



*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 31, 2021

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

*Reformation Sunday*

## Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00  
The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

## \*Call to Worship

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.**

Minister: Let Your work be shown to Your servants,

**People: and Your glorious power to their children.**

Minister: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us;

**People: yes, establish the work of our hands!**

*Psalms 90.1-2, 16-17*

## \*Procession and Hymn of Praise

“Now Thank We All Our God”

*NUN DANKET*

*Hymn No. 98 in the Trinity Hymnal*

*Please join in singing using the bulletin or the red Trinity Hymnal in the pew racks.*



1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and  
2. O may this boun - teous God through all our life be  
3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be



voic - es, who won - drous things hath done, in whom His world re -  
near us, with ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to  
giv - en, the Son, and Him who reigns with them in high - est



joic - es; who from our moth - er's arms, hath blessed us on our  
cheer us; and keep us in His grace, and guide us when per -  
heav - en; the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a -



way with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
plexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
dore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

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

**\*Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Tommy Overton

**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 Confession, 1536*  
by John Calvin and William Farel

**\*Hymn**

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

*Boswell, Kauflin,  
Merker, Getty*



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a - lone,  
2. What truth can calm the trou - bled soul? God is good,  
3. Un - to the grave, what will we sing? “Christ, He lives!



Christ a - lone. What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our  
God is good. Where is His grace and good - ness known? In 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  
great Re - deem - er’s blood. Who holds our faith when fears a -  
last - ing life with Him. There we will rise to meet the



hand? What comes, a - part from His com - mand? And what will  
rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y trial? Who sends the  
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.  
waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ?  
feast in end - less joy, when Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.

*Refrain*



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

Mr. Overton

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

## Silent 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.

### Musical Acclamation

"Fanfare"

Z. Randall Stroope

9:30/11:00

Brass and Percussion Ensemble • Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

### Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Overton

*In addition to giving via passed offering plates, you are also welcome  
to give online at [pcpc.org/give](http://pcpc.org/give) or text "give" to 214-997-9973.*

### Musical Offering

8:00

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"  
Stephen Nielson, piano

CARITAS

9:30/11:00

"A Mighty Fortress"  
Chancel Choir • Brass and Percussion Ensemble  
Dr. Davy, organ • J. Marty Cope, conductor

arr. Dan Forrest

*A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. Our helper He amid  
the flood of mortal ills prevailing; for still our ancient foe now seeks to work  
us woe; his wrath and power are great and armed with cruel hate, on earth is  
not his equal.*

*Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing. Were not the right Man on our side the Man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He: Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, and He must win the battle.*

*And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.*

*That Word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also. The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever!*

## **Extending the Kingdom: Ministry Impact Report**

9:30/11:00

Whit Roberts, Kyle Manley  
and Kelsey Glover

## **\*The Scripture Reading: Daniel 6.1-10**

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

*It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom 120 satraps, to be throughout the whole kingdom;*

<sup>2</sup> *and over them three high officials, of whom Daniel was one, to whom these satraps should give account, so that the king might suffer no loss.*

<sup>3</sup> *Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other high officials and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.*

<sup>4</sup> *Then the high officials and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him.*

<sup>5</sup> *Then these men said, "We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God."*

<sup>6</sup> *Then these high officials and satraps came by agreement to the king and said to him, "O King Darius, live forever!"*

<sup>7</sup> *All the high officials of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an injunction, that whoever makes petition to any god or man for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions.*

<sup>8</sup> *Now, O king, establish the injunction and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked."*

<sup>9</sup> *Therefore King Darius signed the document and injunction.*

<sup>10</sup> *When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.*

## **The Sermon**

"As He Had Done Previously"

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

*Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please continue at the closing hymn on page seven.*

**\*The Great Thanksgiving 8:00**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

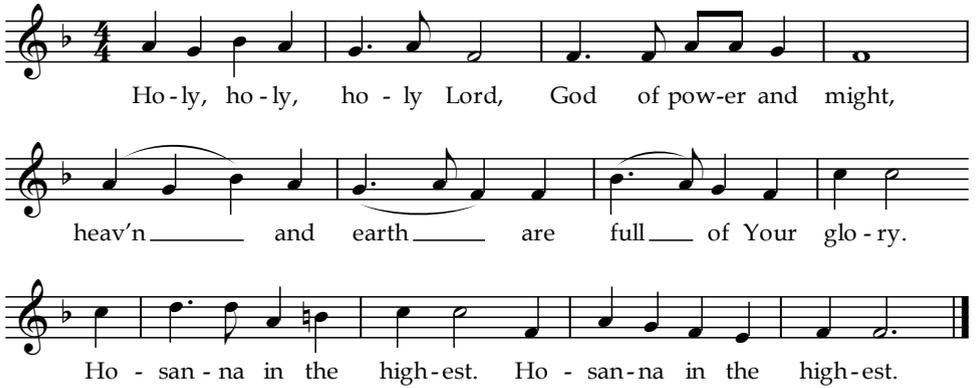
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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 8:00**

