



*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 5, 2023

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 5, 2023
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Second 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.

Welcome and Announcements

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

The Prelude

8:00

“Andante” from *Concerto in G*
Mary Preston, organ

William Harris

9:30/11:00

“Appalachian Tune”
String Quartet

Mark O’Conner

*Call to Worship

Minister: Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it?

People: I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Minister: The wild beasts will honor Me, the jackals and the ostriches,

People: for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,

Minister: to give drink to My chosen people,

**People: the people whom I formed for Myself that they might
declare My praise.**

Isaiah 43:19-21

***Hymn of Praise**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

NUN DANKET

Hymn No. 98 in the Trinity Hymnal



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**

***Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Bill Lamberth

**Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed,
knowing from whom you learned it
and how from childhood
you have been acquainted with the sacred writings,
which are able to make you wise for salvation
through faith in Christ Jesus.**

**All Scripture is breathed out by God
and profitable for teaching,
for reproof,
for correction,
and for training in righteousness,
that the man of God may be complete,
equipped for every good work.**

II Timothy 3.14b-17



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come_ to You to re - ceive_ the food of Your
 2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new_ our minds; help us grasp_ the heights of Your



ho - ly Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep_ in us;_ shape and
 mil - i - ty._ Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
 plan_ for us._ Truths un - changed from the dawn_ of time that will



fa - shion us_ in Your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
 ra - diance of_ Your_ pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
 ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your



seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of_ faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
 eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of power that can
 pro - mis - es, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your



fill_ in us_ all Your pur - po - ses, for Your glo - ry.
 nev - er fail; Let their truth_ pre - vail ov - er un - be - lief.
 church is built and the earth_ is filled with Your glo - ry.

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Lamberth

God of compassion,

You are slow to anger and full of mercy,

welcoming sinners who return to You with penitent hearts.

Receive in Your loving embrace

all who come home to You.

Seat them at Your bountiful table of grace,

that, with all Your children,

they may feast with delight

on all that satisfies the hungry heart.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior,

who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

Because he holds fast to Me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows My Name. When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. Psalm 91.14-15

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

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Lamberth

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 "When O'er My Sins I Sorrow" *Johann Christoph Oley*
Mrs. Preston, *organ*

9:30/11:00 "If You Search with All Your Heart" *Craig Courtney*
Covenant Choir • Chancel Choir *based on Jeremiah 29.11-14*
Stephen Nielson, *piano* • Katie Haring and J. Marty Cope, *directors*

When you seek Me, you shall find Me if you search with all your heart.

*For I know the plans I have for you: plans of welfare, not of evil.
For I know the plans I have for you: plans of hope and a future.*

*I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared.
I will bring you out of bondage, bring you home to Me.*

***The Scripture Reading: Matthew 7.15-20**

Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

¹⁶ *You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?*

¹⁷ *So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit.*

¹⁸ *A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit.*

¹⁹ *Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.*

²⁰ *Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.*

The Sermon

“False Prophets and the Fruit of Truth”

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!

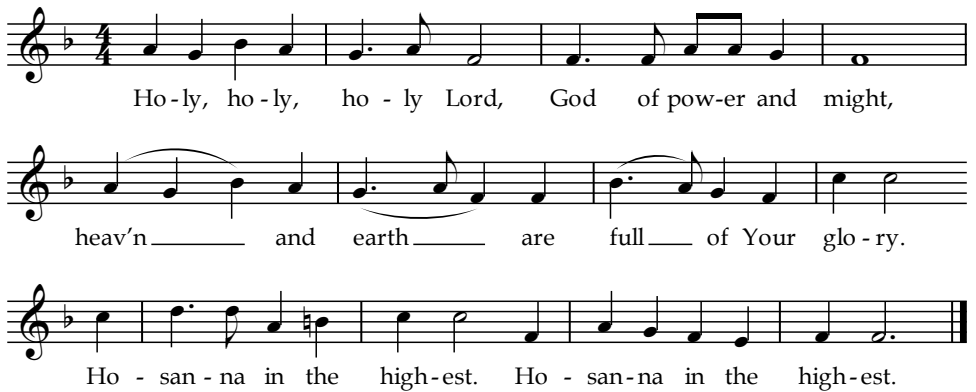
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION



