



*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 19, 2023

**ORDER FOR THE
WORSHIP OF GOD**

March 19, 2023
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00
The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 9:30/11:00

The Prelude

8:00 “Sonata in E minor: Andante, BWV 528” J. S. Bach
Mary Preston, organ

9:30/11:00 “Prelude in E Minor, Opus 87” Dmitri Shostakovich
J. Marty Cope, piano

*But He was pierced for our transgressions;
He was crushed for our iniquities;
upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with His wounds we are healed. -Isaiah 53:5*

***Call to Worship**

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

Minister: “I have loved you with an everlasting love;

People: therefore I have continued My faithfulness to you.

Minister: Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!

**People: Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines
and shall go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.**

Minister: For there shall be a day when watchmen will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:

People: ‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.’

Minister: With weeping they shall come,

People: and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back,

Minister: I will make them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble,

People: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.”

Jeremiah 31:3b-4, 6, 9

***Hymn of Remembrance** "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"
Hymn No. 535 in the Trinity Hymnal

EBENEZER



1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un - mea - sured,
2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread His praise from
3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry



bound - less, free; roll - ing as a might - y o - cean
shore to shore; how He lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth,
love the best: 'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing,



in its full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me, all a -
chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more; how He watch - es o'er His
'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of



round me, is the cur - rent of Thy love; lead - ing on - ward,
loved ones, died to call them all His own; how for them He
Je - sus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it lifts me



lead - ing home - ward, to Thy glo - rious rest a - bove.
in - ter - ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne.
up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to Thee.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Profession of Faith**

Mr. Higginbottom

We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to His purpose.
We are convinced 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.

from Romans 8.1, 28, 38-39



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



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 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.
 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!

Sacrament of Baptism

9:30

Parental Vows

1. Do you acknowledge your children's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your children to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregational Vow

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of their children?

Evans Thomas Fechner
 Newton John Hawke
 Mary Grace Hawke

Prayer for the Families

9:30

***Hymn**

“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

JESUS LOVES ME

9:30

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Higginbottom

**O GOD, I bless You for the happy moment
when I first saw Your law fulfilled in Christ,
wrath appeased, death destroyed, sin forgiven,
my soul saved.
I want no other rock to build upon than that I have,
desire no other hope than that of gospel truth,
need no other look than that which gazes on the cross.
Forgive me when I have tried to add anything
to the one foundation,
if I have unconsciously relied upon my knowledge,
experience, and deeds,
if I have attempted to complete what is perfect
in Christ;
May my cry be always, Only Jesus! Only Jesus!
In Him is freedom from condemnation,
fullness in His righteousness,
eternal vitality in His given life,
indissoluble union in fellowship with Him.
In Him I have all that I can hold;
enlarge me to take in more.**

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

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.

Psalm 103:10-12

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

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Higginbottom

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 “Aus Tiefer Not” Gerald Near
Mrs. Preston, organ

9:30/11:00 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” arr. Gilbert Martin
Chancel Choir • Nathan Davy, organ • J. Marty Cope, conductor

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God. All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.
See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen.*

*The Scripture Reading: Matthew 7.24-29

“Everyone then who hears these words of Mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

²⁵ *And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.*

²⁶ *And everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.*

²⁷ *And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”*

²⁸ *And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at His teaching,*

²⁹ *for He was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.*

The Sermon

“Rock or Sand”

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Davis 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** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”
Hymn No. 521 in the Trinity Hymnal

SOLID ROCK



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood sup -
4. When He shall come with trum - pet sound, O



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust the
rest on His un - chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and
port me in the whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my
may I then in Him be found; dressed in His righ - teous -



sweet - est frame but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.



On Christ the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

***The Benediction**

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6.24-26

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

Postlude

8:00

“Fugue in D minor”
Mrs. Preston, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

**Please stand if you are able.*

*The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the children
baptized this morning by Laura Hall and Cathy Evans,
grandmothers of Evans Thomas Fechner.*

**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 7.24-29
“Rock or Sand”

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 all do the two builders have in common? Make a list:
2. What separates the two builders?
3. What reveals the difference between the two foundations?
4. What is the rock foundation?
5. How does the word "absurd" connect to the foolish builder?
6. Why was it fitting for Jesus to end His sermon with this picture?
7. What is the connection between obedience to the words of Christ and assurance?
8. Which builder are you? How is this revealed in your life?

Highlights

MARCH 19, 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 22 & 29

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

Colin Howland, former PCPC Director of Music whom we welcome back from 10th Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, will be our featured organist on March 22.

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Special Events

Missionary Mailings

MARCH 26

The Bridge: What's Her Story?

MARCH 28

High School: The Gathering

MARCH 29

Senior Adults Aboretum Trip

MARCH 30

City Missions Project Workday

APRIL 1

Parent Equipping Class

APRIL 12

Alpha Course

APRIL 12-MAY 31

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Holy Week

April 2-9

For many, Holy Week is the most beloved week of the year at our church. 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 (please pre-register for 8:00 a.m.).

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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.

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2022/2023 Operating Budget	\$15,300,000
Jul 1, 2022-Mar 12, 2023 Budget	\$11,335,994
Jul 1, 2022-Mar 12, 2023 Giving	\$11,740,146
Budget Variance	\$404,152