prayer Time

*Monday, September 14*

7:30 P.M.

Would you like to join us on a Zoom call to pray for all of our PCPC Missionaries? Reach out to Cindy Rhea to get the link! [cindy.rhea@pcpc.org](mailto:cindy.rhea@pcpc.org) or 214-224-2551

## WOMEN

### Evening of Worship

*Tonight*

5:00-6:00 P.M. • SANCTUARY

Join us in person for an uplifting night of worship and praise led by Megan Manley and Claire Dillahunty as we kick off the new fall semester (masks/distancing required). [pcpc.org/events](https://pcpc.org/events)

## CARE & COUNSELING

### DivorceCare

*Wednesdays, September 16-December 9*

7:00-8:15 P.M.

DivorceCare is a ministry that works to help those affected by divorce or separation to face the challenges and move towards rebuilding life. Register online. [pcpc.org/events](https://pcpc.org/events)

### EXTEND CAMPUS PLAN

For updates on EXTEND, please visit [extend.pcpc.org/updates](https://extend.pcpc.org/updates)

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### General Fund

2020/2021 Operating Budget	\$13,500,000
July 1-September 6, 2020 Budget	\$1,740,107
July 1-September 6, 2020 Giving	\$1,603,598
Budget Variance	-\$136,509