1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord, is___
 2. "Fear_ not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed; for___
 3. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie, My___
 4. "The_ soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose I___
 laid for your faith in His ex - cel-lent Word! What more can He
 I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strength - en thee,
 grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply: The flame shall not
 will not, I will not de - sert to its foes; That soul, though all
 say than to you He hath said, to___
 help thee, and cause thee to stand, up -
 hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign thy___
 hell should en - deav - or to shake, I'll___
 you who for re - fuge to Je - sus have fled?
 held by My right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.
 nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"

*The Benediction

Minister: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13.14

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

Postlude

8:00 "Allegro" from *Concerto del Sigr. Torelli* arr. J. G. Walther
Mrs. Preston, organ

9:30/11:00 "Toccata in B minor" Eugene Gigout
Dr. Davy, organ

*Please stand if you are able.

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

*Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him;
 God is a refuge for us. -Psalm 62.8*

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.

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SERMON NOTES

Matthew 7:15-20
“False Prophets and the Fruit of Truth”

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 did Jesus warn His followers to “beware of false prophets”? How is this warning still relevant to us?
2. What are some examples of false prophets in the Bible? What are some examples of false prophets today?
3. Jesus tells us that false prophets are like wolves in sheep's clothing. What did Jesus mean by this? Where do false prophets come from? (Read Matthew 7.15 and Acts 20.29-30)
4. According to Jesus, how can we recognize false prophets? How do we recognize the truth?
5. What is the fruit of the Gospel? How is this fruit evidence of the truth?
6. How does Scripture equip us to stand against the lies of false prophets and false gospels? Do you feel adequately equipped by God's Word? Why or why not?
7. Read Galatians 1:6-11. What are some of the false gospels that we are prone to believe in? How do these false gospels compare to the true Gospel of Jesus Christ?

Highlights

MARCH 5, 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 8, 15, 22, & 29

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

Enjoy these 30-minute noon concerts during Lent. Lisa Hall, organist at Christ Church Cathedral, will be our featured organist on March 8. No tickets required. pcpc.org/events

Holy Week

April 2-9

For many, Holy Week is the most beloved week of the year at our church. Who will you invite? Visit our website for full schedule of events including daily noonday services, Maundy Thursday, Handel's Messiah, and children's programming. pcpc.org/holyweek

Special Events

Helping Hands

MARCH 25

Missionary Mailings

MARCH 26

The Bridge: What's Her Story?

MARCH 28 | FELLOWSHIP HALL

High School: The Gathering

MARCH 29

Senior Adults Aboretum Trip

MARCH 30 | RESERVATIONS

City Missions Project Workday

APRIL 1

Parent Equipping Class

APRIL 12

pcpc.org/events



VBS 2023: Sonshine Beach

Mark your calendars to spend June 6-9 at Sonshine Beach for VBS 2023! Registration opens March 22 for adult volunteers and their children. General registration opens April 10.

pcpc.org/vbs

Short-Term Missions

Please keep our spring break short-term mission trip teams in prayer as they extend Christ in Italy (March 10-18) and McAllen (March 14-18).

pcpc.org/shortterm

Crates for Ukraine

This is the final opportunity to support efforts in Ukraine. Please consider donating supplies, donating money, or volunteering. The deadline is March 10 for all supplies.

pcpc.org/crates-for-ukraine

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GENERAL FUND

2022/2023 Operating Budget	\$15,300,000
Jul 1, 2022-Feb 26, 2023 Budget	\$10,568,980
Jul 1, 2022-Feb 26, 2023 Giving	\$11,286,520
Budget Variance	\$717,540