**Communion 8:00**

*Please come forward down the center aisle, row by row.  
After receiving an elements packet from the elder,  
please return to your seat via the side aisle with the packet.  
After everyone has been served, you will be instructed by  
the pastor and all will partake together.*

*(The bread being served is gluten free.)*

**\*Closing Hymn****"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"***EIN' FESTE BURG**Hymn No. 92 in the Trinity Hymnal*

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a  
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our  
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should  
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no



bul - wark nev - er fail - ing; our help - er He a -  
 striv - ing would be los - ing; were not the right Man  
 threat - en to un - do us, we will not fear, for  
 thanks to them, a - bid - eth; the Spir - it and the



mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.  
 on our side, the Man of God's own choos - ing.  
 God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.  
 gifts are ours through Him who with us sid - eth.



For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us  
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus it is  
 The prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for  
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al -



woe; His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with  
 He, Lord Sa - ba - oth His name, from age to  
 him; his rage we can en - dure, for lo, his  
 so; the bod - y they may kill: God's truth a -



cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 age the same, and He must win the bat - tle.  
 doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 bid - eth still; His king - dom is for - ev - er.

**\*The Benediction**

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

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

8:00

“Let All Things Now Living”  
Mr. Nielson, *piano*

*ASHGROVE*  
*arr. S. Nielson*

9:30/11:00

“Prelude and Fugue in B Major”  
Dr. Davy, *organ*

*Marcel Dupre*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*The flowers in this morning’s service are given to the glory of God and in honor of those departed saints who have led us or influenced us to a personal faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by Jane and Will Frances.*

*We thank the brass and percussion ensemble for their leadership in worship this morning.*

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

## 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

## **SERMON NOTES**

Daniel 6.1-10

“As He Had Done Previously”

## 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. What strikes you about the way Daniel was set up?
2. What enables followers of Christ to endure such opposition and follow Him all the way to death?
3. What stood out to you about the life of William Tyndall?
4. Why is Daniel 6.10 so critical to our understanding of our own preparedness?
5. In what aspects of our life (spiritual disciplines, time, money, gifts, work, etc.) can what we "had done previously" reveal our readiness to lay down our life for Christ? How?
6. Where do you see disconnects in your own life? Why are they present? What will change the way you think? Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you.

# Highlights

OCTOBER 31, 2021

EVERYONE

## 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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## Communion Sunday

*Sunday, November 7*

On Sunday, November 7, we will celebrate the Lord's Table in all three services.

## Provide & Protect II

*A Financial Framework for a Flourishing Family*

*Sunday, November 7, 12:30 p.m.*

Be our guest as the PCPC Foundation provides a light lunch and guest speaker David Wills, President Emeritus, National Christian Foundation. Please RSVP to [elizabeth.chandler@pcpc.org](mailto:elizabeth.chandler@pcpc.org).

## Cans for Boxes of Blessing

*November 7-December 4*

Drop off canned and other nonperishable food items in preparation for our Boxes of Blessing packing day on December 4.

Items accepted: peanut butter, canned meats, canned fruits, canned vegetables, macaroni & cheese, pasta, condiments. *Please, no glass or expired items, or containers larger than 24 oz.* [pcpc.org/events](http://pcpc.org/events)

## Faith & Culture

*Approaching Sexuality with Truth & Charity*  
*Tuesday, November 9, 7:00 p.m.*

We will explore a variety of topics relating to human sexuality, including the recent report by our denomination on this very issue. Join us as we work towards applying our faith in the context of the challenging world we live in. [pcpc.org/events](http://pcpc.org/events)

## Poinsettias in the Sanctuary

Each year, we extend the opportunity to purchase a poinsettia (\$11 each) in memory of or in honor of a friend or loved one. Reservations are open and run through November 26. [pcpc.org/events](http://pcpc.org/events)

## Dallas Symphony Orchestra

*Sunday, November 14, 7:00 p.m.*

The Performing Arts at PCPC partners with the Dallas Symphony to present a DSO on the Go Chamber Concert. Dallas's finest instrumentalists will showcase music written for small chamber ensembles. No tickets are required. [pcpcconcerts.org](http://pcpcconcerts.org)

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## GENERAL FUND

2021/2022 Operating Budget	\$14,200,000
July 1, 2021-Oct 24, 2021 Budget	\$3,142,214
July 1, 2021-Oct 24, 2021 Giving	\$3,619,776
Budget Variance	\$477,562