

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 October 25, 2020

ORDER FOR THE Worship of God

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

Reformation Sunday

Today we celebrate Reformation Sunday. Our liturgy stems from the reformers Martin Luther, John Calvin, and John Knox. The Reformation sought to reclaim the Gospel: that we are saved by grace alone (sola gratia), through faith alone (sola fide), in Christ alone (solus Christus), on the basis of Scripture alone (sola Scriptura), to the glory of God alone (soli Deo gloria).

The Prelude

"Prelude in E Flat, BWV 552" Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

I. S. Bach

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

Welcome

The Rev. Mark Davis

Call to Worship

"Fanfare and Flourishes" **Iames Curnow**

Brass/Percussion Ensemble • Dr. Davy, organ

Minister: LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. People:

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had

formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to

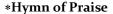
everlasting You are God.

Let Your work be shown to Your servants. Minister: and Your glorious power to their children. People:

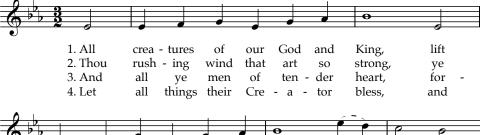
Minister: Let the favor of the LORD our God be upon us, and establish the

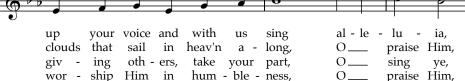
work of our hands upon us;

yes, establish the work of our hands! People: Psalm 90.1-2, 16-17



"All Creatures of Our God and King" LASST UNS ERFREUEN



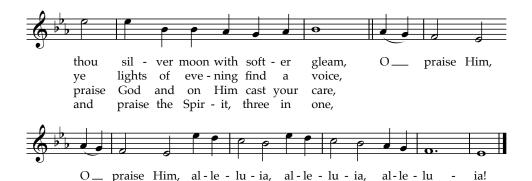




lu ia! Thou sun with gold - en al - le burn - ing al - le ia! lu Thou

ris - ing morn in praise re-joice, al - le - lu who long pain and sor - row bear, ia! Ye

al - le - lu ia! Praise, Fa - ther, praise the Son, praise the



*Prayer of Adoration

Mr. Davis

*Profession of Faith

The Rev. Ron Williams

We affirm that we desire to follow Scripture alone as rule of faith and religion, without mixing with it any other thing which might be devised by the opinion of men apart from the Word of God, and without wishing to accept for our spiritual government any other doctrine than what is conveyed to us by the same Word without addition or diminution, according to the command of our Lord. from the Geneva Geneva Command of Our Lord.

from the *Geneva Confession*, 1536 by John Calvin and William Farel

Children's Sermon

Mr. Davis

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Williams

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found.

Psalm 32.3, 5-6a

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

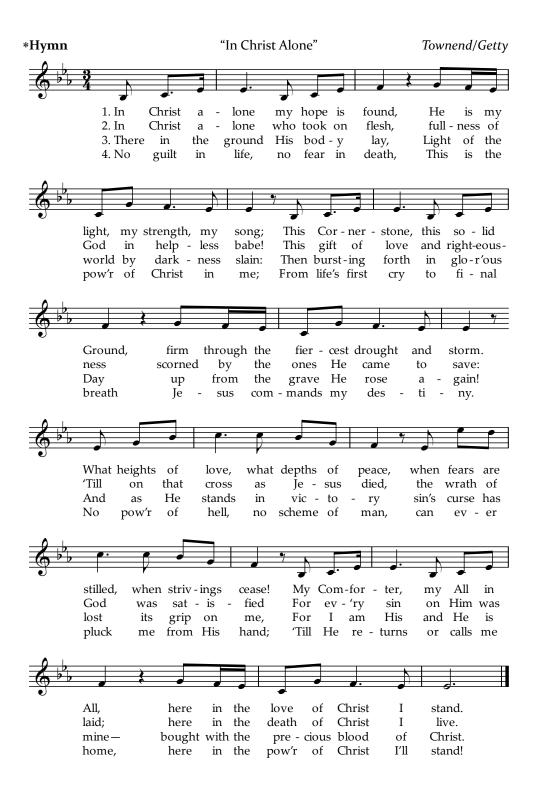
But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

Psalm 130.4

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

Whoever would deal with Thee must deal so that this confession proceeds from his heart, which says: "Lord, if Thou be not merciful all is lost, no matter how pious I may be."—Martin Luther

Scriptures and explanation for the Confession and Assurance are taken from Luther's sermon, Confession and the Lord's Supper, published in 1524-25.



Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Williams

In lieu of giving via passed offering plates, you are welcome to place your offering in one of the wooden giving-boxes as you leave Worship. They are located near the exits.

You may also give online at pcpc.org/give.

Musical Offering "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" arr. Dan Forrest
Members of the Chancel Choir
Stephen Nielson, piano • Dr. Davy, organ • J. Marty Cope, director
Brass/Percussion Ensemble

*The Scripture Reading: Mark 2.14-17

And as He passed by, He saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and He said to him, "Follow Me." And he rose and followed Him.

