



*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

November 22, 2020

**ORDER FOR THE
WORSHIP OF GOD**

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

The Prelude

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

J. S. Bach

“Simple Gifts”
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

SHAKER HYMN
arr. S. Nielson

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

Welcome

The Rev. Paul Goebel

Call to Worship

“Vivace” from *Concerto in F Major* Georg Philipp Telemann
Pam Adams, *flute* • Nancy Piper, *horn* • Dr. Davy, *organ*

Minister: The LORD is my strength and my song;

People: He has become my salvation.

Minister: Glad songs of salvation **are in the tents of the righteous:**

**People: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly, the right hand of
the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”**

Minister: You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;

People: You are my God; I will extol You.

Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

People: for His steadfast love endures forever!

Psalm 118.14-16, 28-29

***Hymn of Praise and Thanksgiving**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” *ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR*



1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of
2. All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to His
3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take His
4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to Thy fi - nal



har - vest home: all is safe - ly gath - ered in,
praise to yield: wheat and tares to - geth - er sown,
har - vest home: from His field shall in that day
har - vest home; gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in,



ere the win - ter storms be - gin; God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide
un - to joy or sor - row grown: first the blade, and then the ear,
all of - fens - es purge a - way; give His an - gels charge at last
free from sor - row, free from sin; there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied,



for our wants to be sup - plied: come to God's own
then the full corn shall ap - pear: Lord of har - vest,
in the fire the tares to cast, but the fruit - ful
in Thy pres - ence to a - bide: come, with all Thine



tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
ears to store in His gar - ner ev - er - more.
an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

***Prayer of Adoration**

Mr. Goebel

Children's Sermon

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3. We all do ex - tol Thee, Thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

He chas - tens and has - tens His will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing His king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that Thou still our de - fend - er will be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease — from dis - tress - ing;
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight — we were win - ning;
 Let Thy con - gre - ga - tion en - dure thro' trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to His name; He for - gets not His own.
 Thou, Lord, wast at our side: — all glo - ry be Thine!
 Thy name be ev - er prais'd! — O Lord, make us free!

Confession of Sin

The Rev. Matt Fray

O Lord, You alone know how often we have offended You
 and hurt the lives of others.

Forgive us, O Lord, for every unkind thought,
 every untrue word, every wrong act.

Forgive us, for we have been selfish,
 and have not thought of the needs of others.

Forgive us for our ingratitude,
 our neglect of prayer,
 our carelessness in the use of money,
 our forgetfulness of our sacred vows.

O God, have mercy upon us.

Create in us clean hearts
 and renew a right spirit within us.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. John 1.8-9

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

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Fray

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

“We Plow the Fields and Scatter”

arr. John Rutter

Members of the Chancel Choir

Pam Adams, *flute* • Nancy Piper, *horn*

Mr. Nielson, *piano* • Dr. Davy, *conductor*

We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand; He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain. All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, then thank the Lord for all His love.

He only is the Maker of all things near and far. He paints the wayside flower, He lights the evening star. The winds and waves obey Him, by Him the birds are fed; much more to us, His children, He gives our daily bread.

We thank Thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good; the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food. No gifts have we to offer for all Thy love imparts, but that which Thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts.

*The Scripture Reading: Mark 4.1-20

Again He began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about Him, so that He got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land.

² *And He was teaching them many things in parables, and in His teaching He said to them:*

³ *“Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow.*

⁴ *And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it.*

⁵ *Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil.*

⁶ *And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away.*

⁷ *Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain.*

⁸ *And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.”*

⁹ *And he said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”*

¹⁰ *And when He was alone, those around him with the twelve asked Him about the parables.*

- ¹¹ And He said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the Kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables,
- ¹² so that "they may indeed see but not perceive, and may indeed hear but not understand, lest they should turn and be forgiven."
- ¹³ And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?"
- ¹⁴ The sower sows the word.
- ¹⁵ And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them.
- ¹⁶ And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy.
- ¹⁷ And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away.
- ¹⁸ And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word,
- ¹⁹ but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.
- ²⁰ But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold."

The Sermon

"Good Soil"

Mr. Goebel

***Closing Hymn**

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE



1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;
 3. Be Thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight;
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
 be Thou my dig - ni - ty, Thou my de - light,
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



Thou my best thought— by day or by night,—
 Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son;—
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, Thou my high tow'r:—
 Thou and Thou on - ly first in my heart,—
 Heart of— my— own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,—



wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
 raise Thou me heav'n - ward, O— Pow'r of my pow'r.
 High King of heav - en my trea - sure Thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O— Rul - er of all.

***The Benediction**

Mr. Goebel

Minister: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

“Nun Danket Alle Gott–Marche Triomphale”
Dr. Davy, organ

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**Please stand if you are able.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary of Patsy and Larry Martin.



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 4:1-20

“Good Soil”

Highlights

NOVEMBER 22, 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. 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.

Church Offices Closed

Church offices will be closed **November 26-27** for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Advent & Christmas Prayer Guide 2020

Our Advent & Christmas Daily Prayer Guide theme is “The Word Became Flesh”, and it will run from November 29 – January 5. Join us wherever you find yourself over Advent and Christmas as we read and pray together.

Available on the PCPC app.

Emmanuel - Christmas at PCPC

Saturday, December 12

7:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Sunday, December 13

4:30 & 7:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

PCPC’s beloved candlelight Christmas concert features the Chancel Choir with symphony orchestra, presenting carols and music of the season to celebrate the wonder of the Incarnation. **A free ticket is REQUIRED for entry.** There will be no childcare for these concerts. Reserve your ticket at pcpcconcerts.org.

WOMEN

Advent Prayer

Tuesday, December 1

7:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Come be a part of this incredible time to focus on our Savior’s Incarnation through a short devotional and time of prayer. Please reserve your seat at pcpc.org/events. This event will also be live streamed.

MISSIONS

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many Thanksgiving and Christmas volunteer opportunities with PCPC Ministry Partners like Mercy Street, Vickery Trading Company, For the Nations, Voice of Hope and others! You can learn more by visiting PCPC.org/volunteer and typing in the keyword “holiday.” Also available is a great opportunity to greet guests on Sunday mornings with our Frontline Ministry.

We regret to announce that there will be no Boxes of Blessing for 2020. We realize this is a big event that our church family looks forward to every year but due to health and safety concerns, we will not be having a big, open packing event as in years past. This also means PCPC will not be coordinating a corresponding can drive.

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–November 15, 2020 Budget	\$3,745,976
July 1–November 15, 2020 Giving	\$3,348,354
Budget Variance	–\$397,623