



*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 26, 2021

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00

The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

The Prelude

8:00

“O Praise Ye the Lord”
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

LAUDATE DOMINUM
C. H. H. Parry/arr. Nielson

9:30/11:00

“All Creatures of Our God and King” *arr. Larry Shackley*
John Adams, *bass* • Steve Barnes, *percussion* • J. Marty Cope, *piano*

*Call to Worship

Minister: He loves righteousness and justice;

People: the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

Minister: By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,

People: and by the breath of His mouth all their host.

Minister: Let all the earth fear the LORD;

People: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

Psalm 33:5-6, 8

*Hymn of Praise

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

ELLACOMBE



1. I sing the might - y power of God, that made the
2. I sing the good - ness of the Lord, that filled the
3. There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes Thy



moun - tains rise; That spread the flow - ing seas a - broad, and
earth with food; He formed the crea - tures with His word, and
glo - ries known; and clouds a - rise and tem - pests blow, by



built the loft - y skies. I ____ sing the Wis - dom
then pro - nounced them good. Lord, how Thy won - ders
or - der from Thy throne; While all that bor - rows



that or - dained the — sun to rule the day; The moon shines
are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye: If I sur -
life from Thee is — ev - er in Thy care, And ev - ery -



full at His com - mand, and all — the stars o - bey.
vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
where that man can be, Thou, God, art pres - ent there.

*Prayer of Adoration

Mr. Williams 8:00
Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

Public Confession of Sin

The Rev. Paul Goebel

O God of heaven,
we confess that we have not lived our lives in the light of eternity.
We have not held fast to the truth
that “the sufferings of this present time
are not worth comparing to the glory
that will be revealed to us.”
We have not set our affections on the unseen eternal things,
but set them time and time again on transient things;
things we hope will save us;
things we hope will give us joy;
things to keep us from becoming bored.
Lord, save us from our sin, and guide us in Your ways.
Take our lives in Your hands,
and do with them what You will.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD
GOD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.” With joy
you will draw water from the wells of salvation. Isaiah 12.2-3

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



See the des - tined day a - rise! See a will - ing sac - ri - fice!
Who but Christ had dared to drain, steeped in gall, the cup of pain,
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!

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Goebel

***The Scripture Reading: Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream**

Daniel 2.1-16

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his spirit was troubled, and his sleep left him.

² *Then the king commanded that the magicians, the enchanters, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans be summoned to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king.*

³ *And the king said to them, “I had a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream.”*

⁴ *Then the Chaldeans said to the king in Aramaic, “O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation.”*

- ⁵ The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, “The word from me is firm: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you shall be torn limb from limb, and your houses shall be laid in ruins.
- ⁶ But if you show the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. Therefore show me the dream and its interpretation.”
- ⁷ They answered a second time and said, “Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show its interpretation.”
- ⁸ The king answered and said, “I know with certainty that you are trying to gain time, because you see that the word from me is firm—
- ⁹ if you do not make the dream known to me, there is but one sentence for you. You have agreed to speak lying and corrupt words before me till the times change. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can show me its interpretation.”
- ¹⁰ The Chaldeans answered the king and said, “There is not a man on earth who can meet the king’s demand, for no great and powerful king has asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or Chaldean.
- ¹¹ The thing that the king asks is difficult, and no one can show it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.”
- ¹² Because of this the king was angry and very furious, and commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be destroyed.
- ¹³ So the decree went out, and the wise men were about to be killed; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill them.
- ¹⁴ Then Daniel replied with prudence and discretion to Arioch, the captain of the king’s guard, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon.
- ¹⁵ He declared to Arioch, the king’s captain, “Why is the decree of the king so urgent?” Then Arioch made the matter known to Daniel.
- ¹⁶ And Daniel went in and requested the king to appoint him a time, that he might show the interpretation to the king.

Musical Offering

8:00

“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”
Stephen Nielson, piano

ST. LEONARDS
arr. S. Nielson

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 or text "give" to 214-997-9973.

9:30/11:00

“Be Strong in the Lord”
Chancel Choir • Nathan Davy, conductor • Stephen Nielson, piano

Tom Fettke

Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage; your defender is He who is always the same. Mount up with wings as the eagle ascending; vict'ry is sure when you call on His name. Be strong in the Lord and be of good courage for He is your guide. Be strong and rejoice for the vict'ry is yours.

Put on the armour the Lord has provided; place your defense in His unfailing care. Trust Him for He will be with you in battle, lighting your path to avoid ev'ry snare.

Be strong in the Lord and be of good courage; your mighty Commander will vanquish the foe. Fear not the battle, for the vict'ry is always His; He will protect you wherever you go.

