



*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

February 26, 2023

# CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

February 26, 2023  
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

## *First Sunday of Lent*

*Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. The practice of a forty-day preparation period began in the Christian church during the third and fourth centuries. The number forty carries biblical significance based on the forty years Israel spent in the wilderness and Jesus' forty-day fast in the wilderness.*

*As a period of preparation, Lent has historically included the instruction of persons for baptism and profession of faith; the calling back of those who have become estranged from the church; and efforts by all Christians to deepen their piety, devotion, and readiness to mark the death and resurrection of their Savior.*

### Welcome and Announcements

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

### \*Call to Worship

Minister: I have set the LORD always before me;

**People: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Minister: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

**People: my flesh also dwells secure.**

Minister: For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

**People: or let Your holy one see corruption.**

Minister: You make known to me the path of life;  
in Your presence there is fullness of joy;

**People: at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Psalm 16.8-11

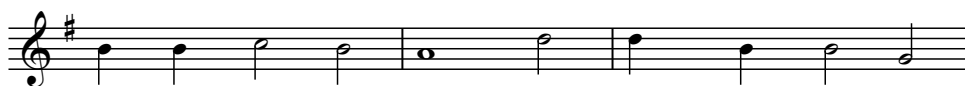
### \*Hymn of Praise "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

*Hymn No. 164 in the Trinity Hymnal*



1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
3. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that  
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, He  
5. He speaks, and lis - t'ning to His voice, new  
6. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your



great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
bids our sor - rows cease, 'tis mu - sic in the  
sets the pris - 'ner free; His blood can make the  
life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful, bro - ken  
loos - ened tongues em - ploy; ye blind, be - hold your



God and King, the triumphs of His grace!  
earth a - broad the hon - ors of Thy name.  
sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.  
foul - est clean; His blood a - vailed for me.  
hearts re - joice; the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
Sav - ior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Tommy Overton

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed

**Becoming a Communing Member and Coming to the  
Lord's Table for the First Time**

9:30/11:00

Middle School Communicants:

Jack Walter Agee  
Elizabeth Grace Bland  
Benjamin Robert Bozman  
Cale Richard Cooper  
Margaret Lee Cordon  
James Douglas Haig  
Haven Caitlynn Hyatt  
Austin Joseph Jabour  
Louisa Chase Kerlin

Margaret Ruth Lee  
Megan Grace Marlar  
Andrew Haynes Morrison  
Jack Kent Nichols  
John Lewis Romero  
Alana Marie Schroeder  
Brittain Thomas Schubert  
Ellison Grace Taber

**Sacrament of Baptism**

9:30

Haven Caitlynn Hyatt  
John Lewis Romero

11:00

Elizabeth Grace Bland  
Brittain Thomas Schubert

## Preparation for Confession

9:30/11:00

“Modéré” from *Trois Pièces*  
Elise Belk, oboe

Nadia Boulanger

## Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Overton

Almighty God,  
You despise nothing You have made,  
and You forgive the sins of all who are penitent.  
Create in us new and contrite hearts,  
that, truly repenting of our sins  
and acknowledging our brokenness,  
we may obtain from You, the God of all mercy,  
full pardon and forgiveness,  
through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Private Confession

## Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 36.26

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

## \*Hymn

“The Power of the Cross”

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1. O, to see the dawn of the dark - est day; Christ  
2. O, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face, bear -  
3. Now the day - light flees; Now the ground be - neath quakes  
4. O, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for



on the road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,  
ing the awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,  
as its Ma - ker bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,  
through Your suf - f'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death,



torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood. \_\_\_\_  
ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing Your blood - stained brow. \_\_\_\_  
dead are raised to life— “Fin - ished!” the vic - t'ry cry. \_\_\_\_  
life is mine to live, won through Your self - less love! \_\_\_\_



(v1-3) This the pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came sin for us.  
 (v4) This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God slain for us.



Took the blame, bore the wrath; We stand for-gi-ven at the cross.  
 What a love, what a cost! We stand for-gi-ven at the cross.

**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 "Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment" *BLOTTEN DAG*  
 Mr. Nielson, piano *arr. S. Nielson*

9:30/11:00 "Show Me Thy Ways" *Psalm 25/Pelz*  
 Chancel Choir • Elise Belk, oboe • Jackson Farley, guitar  
 J. Marty Cope, conductor

*Show me Thy ways, O Lord, teach me Thy paths; lead me in Thy truth, and teach me for Thou art the God of my salvation.  
 And on Thee do I wait all the day; show me Thy ways, O Lord, teach me Thy paths, lead me in Thy truth.*

**\*The Scripture Reading: Matthew 7.13-14**

*Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.  
<sup>14</sup> For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.*

**The Sermon**

"The Good News of the Narrow Gate"

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

**\*Words of Assurance and The Great Thanksgiving**

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:**

*(at 8:00 a.m., sing the Proulx tune)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*James MacMillan*

**\*The Words of Institution**

**The Lord's Table 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.*

*(Worshippers at 8:00, please continue at the closing hymn.)*

**The Lord's Table** 9:30/11:00

*Please come forward to receive the elements as directed by an usher.  
Partake of each when served, returning to your seat with your empty cup.  
The bread being served is gluten free.*

9:30/11:00

*During the serving of Communion*

**"Be Thou My Vision"**  
Jackson Farley, guitar

SLANE

**"Aria"**  
Elise Belk, oboe

Paul Manz

**\*Closing Hymn**

**"Lift High the Cross"**

CRUCIFER

*Hymn No. 263 in the Trinity Hymnal*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim,



'till all the world \_\_\_ a - dore \_\_\_ His sa - cred name.



