



*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 30, 2022

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

Reformation Sunday

Today we celebrate Reformation Sunday. 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).

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00
The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

Prelude

8:00	"Prelude in G" Mary Preston, organ	<i>Felix Mendelssohn</i>
9:30/11:00	"St. Andrew's Processional— Highland Cathedral"	<i>Traditional</i> <i>arr. Mark Schweizer</i>

*Call to Worship

Minister: God is our refuge and strength,

People: a very present help in trouble.

Minister: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

People: though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

Minister: though its waters roar and foam,

People: though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Minister: The LORD of hosts is with us;

People: the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Psalm 46.1-3, 7

*Hymn of Praise

"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.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Pete Hatton

“Forgive us our debts,
 as we also have forgiven our debtors” means:
 Because of Christ’s blood,
 do not hold against us,
 poor sinners that we are,
 any of the sins we do
 or the evil that constantly clings to us.
 Forgive us just as we are fully determined,
 as evidence of Your grace in us,
 to forgive our neighbors.

Heidelberg Catechism, No. 126

Musical Meditation

“Give Me Jesus”

Traditional

9:30/11:00

African-American Spiritual

Mark Delavan, *baritone* • Stephen Nielson, *piano*

Have mercy on me, O God,
 according to Your steadfast love;
 according to Your abundant mercy
 blot out my transgressions.
 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
 and cleanse me from my sin!
 For I know my transgressions,
 and my sin is ever before me.
 Against You, You only, have I sinned
 and done what is evil in Your sight,
 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from Your presence,
 and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
 and uphold me with a willing spirit.

from Psalm 51

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our
 trespasses, according to the riches of His grace. Ephesians 1.7

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

*Hymn of Assurance

“In Christ Alone”

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1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the



light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this so - lid
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right-eous-
 world by dark - ness slain: Then burst-ing forth in glo - r'ous
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



Ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm.
 ness scorned by the ones He came to save:
 Day up from the grave He rose a - gain!
 breath Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
 'Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry sin's curse has
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My Com - for - ter, my All in
 God was sat - is - fied For ev - 'ry sin on Him was
 lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is
 pluck me from His hand; 'Till He re - turns or calls me



All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine—bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Hatton

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

Musical Offering

8:00

Chorale Prelude on
 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
 Mrs. Preston, organ

Johann Christian Kittel

9:30/11:00

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" *arr. Dan Forrest*
 Chancel Choir • Brass and Percussion Ensemble
 Stephen Nielson, piano • Nathan Davy, organ • J. Marty Cope, conductor

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see: all I have needed Thy hand hath provided—Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

***The Scripture Reading: Matthew 6.9-15**

Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name.

¹⁰ Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,

¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,

¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

The Sermon

"Forgive Us Our Debts"

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Goebel 9:30/11:00

Worshippers at 9:30 and 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:



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 remain seated.

You will be served by your elders, and we will all partake together when so instructed by the pastor.

(The bread being served is gluten free.)

***Closing Hymn**

“Amazing Grace!”

AMAZING GRACE



1. A - maz - ing grace how sweet the sound that
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! _____ I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; _____ how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; _____ 'tis grace has brought me
Word my hope se - cures; _____ He will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, _____ we've no less days to



now am found, was blind, but now I see. _____
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved! _____
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. _____
por - tion be, as long as life en - dures. _____
sing God's praise than when we've first be - gun! _____

***The Benediction**

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

Chorale Prelude on
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
Mrs. Preston, *organ*

Johann Pachelbel

9:30/11:00

“Sinfonia” from *Cantata 29*
Dr. Davy, *organ*

J. S. Bach

**Please stand if you are able.*

The flowers in this morning’s worship service are given to the glory of God.

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

Kyle Sherman, *trumpet*
Cody McClarty, *trumpet*
Andrew House, *trumpet*
Nancy Piper, *French horn*
Christian Paarup, *trombone*
Steve Menard, *trombone*
Jarrod Robertson, *tuba*
Joe Ferraro, *percussion*
Gregory White, *percussion*
Cheryl Neumann, *bagpipe*

**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 (Eph. 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 Cor. 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 reformed the Latin mass by putting the liturgy in the common tongue so that non-scholars could hear and understand the preached Word of God and worship the Lord with clarity. Luther lifted the unbiblical ban on marriage for the clergy and by his own teaching and example radically transformed the institution itself. 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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SERMON NOTES

Matthew 6.9-15
“Forgive Us Our Debts”

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. How does the word "debt" help us understand our sin? How does the word "debt" help us understand the cost of forgiveness?
2. How was forgiveness being sold at the time of the Reformation? In what way is forgiveness still for sale today?
3. What is the difference between Christian forgiveness and the common idea of forgiveness as forgetting?
4. Is forgiving others a condition or a consequence of the forgiveness we receive in the Gospel?
5. Why is true forgiveness costly? What does it cost us to forgive others? How did Jesus pay the cost for our forgiveness?

Prayer Prompts:

*Use the following prompts to guide you in prayer this week: Matthew 6.9-15
"Forgive Us Our Debts"*

1. Praise God using the words of Psalm 103.1-3, "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases."
2. Ask God to reveal your sin and humble your heart before Him using the words of Psalm 130.3, "If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?"
3. Give God thanks for His gracious forgiveness in Jesus Christ using the words of Psalm 130.4, "But with You there is forgiveness of sin, that You may be feared."
4. Pray that God would give you a renewed tenderness and strength of heart to obey the words of Colossians 3.12-13, "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive."

Highlights

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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. Download the free PCPC mobile app to explore more.

Connections Card

Thanks for joining us today! Whether you are a guest or a long-time member, please scan the QR code and fill out our Connections Card, so we can know you were here and help you connect with PCPC.

connect@pcpc.org



Poinsettias in the Sanctuary

Each Christmas season we offer PCPC members the opportunity to purchase a poinsettia (\$12/ea) in memory of or in honor of a friend or loved one. They will be in the Sanctuary Sunday, December 4, and there will be a bulletin insert that morning listing the names of the donor and the recipient. Reservations online will close on Friday, November 23 at 10:00 p.m.

pcpc.org/events

Wednesday Prayer

During our fall sermon series, we will have a brief prayer service in the Chapel each Wednesday from 12:00-12:30 p.m.

Special Events

Grandparenting Luncheon

OCTOBER 30 | 12:30 P.M.

Young Marrieds Gathering

OCTOBER 30 | 6:00 P.M.

Cans for Boxes of Blessing

NOVEMBER 7-28

Faith & Finance for Kids

NOVEMBER 9 | 6:00 P.M.

Book Review & Luncheon

NOVEMBER 11 | 10:30 A.M.

Tenebrae Concert

NOVEMBER 12 | 7:00 P.M.

Faith & Culture: Living Faithfully with Digital Technology

NOVEMBER 13 | 7:00 P.M.

Women's Retreat 2023

FEBRUARY 24-26 | REGISTER TOMORROW

pcpc.org/events

GriefShare

November 3

7:00 P.M. | OAK LAWN WEST

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death.

pcpc.org/events

Helping Hands

November 5

8:30 A.M. | MEET IN OAK LAWN WEST

Join the deacons and other volunteers in extending Christ through serving single moms, widows/ers, senior adults, and those with chronic illness by doing odd jobs (light repairs, maintenance, and minor jobs) around their homes.

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GENERAL FUND

2022/2023 Operating Budget	\$15,300,000
Jul 1, 2022–Oct 23, 2022 Budget	\$3,384,433
Jul 1, 2022–Oct 23, 2022 Giving	\$4,097,757
Budget Variance	\$713,324