- Then Daniel went to his house and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions,*
- ¹⁸ *and told them to seek mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his companions might not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.*
- ¹⁹ *Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.*
- ²⁰ *Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.*
- ²¹ *He changes times and seasons; He removes kings and sets up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding;*
- ²² *He reveals deep and hidden things; He knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with Him.*
- ²³ *To You, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for You have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we asked of You, for You have made known to us the king's matter."*
- ²⁴ *Therefore Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and said thus to him: "Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will show the king the interpretation."*
- ²⁵ *Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste and said thus to him: "I have found among the exiles from Judah a man who will make known to the king the interpretation."*
- ²⁶ *The king declared to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream that I have seen and its interpretation?"*
- ²⁷ *Daniel answered the king and said, "No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers can show to the king the mystery that the king has asked,*
- ²⁸ *but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream and the visions of your head as you lay in bed are these:*
- ²⁹ *To you, O king, as you lay in bed came thoughts of what would be after this, and he who reveals mysteries made known to you what is to be.*
- ³⁰ *But as for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because of any wisdom that I have more than all the living, but in order that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your mind.*

**THE COMMISSIONING OF MEGAN AND SARAH & JOHN DAVID
FOR GLOBAL SERVICE**

9:30/11:00

Explanation of Commissioning

Mr. Davis

Ministry Description

Megan and Sarah & John David

The Commissioning Questions

1. Have you been compelled, as far as you know your own heart, to seek global service from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?
2. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truth of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
3. Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and ambassador overseas, whether personal or relative, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before those whom you serve?
4. Are you willing to accept commissioning as a representative of Park Cities Presbyterian Church as your home church and, therefore, are you willing to submit to the counsel, direction, and authority of PCPC?
5. Do you, relying upon God for strength, promise to discharge the duties God shall set before you through your agency and through PCPC?

Question to the Congregation

Do you, the people of this congregation, promise, as the Lord leads and enables you, to pray for Megan and Sarah & John David and to encourage and support them in their labors, recognizing them as PCPC's ambassadors overseas?

The Commissioning Prayer

David Newman, *Elder*



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.

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

EBENEZER



1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion,



hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand; O - pen now the crys - tal
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of



foun-tain, whence the heal-ing stream doth flow; let the fire and
 prais-es I will ev-er give to Thee, songs of prais-es,
 cloud-y pil-lar lead me all my jour-ney through.
 songs of prais-es I will ev-er give to Thee.

***The Benediction**

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

Minister: Now may God be your exceeding joy, Christ your only hope, the Holy Spirit your unfailing comforter in all your worship, in all your work, in all your troubles until Jesus comes. *Dale Ralph Davis*

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

9:30/11:00

“Prelude in G major, BWV 541”

Dr. Davy, organ

J. S. Bach

**Please stand if you are able.*

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kristin Koons Jackson on the occasion of her birthday from her mother. Forever missed, forever loved.

“The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in His love He will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”

Zephaniah 3:17

We thank the following musicians for leading in worship this morning:

John Adams, *bass*
 Steve Barnes, *percussion*
 Stephen Nielson, *piano*
 Nathan Davy, *organ*
 Bryan Varenkamp, *vocal leader*

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

Daniel 2.1-30
“Speaking Truth to Power”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions help us dialog with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service. Together, these elements provide space for reflection and prayer during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship.

1. Why is King Nebuchadnezzar so distraught?
2. How does Daniel respond when he learns of the king's intent to kill all the wisemen if they cannot tell him his dream and interpret the dream for him?
3. How can we apply Daniel's approach to our own life in the midst of a trial?
4. Describe a time when you had to speak truth to power:
5. What do we learn about the sovereignty and power of God in this passage?

Highlights

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

EVERYONE

PCPC KIDS

Connections Card

Thanks for joining us today! We would love to help you get plugged in at PCPC. Please scan the QR code and fill out our Connections Card, so we can help you take your next step. We have wonderful community and ministry opportunities for everyone.



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Global Workers Luncheon

Today

12:30 - 2:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us to celebrate Megan and Sarah & John David. They will be commissioned today.

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Nathan Davy Organ & Brass Concert

Today

7:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Nathan Davy, PCPC Organist and Associate Director of Music, joins together with Brass Quintet and Percussion for a concert featuring majestic and exciting works from across the centuries. Reception to follow. No registration is needed.

Faith & Culture

Entering Into Hard Topics with Truth & Charity

Tuesday, October 12

7:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

As Christians, we have the privilege of applying our faith in the context of the challenging world we live in. But we often struggle with knowing how to do that. Join us on Oct.

12 as we launch our new Faith & Culture Series. We will lay the foundation for why it is important to be able to engage the culture around us and do so in love and service.

pcpc.org/events

Grandparenting Summit Simulcast

October 21-22

Are you a Christian grandparent? You can have an incredible impact on the spiritual direction and destiny of your grandchildren with the right tools and encouragement. Let us help! Register for the 2021 Legacy Grandparenting Summit Simulcast.

pcpc.org/events

Second Grade Bibles

Sundays, October 3

8:30-9:15 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Elementary Ministry invites all second graders to receive a name-engraved Bible during a special ceremony. Breakfast will be available at 8:30 a.m. followed by the Bible ceremony, and the 9:30 a.m. service where students will be recognized for this significant milestone.

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SAVE THE DATE

Pumpkin Gospel | OCTOBER 15

The Bridge | OCTOBER 19

Missionary Mailings | OCTOBER 24

Lessons in Genesis | OCTOBER 29

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