1. Come, breth - ren fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4. Thy king - dom come, that earth's de - pair may cease
5. For Thy blest cross which doth for us a - tone,



our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
the hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
as Thou hast prom - ised, draw men un - to Thee.  
be - neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.  
cre - a - tion's prais - es rise be - fore Thy throne.

**\*The Benediction**

Minister: Now may the Shepherd who laid down His life for the sheep  
restore your soul, lead you in right paths, walk beside you in the  
dark valley, and bring you safely home to the home of the Lord  
forever more. *Dale Ralph Davis*

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Postlude**

8:00

“Festive Overture”  
Mr. Nielson, *piano*

*Gordon Young*

9:30/11:00

“Festival Trumpet Tune”  
Mr. Cope, *organ*

*Matthew Dickerson*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*Members of PCPC who have joined the Church Triumphant  
since our last Communion service:*

Linda Moore  
Jackie Martin  
Wilma Malhiot  
Bonnie Seibert

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

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



**Ministers:** The members of this church family who, in serving their Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, extend His Kingdom in Dallas and to the world.

**Senior Pastor**

The Rev. Mark Davis

**Session**

Doug Chesnut  
The Rev. Mark Davis,  
*Moderator*  
Jack Denman, *Clerk*  
Jerry Gibson  
The Rev. Paul Goebel,  
*Associate Pastor*

Eric Horan  
Ed Jarrett  
Jim Madden  
Kyle Manley  
Mike McMahon  
Ben Moffitt  
Jim Morris

Kirk Pogoloff  
Dave Reichert  
Whit Roberts  
Peter Tippen, Jr.  
John Ward  
Randy Wood

**Pastors**

The Rev. Dr. Pete Deison, *Emeritus*  
The Rev. Matt Fray  
The Rev. Pete Hatton  
The Rev. Robby Higginbottom

The Rev. Bill Lamberth  
The Rev. Tommy Overton  
The Rev. Ron Williams

**Executive Director**

Jeff Barber

**SERMON NOTES**

Matthew 7.13-14

“The Good News of the Narrow Gate”

## 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. According to Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount what is the hard way that leads to life? What is the easy way that leads to destruction? Which path are you most prone to follow?
2. How has Jesus blazed a trail for us down the hard way that leads to life?
3. What is the common message of every world-view, philosophy, and religion other than Christianity? What makes the message of the Gospel uniquely different?
4. Why does Jesus say that the gate to life is narrow? (Read John 10.9)  
Why is this narrowness actually good news?
5. Jesus calls us to "enter by the narrow gate." How do we open it? (Read Matthew 7.7-8) Have you entered by the narrow gate? Why or why not?

# Highlights

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

## 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.



## Lenten Organ Series

March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

12:00 - 12:30 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Prepare for Holy Week and Easter as you enjoy these 30-minute noon concerts during Lent. PCPC organists J. Marty Cope and Nathan Davy will be joined by Lisa Hall, organist at Christ Church Cathedral, Mary Preston, member of PCPC and former organist for the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, and former PCPC Director of Music Colin Howland, whom we welcome back from 10th Presbyterian Church. No tickets required.

[pcpc.org/events](https://pcpc.org/events)

## Deep Light Season 3

Come listen to beautiful conversations of hope found in Jesus Christ through real-life stories. This spring, we will look at several topics including how people change, grief, trauma, and teenage years. Share these meaningful conversations with your family and friends, and help us build community, healing, and hope around topics of rescue and growth. Deep Light is available on your favorite podcast platform.

[pcpc.org/deelight](https://pcpc.org/deelight)

## Crates for Ukraine

This endeavor is to provide personal and humanitarian aid from the hands of our churches in the U.S. to the hands of MTW Ukrainian churches and communities. Please consider donating supplies, donating money for supplies, or volunteering. The deadline is March 10 for all supplies.

[pcpc.org/crates-for-ukraine](https://pcpc.org/crates-for-ukraine)

## Helping Hands

March 25

8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. | OAK LAWN WEST

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 around their homes. If you need assistance or would like to serve, please contact us.

[jessica.fikkert@pcpc.org](mailto:jessica.fikkert@pcpc.org)

## Care & Counseling: Men's Escape Weekend

March 10 - 12

MESA RANCH

This weekend provides a space for men to open up their hearts to both God and others in an atmosphere of openness, natural beauty, quiet, and grace. The focus at this retreat is sabbath rest and freedom for your weary soul.

[mensintegrity@pcpc.org](mailto:mensintegrity@pcpc.org)

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## GENERAL FUND

2022/2023 Operating Budget	\$15,300,000
Jul 1, 2022–Feb 19, 2023 Budget	\$10,268,936
Jul 1, 2022–Feb 19, 2023 Giving	\$11,041,678
Budget Variance	\$772,742