



*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

May 21, 2023

# CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

May 21, 2023

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

## *The Ascension of Our Lord*

*Ascension marks the day on which Jesus went to the Mount of Olives with His disciples and ascended to heaven before their eyes (Acts 1.1-12). Though often overlooked, the ascension of Christ is filled with theological significance. Christ's ascension means that in heaven there is one who, knowing first-hand the experience of suffering and temptation, prays for us and perfects our prayers. The ascension is a witness and guarantee of our own bodily resurrection, as well as an invitation for us to set our hearts and minds "on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God" (Colossians 3.1-2) to rule over all things in heaven and throughout the universe (Ephesians 1.10, 20-23). Finally, the ascension of Jesus serves as the prelude to Pentecost, when the power of the risen Christ came upon all believers through the Holy Spirit. —The Worship Sourcebook*

### Welcome and Announcements

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

### Prelude

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"  
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

FAITHFULNESS

### \*Call to Worship

Minister: God has gone up with a shout,

**People: the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

Minister: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

**People: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

Minister: For God is the King of all the earth;

**People: sing praises with a psalm!**

Minister: God reigns over the nations;

**People: God sits on His holy throne.**

Psalm 47:5-8

**\*Hymn of Praise** "Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord?"  
*Hymn No. 292 in the Trinity Hymnal*

ENGELBERG



1. Who shall as - cend the moun - tain of the Lord, to  
2. One King a - lone, whose hands and heart are pure, one  
3. He on - ly can as - cend to God's right hand who  
4. Be - fore the clouds re - ceive the King on high, a  
5. He shall as - cend the moun - tain of the Lord, the



search the mys - ter - y in heav - en stored, the knowl - edge  
Ser - vant of the Lord with pur - pose sure, can en - ter  
first came down as His high mer - cy planned; true God and  
cross lifts up His form a - gainst the sky; the Fram - er  
King of glo - ry, whose own blood out - poured paid that dear



of the Ho - ly One a - dored? Al - le - lu - ia!  
in that glo - ry to en - dure. Al - le - lu - ia!  
man has earth and heav - en spanned. Al - le - lu - ia!  
of the worlds has come to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
price that mer - cy did af - ford. Al - le - lu - ia!

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom

**There is therefore now no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus.  
And we know that for those who love God  
all things work together for good,  
for those who are called according to His purpose.  
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 8.1, 28, 38-39



1. Je - sus is Lord, the cry that ech - oes through cre - a - tion,  
 2. Je - sus is Lord, whose voice sus - tains the stars and plan - ets,  
 3. Je - sus is Lord, the tomb is glo - ri - ous - ly emp - ty,  
 4. Je - sus is Lord, a shout of joy, a cry of an - guish



re - splen - dant pow'r, e - ter - nal Word, our Rock;  
 yet in His wis - dom laid a - side His crown;  
 not e - ven death could crush the King of love;  
 as He re - turns and ev - 'ry knee bows low;



the Son of God, the King whose glo - ry fills the hea - vens,  
 Je - sus the man who washed our feet, who bore our suf - f'ring  
 the price is paid, the chains are loosed and we're for - giv - en,  
 when ev - 'ry eye and ev - 'ry heart will see His glo - ry,



yet bids us come to taste this liv - ing bread.  
 be - came a curse to bring sal - va - tion's plan.  
 and we can run in - to the arms of God.  
 the Judge of all will take His chil - dren home.

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Higginbottom

Great was Your mercy in ascending to heaven  
 in being crowned and enthroned there to intercede for me,  
 there to help me in temptation,  
 there to open the eternal book,  
 there to receive me finally to Yourself.

Great was Your wisdom in devising this means of salvation;  
 bathe my soul in rich consolations of Your resurrection life.

O God, pardon all my sins,  
 known and unknown,  
 felt and unfelt,  
 confessed and not confessed,  
 remembered or forgotten.

Help me to be a holy, happy person,  
 free from every wrong desire,  
 from everything contrary to Your mind.

Grant me more and more of the resurrection life:  
 may it rule me, may I walk in its power,  
 and be strengthened through its influence.

## Private Confession

### Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

Since then we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4.14, 16

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](http://pcpc.org/give) or text "give" to 214-997-9973.*

### Musical Offering

8:00

"Song Without Words"  
Mr. Nielson, piano

*Felix Mendelssohn*

9:30/11:00

"Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing"

*Gordon Young*

Chancel Choir • Bryan Varenkamp, conductor • Nathan Davy, organ

*Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise; that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing alleluia!*

*All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever; Sing Jehovah's mighty power, praise Him forever. Sing of His righteousness, praise Him forever.*

**\*The Scripture Reading: Exodus 12.1-14, 21-27**

*The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,*

<sup>2</sup> *“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you.*

<sup>3</sup> *Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household.*

<sup>4</sup> *And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb.*

<sup>5</sup> *Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats,*

<sup>6</sup> *and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.*

<sup>7</sup> *“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.*

<sup>8</sup> *They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.*

<sup>9</sup> *Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts.*

<sup>10</sup> *And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.*

<sup>11</sup> *In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover.*

<sup>12</sup> *For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.*

<sup>13</sup> *The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.*

<sup>14</sup> *This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”*

<sup>21</sup> *Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb.*

<sup>22</sup> *Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning.*

<sup>23</sup> *For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you.*

<sup>24</sup> *You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever.*

<sup>25</sup> *And when you come to the land that the LORD will give you, as He has promised, you shall keep this service.*

<sup>26</sup> *And when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’*

<sup>27</sup> *you shall say, ‘It is the sacrifice of the LORD's Passover, for He passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when He struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.’” And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.*

**The Sermon**

“Christ, Our Passover”

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!