- ¹⁵ And as He reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and His disciples, for there were many who followed Him.
- ¹⁶ And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that He was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to His disciples, "Why does He eat with tax collectors and sinners?"
- ¹⁷ And when Jesus heard it, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

The Sermon "Sitting with Sinners" Mr. Davis *Closing Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN' FESTE BURG 1. A is God, might for - tress our a y 2. Did strength in fide, we our own con our 3. And though this world,with dev ils filled, should 4. That Word a bove earth ly pow'rs, no bul fail help - er He wark ing; a nev er our striv would los not the right Man ing he were ing; threat en to un do will not fear, for us, we them, Spir - it thanks to a bid eth; the and the mid the flood of tal ills vail mor pre ing. our side. the Man of God's own choos ing. through God hath willed His truth to tri - umph us. Him who eth. gifts are ours through with us For still doth seek an - cient foe work our to us Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus it is The prince dark - ness trem - ble of grim, we not for this kin - dred mor - tal life al Let goods and go, woe: His and pow'r are great; and armed with He, Lord ba oth His name, from age to en him; his can dure, for his rage we lo, the they may kill: God's truth so; V el hate, on earth is not his qual. cru the He win the tle. and must bat age same, fell lit shall him. doom is one tle word sure; bid eth still; His king - dom for is ev er.

*The Benediction Mr. Davis

Minister: The Lord bless us, and save us;

The Lord make His face to shine upon us,

and be merciful unto us;

The Lord turn His countenance towards us,

and grant us His peace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the

communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

—compiled and edited by John Knox

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude Fugue in E flat "St. Anne" BWV 552 J. S. Bach Dr. Davy, organ

*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 2.14-17
"Sitting with Sinners"

Reformation Sunday

Today is Reformation Sunday, which commemorates what was perhaps the greatest move of God's Spirit since the days of the Apostles. But what is the significance of Reformation Day, and how should we consider the events it commemorates?

At the time, few would have suspected that the sound of a hammer striking the castle church door in Wittenberg, Germany, would soon be heard around the world and lead ultimately to the greatest transformation of Western society since the apostles first preached the Gospel throughout the Roman empire. Martin Luther's nailing of his ninety-five theses to the church door on October 31, 1517, provoked a debate that culminated finally in what we now call the Protestant Reformation.

An heir of Bishop Augustine of Hippo, Martin Luther is one of the most significant figures God has raised up since that time. This law student turned Augustinian monk became the center of a great controversy after his theses were copied and distributed throughout Europe. Initially protesting the pope's attempt to sell salvation, Luther's study of Scripture soon led him to oppose the church of Rome on issues including the primacy of the Bible over church tradition and the means by which we are found righteous in the sight of God.

This last issue is probably Luther's most significant contribution to Christian theology. Though preached clearly in the New Testament and found in the writings of many of the church fathers, the medieval bishops and priests had largely forgotten the truth that our own good works can by no means merit God's favor. Salvation is by grace alone through faith alone, and good works result from our faith, they are not added to it as the grounds for our right standing in the Lord's eyes (Ephesians 2.8-10). Justification, God's declaration that we are not guilty, forgiven of sin, and righteous in His sight comes because through our faith alone the Father imputes, or reckons to our account, the perfect righteousness of Christ (2 Corinthians 5.21).

Martin Luther's rediscovery of this truth led to a whole host of other church and societal reforms and much of what we take for granted in the West would have likely been impossible had he never graced the scene. Luther's translation of the Bible into German put the Word of God in the hands of the people, and today Scripture is available in the vernacular language of many countries, enabling lay people to study it with profit. He recaptured the biblical view of the priesthood of all believers, showing all people that their work had purpose and dignity because in it they can serve their Creator.

May we be eager to preach the Gospel of God to the world and thereby spark a new reformation of church and culture.

—Robert Rothwell

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Highlights

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EVERYONE

CARE & COUNSELING

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. Reservations will open Monday at 7:00 a.m., and we are now offering childcare for ages 0-4 each week. If you develop any symptoms related to COVID-19, we ask that you abstain from joining us in person and worship with us online at *pcpc.org/live/*.

Poinsettias in the Sanctuary

Each year, we extend the opportunity to purchase a poinsettia (\$11.00 each) in memory of or in honor of a friend or loved one. Poinsettia reservations are open and **run through Wednesday, November 25**. *pcpc.org/events/*

Provide & Protect Estate Planning Seminar

Sunday, November 1

4:00 - 5:30 P.M. | OAK LAWN WEST Learn how to make important life decisions for your family at this FREE seminar, which follows the popular multimedia estate planning book *Provide & Protect* by A. Charles Schultz, J.D., a well-known estate planning expert, presented by PCPC's Tom Neuhoff & Diann Addison. pcpc.org/events/

Dr. Nathan Davy Organ Recital

Sunday, November 8

6:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Join us for an evening of music by Bach, Rachmaninov, Haydn, and more performed by our very own Dr. Nathan Davy. Also included will be an adaptation Barber's famous Adagio for strings. This event is free and open to the public, with masks/distancing.

pcpc.org/events/

MISSIONS

Front Porch Missionary Mailings

November 6, 7, and 8

Thanks to the hospitality of members, you and your family can visit a front porch near you to write notes and cards to our PCPC missionaries. All supplies will be provided for adults and children, and we will mail them for you! Find more details and locations online. pcpc.org/events/

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays

Saturday, November 7 | Noon-2:00 pm

When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Please take advantage of this virtual seminar that may be of help to you, friend, or family members.

pcpc.org/events/

WOMEN

The Bridge: What's Her Story?

Tuesday, November 10

7:00-8:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Join us for an evening with women of all ages to gather for fellowship and a story of God's powerful grace in the life of one of our PCPC women, Tracey Frattaroli. pcpc.org/events/

EXTEND CAMPUS PLAN

For updates on EXTEND, please visit extend.pcpc.org/updates

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General Fund

2020/2021 Operating Budget \$13,500,000

July 1–October 18, 2020 Budget \$2,933,045

July 1–October 18, 2020 Giving \$2,650,772

Budget Variance -\$282,273