

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
March 27, 2022

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

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

#### \*Call to Worship

Mr. Williams 8:00 The Rev. Dr. Malcolm Guite 9:30/11:00

Minister: Bless the LORD, O my soul, **People:** and all that is within me,

bless His holy name!

Minister: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
People: and forget not all His benefits,
Minister: who forgives all your iniquity,
People: who heals all your diseases,

Minister: who redeems your life from the pit, **People:** who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

Minister: who satisfies you with good

People: so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Minister: The LORD works righteousness

and justice for all who are oppressed.

People: He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the people of Israel.

Psalm 103.1-7

\*Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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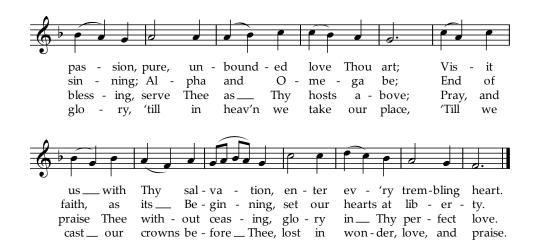




Fix Thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all Thy earth come down, in us trou - bled breast! Let all Thee in - her - it, let us in re - turn and nev - er, nev - er life \_\_\_\_ re - ceive; Sud - den ly\_ Thy great sal - va - tion per - fect let \_\_\_\_ us be; Let us see



Take find the prom - ised rest; a way. the love of Thee more Thy tem - ples leave. we would be al - ways ly re - stored in Thee; Changed from glo ry in - to



#### \*Prayer of Adoration

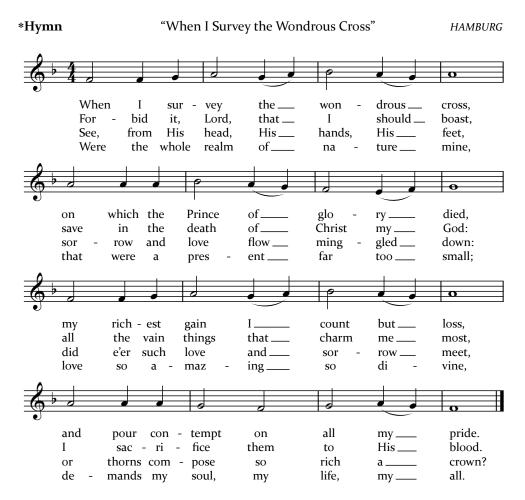
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**Musical Meditation** 

9:30/11:00

"The Prayer of St. Patrick" Carol Choir and Chapel Choir Dr. Hannah Clarke, *conductor*  William M. Schoenfeld

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.



9:30/11:00

Through the Gate read by the poet

by Malcolm Guite

Begin the song exactly where you are, For where you are contains where you have been And holds the vision of your final sphere.

And do not fear the memory of sin; There is a light that heals, and, where it falls, Transfigures and redeems the darkest stain

Into translucent colour. Loose the veils And draw the curtains back, unbar the doors, Of that dread threshold where your spirit fails,

The hopeless gate that holds in all the fears That haunt your shadowed city, fling it wide And open to the light that finds, and fares

Through the dark pathways where you run and hide, Through all the alleys of your riddled heart, As pierced and open as his wounded side.

Open the map to him and make a start, And down the dizzy spirals, through the dark, his light will go before you. Let him chart

And name and heal. Expose the hidden ache To him, the stinging fires and smoke that blind Your judgement, carry you away, the mirk

And muted gloom in which you cannot find The love that you once thought worth dying for. Call him to all you cannot call to mind.

He comes to harrow Hell and now to your Well-guarded fortress let his love descend. The icy ego at your frozen core

Can hear his call at last. Will you respond?

#### **Public Confession of Sin**

The Rev. Tommy Overton 8:00 Dr. Guite 9:30/11:00

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against You
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In Your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in Your will
and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### **Silent Confession**

#### Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103.8-12

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

**Song of Assurance** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" arr. J.A.C. Redford 9:30/11:00 Keira Fullerton, cello • Stephen Nielson, piano

#### Poetic Reflection on Psalm 92

by Malcolm Guite

9:30/11:00

My Lord will bring me through my darkest hour, And I will praise him in the morning light And contemplate his wisdom and his power

Meeting together on the cross. By night His truth will nurse and nurture me in dreams And in the day my mind will still delight

In all his works and wisdom. The rich themes Of his wise teaching shine through all I see: The rushing winds and swiftly flowing streams

Will teach me of his spirit, the green tree Will show his rooted fruitfulness, and I Myself will flourish in his house and be

A tree that lifts its branches to the sky Still bearing fruit for him in my old age And trusting him until the day I die.

#### Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Overton 8:00 The Rev. Dr. Julian Russell 9:30/11:00

In addition to giving via passed offering plates, you are also welcome to give online at pcpc.org/give or text "give" to 214-997-9973.

