



*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

April 30, 2023

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements

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

The Prelude

8:00

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

LAUDES DOMINI
arr. Ovid Young

9:30/11:00

“Trompette Jubilante”
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

Craig Penfield

*Call to Worship

Mr. Williams 8:00
The Rev. Pete Hatton 9:30/11:00

Minister: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

People: His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

Minister: The LORD has made known His salvation;

People: He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Minister: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house
of Israel.

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

People: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Psalm 98.1-4

***Hymn**

“Alleluia! Alleluia!”

EBENEZER

Hymn No. 283 in the Trinity Hymnal



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and
2. Christ is ris-en, Christ the first-fruits of the ho - ly
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to



voic - es raise; sing to God a hymn of glad - ness,
har - vest field, which will all its full a - bun - dance
God on high; al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior,



sing to God a hymn of praise: He who on the cross a
at His sec - ond com - ing yield: then the gold - en ears of
who has won the vic - to - ry; al - le - lu - ia to the



vic - tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled, Je - sus Christ, the
har - vest will their heads be - fore Him wave, rip - ened by His
Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty. Al - le - lu - ia!



King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.
Al - le - lu - ia to the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 8:00

Mr. Goebel 9:30/11:00

The Lord Jesus,

by His perfect obedience and sacrifice of Himself—

which He through the eternal Spirit once offered up to God—

has fully satisfied the justice of His Father.

He purchased not only reconciliation

but also an everlasting inheritance

in the Kingdom of heaven

for all those whom the Father has given to Him.

Westminster Confession, Chapter VIII, Section 5

Please be seated.

Musical Acclamation “We Are Singing for the Lord Is Our Light”

9:30/11:00

*arr. Hobson
from Psalm 27*

Carol Choir, Hannah Clarke, *director*
Chapel Choir, Laura Benedict, *director*
Covenant Choir, Katie Haring, *director*
Mark Macatee, *djembe* • Nathan Davy, *piano*

Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenkos.
We are singing, for the Lord is our light.

*The Lord is the strength of our lives;
Of whom shall we be afraid?
Though foes may be near to destroy;
The Lord will be our light.*

*One thing have we asked of the Lord,
Yes, this is the thing we seek:
To dwell in the house of the Lord;
To live with God forever.*

*When burdens are heavy to bear,
Our shelter is God alone.
Our feet are lifted high;
Yes, high upon a rock.*

*We walk in the strength of the Lord,
God's love is ever sure.
We shout that the world may hear,
We sing a joyful song.*

***Hymn**

“See the Destined Day Arise”

Merker

8:00: stanzas 1-3

9:30/11:00: stanzas 1-2



See the des - tined day a - rise! See a will - ing sac - ri - fice!
Who but Christ had dared to drain, steeped in gall, the cup of pain,
Ho - ly Je - sus, grant us grace in that sac - ri - fice to place



Je - sus, to re - deem our loss, hangs up - on the shame - ful cross;
and with ten - der bo - dy bear thorns, and nails, and pierc - ing spear?
all our trust for life re - newed, par - doned sin, and prom - ised good.



Je - sus, who but You could bear wrath so great and just - ice fair?
Slain for us, the wa - ter flowed, ming - led from Your side with blood;
Grant us grace to sing Your praise, 'round Your throne through end - less days,



Ev - ery pang and bit - ter throe, fin - ish - ing Your life of woe?
 sign to all at - test - ing eyes of the fin - ished sac - ri - fice.
 ev - er with the sons of light: "Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, might!"



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Lamb of God for sin - ners slain!



Ha - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus Christ, we praise Your name!

Recognition of Graduating Seniors

9:30/11:00

*Hymn

"See the Destined Day Arise"

Merker

9:30/11:00: stanza 3

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Higginbottom 8:00

Mr. Goebel 9:30/11:00

Almighty God,

**You have raised Jesus from the grave
 and crowned Him Lord of all.**

**We confess that we have not always bowed before Him
 or acknowledged His rule in our lives.**

**We have gone along with the way of the world
 and failed to give Him glory.**

**Forgive us and raise us from sin,
 that we may be Your faithful people,
 obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 who rules the world and is head of the church, His body. Amen.**

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

Then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I Corinthians 15:54b-57

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

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

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

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 “Simple Gifts” SHAKER HYMN
Mr. Nielson, piano arr. S. Nielson

9:30/11:00 “With a Voice of Singing” Martin Shaw
Chancel Choir • Nathan Davy, organ • J. Marty Cope, conducting

*With a voice of singing declare ye this,
And let it be heard, Alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia.
O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honor of His name,
Make His praise to be glorious.*

***The Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 8**

Mr. Williams 8:00
Mason Prather and Paul Flowers 9:30
Madeline Tiffany and Jake Holmes 11:00

When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel.

