

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 12, 2023

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 12, 2023 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Third 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. Matt Fray 9:30/11:00

The Prelude

8:00 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

REPTON

Stephen Nielson, piano

C. Hubert Parry

9:30/11:00

"Air"

Gerre Hancock

Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

*Call to Worship

Mr. Williams 8:00

The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

Minister: Hear my cry, O God, **People: listen to my prayer**;

Minister: from the end of the earth I call to You

when my heart is faint.

People: Lead me to the rock that is higher than I,

Minister: for You have been my refuge,

a strong tower against the enemy.

People: Let me dwell in Your tent forever! Let me take refuge

under the shelter of Your wings! Psalm 61.1-4

Hymn No. 598 in the Trinity Hymnal



- 1. Guide me, O Thou great Je ho vah, pil grim through this
- 2. O pen now the crys tal foun-tain, whence the heal ing
- 3. When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, bid my anx-ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; hold me stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y __ pil - lar lead me fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion, land me



with Thy pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en, all my jour - ney through; strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer, safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



*Prayer of Adoration

*Profession of Faith Mr. Fray

But you, Israel, My servant,
Jacob, whom I have chosen,
the offspring of Abraham, My friend;
you whom I took from the ends of the earth,
and called from its farthest corners,
saying to you, "You are My servant,
I have chosen you and not cast you off";
fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you,
I will help you,
I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41.8-10



Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Fray

God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, longs to gather us in the wide embrace of His love, we confess that we have been wayward children.

We have disobeyed Your commands; our ears have been deaf to Your call; our hearts have been cold to Your love.

In thought, in word, and in deed we have hurt others and dishonored Your name.

In Your great mercy receive us yet again as Your well-beloved children, not because we are worthy but for the sake of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the One who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.34, 38-39

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

Musical Response

"What Wondrous Love Is This" Stephen Nielson, *piano* wondrous Love arr. S. Nielson

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Fray

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

"Jesus Paid It All" Mr. Nielson, *piano* ALL TO CHRIST arr. S. Nielson

9:30/11:00

"Lamb of God" Chancel Choir Nathan Davy, conductor arr. F. Melius Christiansen

Lamb of God most holy,
who on the cross didst suffer,
patient still and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer;
our sins by Thee were taken,
or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, O Jesu!

*The Scripture Reading: Matthew 7.21-23

- "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.
- ²² On that day many will say to Me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and do many mighty works in Your name?'
- ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'"

The Sermon "False Assurance versus True Assurance— Mr. Williams 8:00 How Can We Know?" Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

Worshipers 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

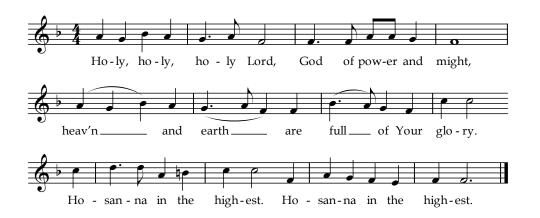
to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,

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:



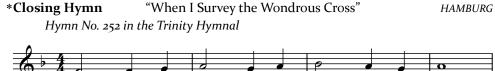
*The Words of Institution 8:00

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.)





*The Benediction

Minister: May the Lord hide you in His shelter in the day of trouble, conceal you under the cover of His tent, may He set you high upon a rock.

Dale Ralph Davis

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

8:00 "Rhapsodie," Op. 119, No. 4 Johannes Brahms
Mr. Nielson, piano

9:30/11:00 "Prelude" Gabriel Pierné
Dr. Davy, organ

*Please stand if you are able.

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	Eric Horan	Kirk Pogoloff
The Rev. Mark Davis,	Ed Jarrett	Dave Reichert
Moderator	Jim Madden	Whit Roberts
Jack Denman, Clerk	Kyle Manley	Peter Tippen, Jr.
Jerry Gibson	Mike McMahon	John Ward
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The Rev. Dr. Pete Deison, *Emeritus*The Rev. Bill Lamberth
The Rev. Matt Fray
The Rev. Tommy Overton
The Rev. Pete Hatton
The Rev. Robby Higginbottom

Executive Director

Jeff Barber

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 7.21-23 "False Assurance versus True Assurance— How Can We Know?"

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 initially goes through your heart and mind as you hear these words of Jesus? (Matthew 7.21-23) 2. Why did Jesus preach these words? 3. Why are these words necessary today just as they were when Christ preached them? 4. What is false assurance? How did Jesus describe it? 5. How can we have full assurance? 6. Do you have full assurance?

7. What does full assurance give to us?

<u>Highlights</u>

MARCH 12, 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.



Helping Hands

March 25

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

Be the hands and feet of Jesus and volunteer 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.

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Lenten Organ Series

March 15, 22, & 29 12:00-12:30 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Mary Preston, member of PCPC and former organist for the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, will be our featured organist on March 15. No tickets required.

pcpc.org/events

Special Events

Missionary Mailings

MARCH 26

High School: The Gathering

MARCH 29

Senior Adults Aboretum Trip
MARCH 30 | RESERVATIONS

City Missions Project Workday

APRII 1

Parent Equipping Class

APRIL 12

Alpha Course

APRIL 12-MAY 31



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The Bridge: What's Her Story?

March 28

6:30-8:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us as we gather for food, to fellowship, and to hear from Kristen Hatton, counselor and author passionate about helping families. The charge is \$5.

pcpc.org/women

Holy Week

April 2-9

Who will you invite?

- Daily Noonday Services 12:00 p.m.
- Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m.
- Song & Story 10:30 a.m. (Friday)
- Handel's Messiah 7:00 p.m. (Friday)
- Easter Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Please consider joining us in the Sanctuary at 8:00 or 11:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday to allow room for our guests at 9:30 a.m. Nursery & Preschool will be available.

pcpc.org/holyweek

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2022/2023 Operating Budget Jul 1, 2022–Mar 5, 2023 Budget Jul 1, 2022–Mar 5, 2023 Giving Budget Variance

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