#### **Musical Offering**

8:00

Chorale Prelude on
"I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ," BWV 639
Mary Preston, organ

J.S. Bach

# "Love Never Fails" Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, conductor Stephen Nielson, piano • Keira Fullerton, cello

- If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.
- If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.
- If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.
- Love is patient, love is kind, love leaves envy far behind, never boastful, proud or rude, love rejoices with the truth. Slow to anger, stores no wrongs, love will never seek its own. Love does not delight in sin. It bears all things, believes all things, love hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

Prophecies someday will cease, as for tongues they will be stilled. Knowledge, it will pass away, yet love remains, it hopes all things, believes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

## Ordinary Saints: art, poetry, and music

Bruce Herman

9:30/11:00

#### \*The Scripture Reading: Matthew 5.1-12

Mr. Williams 8:00 Dr. Russell 9:30/11:00

Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

- <sup>2</sup> And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:
- <sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- <sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- <sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- <sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- <sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- <sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
- " "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account.
- Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Sermon

"Blessed are the Poor in Spirit"

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

Worshipers at 9:30/11:00, please continue at the closing hymn.

#### \*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

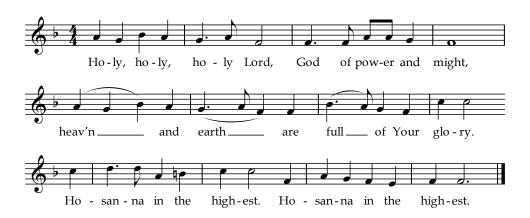
to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,

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:



#### \*The Words of Institution 8:00

#### Communion 8:00

Please come forward down the center aisle, row by row. After receiving the 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 Benediction

Minister: Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, in all your troubles and darkness, remember what you are and have. You have been loved with an everlasting love. You are supported by everlasting arms. You are recipients of everlasting life and heirs of an everlasting Kingdom, all sealed and made sure by the blood of an everlasting covenant.

Dale Ralph Davis

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

#### **Postlude**

8:00 "Concerto in B-minor: Allegro" Johann G. Walther
Mrs. Preston, organ

9:30/11:00 "Allegro" from Voluntary VIII John Stanley
Dr. Davy, organ

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the eleventh anniversary of the sobriety of our daughter Amanda Garcia and the beginning of her journey with God by Mary and George Jackson.

We welcome painter Bruce Herman, poet/priest Malcolm Guite, and composer J.A.C. Redford to our services this morning.

Their residency at PCPC will culminate in tonight's *Ordinary Saints Concert*—art, poetry, and music with chamber orchestra at 7:00 p.m.



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

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# **SERMON NOTES**

Matthew 5.1-12 "Blessed are the Poor in Spirit"

# **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 is meant in verse three by the term "poor"?
2.	What does it mean to be poor in spirit?
3.	How does one become poor in spirit?
4.	How does one remain poor in spirit?
5.	Why is being poor in spirit a blessing?
6.	What is the reward of being poor in spirit and how can this impact every part of our lives?
7.	How does being poor in spirit relate to the rest of the beatitudes?

# <u>Highlights</u>

#### What's Next?

We have friendly faces waiting to help you connect to Christ and one another at PCPC just as you exit the front of the Sanctuary. Look for the Connect banner on your way to the Grand Hall. We would also love to help you abide in and extend Christ. You can find out more at the Information Center in the Grand Hall.

#### **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.

connect@pcpc.org



### Christiana & Julian Russell

March 27-28

Meet and hear from our home church missionaries at a mission's luncheon today at 12:30 p.m. Ladies, join us for a Coffee & Conversation with Christiana tomorrow, March 28 at 10:00 a.m. *emily.leonard@pcpc.org* 

## **Ordinary Saints Art Exhibit**

This temporary art gallery will be displayed from mid-March through summer, featuring portraits by painter Bruce Herman. The art is richly adorned by a collection of poems by Malcolm Guite and music by J.A.C. Redford.

# **CONCERT OF ART, POETRY, AND MUSIC (with chamber orchestra)**

Tonight

7:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY | ADMISSION IS FREE *pcpcconcerts.org* 

#### Provide & Protect III

April 3

4:00-5:30 P.M. | OAK LAWN WEST

Come join Keith Waggoner of Excellence in Giving for a discussion on how to be more confident in your ability to evaluate ministries and avoid common giving mistakes so you can experience the full joy of giving! RSVP to <code>elizabeth.chandler@pcpc.org</code>

# **Helping Hands**

April 9

8:00 - 1:00 P.M.

Be the hands and feet of Jesus and join the deacons and other volunteers to help single moms, widows/ers, senior adults, and those with chronic illness by doing odd jobs (light repairs, maintenance, and minor jobs) around their homes. *pcpc.org/events* 

## Congregational Meeting

The Session of PCPC has approved a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing elders and deacons for the Class of 2027 on Sunday morning, April 24. Candidates have successfully completed the officer training classes and have been approved by the Session. Members must be present to vote on the slate. *sally.rogers@pcpc.org* 

## Holy Week at PCPC

PALM SUNDAY SERVICES

APRIL 10 (8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 A.M.)

NOONDAY SERVICES

APRIL 11-15 (12-NOON)

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE APRIL 14 (7:00 P.M.)

**EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES** APRIL 17 (8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 A.M.)

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#### GENERAL FUND

 2021/2022 Operating Budget
 \$14,200,000

 Jul 1, 2021-Mar 20, 2022 Budget
 \$10,933,925

 Jul 1, 2021-Mar 20, 2022 Giving
 \$12,551,903

 Budget Variance
 \$1,617,978