² *The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba.*

³ *Yet his sons did not walk in his ways but turned aside after gain. They took bribes and perverted justice.*

⁴ *Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah and said to him, “Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations.”*

⁶ *But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us.” And Samuel prayed to the LORD.*

⁷ *And the LORD said to Samuel, “Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being king over them.*

⁸ *According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking Me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you.*

⁹ *Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”*

¹⁰ *So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking for a king from him.*

¹¹ *He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots.*

¹² *And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots.*

¹³ *He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers.*

¹⁴ *He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants.*

- ¹⁵ He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants.
- ¹⁶ He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men and your donkeys, and put them to his work.
- ¹⁷ He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves.
- ¹⁸ And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you in that day.”
- ¹⁹ But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, “No! But there shall be a king over us,
- ²⁰ that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.”
- ²¹ And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the LORD.
- ²² And the LORD said to Samuel, “Obey their voice and make them a king.” Samuel then said to the men of Israel, “Go every man to his city.”

The Sermon

“God Replacements”

Mr. Williams 8:00
Mr. Hatton 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:



***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**

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

Hymn No. 642 in the Trinity Hymnal



1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;
3. Be Thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight;
4. Rich - es I ___ heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
be Thou my dig - ni - ty, Thou my de - light,
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



Thou my best thought ___ by day or by night, ___
Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son; ___
Thou my soul's shel - ter, Thou my high tow'r: ___
Thou and Thou on - ly first in my heart, ___
Heart of ___ my ___ own heart, what - ev - er be - fall, ___



wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
raise Thou me heav'n - ward, O ___ Pow'r of my pow'r.
High King of heav - en my trea - sure Thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O ___ Rul - er of all.

***The Benediction**

Minister: Now may the Savior, who has abolished death,
come to you in your sorrows,
stay by your side in the darkness,
carry you through your distresses,
and give you joy in the morning.

Dale Ralph Davis

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

8:00

Variation No. 9 (“Adagio”)
Mr. Nielson, *piano*

Edward Elgar

9:30/11:00

“Grand Choeur Dialogue”
Dr. Davy, *organ*

Eugene Gigout

**Please stand if you are able.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory
of God and in honor of what would be Hunter Smith's 37th birthday.
Our family waits with hope for the day we will be together again.*

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again
to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

1 Peter 1.3

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

SERMON NOTES

1 Samuel 8
“God Replacements”

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 do we turn away from God and jump into the arms of God replacements?
2. If 1 Samuel 8 is meant to be a mirror to show you yourself – what do you see?
3. Why do we wear masks and pretend that we're doing better than we really are?
4. What does a God replacement do?
5. What kind of king do we need?

Highlights

APRIL 30, 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.



All-Church Prayer

Today

4:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Whether you have a prayer of praise, request, emotional, relational, or spiritual need, join us to be prayed with by one of our elders or pastors.

PCA Ministry Celebration

May 5&6

North Texas Presbytery is sponsoring a "Ministry Expo" that coincides with the regular meeting of Presbytery, the 25th anniversary of the Southwest Church Planting Network, and the 50th anniversary of the PCA. All are invited to the worship service on Friday night at 7:00 p.m. in the PCPC Sanctuary.

[pcpc.org/events](#)

Young Marrieds Gathering

May 7

5:00-6:00 P.M. | CHAPEL

The Young Marrieds ministry invites you to an evening of prayer as we all grow closer to Christ and one another. Sign up online to participate, and please also register for childcare if needed by May 2.

[pcpc.org/events](#)

Family Legacy Food Packing

May 13

9:00 & 10:30 A.M. | PCPC GARAGE

Volunteer to help pack 60,000 meals for children in Zambia! Two shifts are available on Saturday morning, and this event is open to all, including families. Please sign up online today!

[pcpc.org/events](#)

Maymester & Early Morning Bible Study

7:00 & 10:00 A.M. | MAY 10-31

Join us for a 4-week study on Wednesdays in May entitled "Women for God - God's Powerful Truth in the Lives of Women." Childcare for Maymester is available by registration until May 5.

Officer Recommendations

Recommendations for the next class of elders and deacons may be submitted online from April 23-June 30.

[recommendations.pcpc.org](#)

Special Events

Young Adults Pickleball

MAY 21

Vacation Bible School

JUNE 6-9

Men's Silent Retreat

SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 1



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GENERAL FUND

2022/2023 Operating Budget	\$15,300,000
Jul 1, 2022-Apr 23, 2023 Budget	\$12,982,123
Jul 1, 2022-Apr 23, 2023 Giving	\$12,989,331
Budget Variance	\$7,208