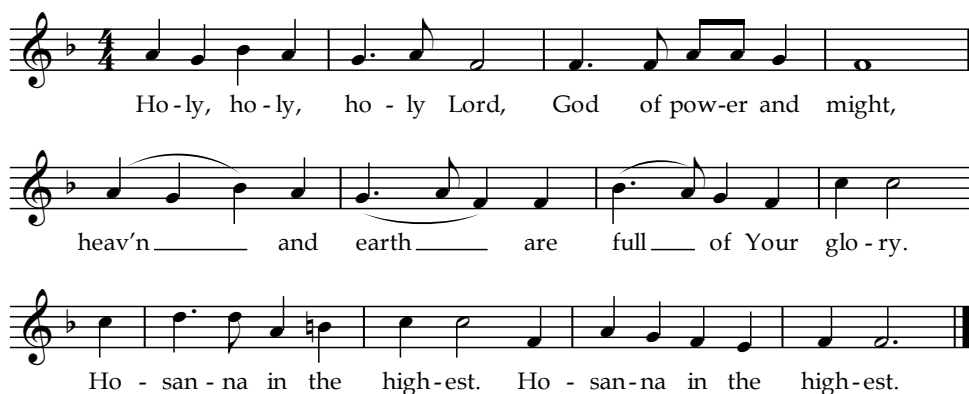
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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:**



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

### 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.*

During the serving of Communion

“The Peace May Be Exchanged”  
Dr. Davy, organ

Dan Locklair

“Behold, the Lamb of God”

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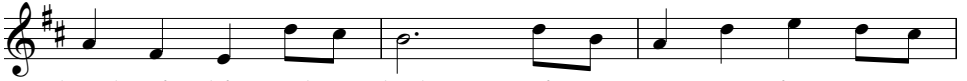
1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us:
2. The bo - dy of our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ, torn for you:
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - ery stain of sin, shed for you:
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond



and we re - mem - ber the pro - mise made that all who  
 eat and re - mem - ber the wounds that heal, the death that  
 drink and re - mem - ber He drained death's cup that all may  
 and to re - mem - ber our call to fol - low in the



come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So we share in this  
 brings us life, paid the price to make us one. So we share in this  
 en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So we share in this  
 steps of Christ as His bo - dy here on earth. As we share in His



bread of life, and we drink of His sa - cri - fice, as a  
 Bread of Life, and we drink of His sa - cri - fice, as a  
 Bread of Life, and we drink of His sa - cri - fice, as a  
 suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim: Christ will come a - gain! And we'll



sign of our bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
 sign of our bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
 sign of our bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
 join in the feast of heaven a - round the ta - ble of the King.

\*Closing Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER



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 - spair may cease
5. For Thy blest cross which doth for us a - tone,



D.C.

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 a dying Savior's love, a risen Savior's joy, an ascended Savior's power, and a returning Savior's hope, rest upon your hearts and homes.  
*Dale Ralph Davis*

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

**Postlude**

8:00 "This Is My Father's World" *TERRA BEATAS*  
Mr. Nielson, *piano* *arr. S. Nielson*

9:30/11:00 "Allegro" from *Concerto in C Major BWV 594* *J. S. Bach*  
Dr. Davy, *organ*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

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

Flora Ferrell McClain  
Nancy C. Gibson  
David Williams Burgher, Sr.  
Susann A. Mayfield  
Delaine C. Bagby

*The flowers in this morning's worship service are given to the glory of God and in honor of all the PCPC church staff.*

**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**

Exodus 12.1-14, 21-27  
“Christ, Our Passover”

## 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. How big is your understanding of God? Which of His divine attributes are the easiest for you to comprehend? Which are more difficult?
2. What is the sovereignty of God? How would you explain God's sovereignty to someone who has never heard of Him?
3. What does God's sovereignty teach us about His character? What does God's sovereignty teach us about the way He relates to us?
4. Why did God send 10 plagues to Egypt? Why is each plague significant?
5. What sign did God give the people of Israel so that His judgment would pass over them? What sign has God given us?
6. Why did God command the people of Israel to keep the Passover Feast? How do we keep the Feast as Christians today?
7. Why did John the Baptist call Jesus "the Lamb of God"? How is Christ our Passover?

# Highlights

MAY 21, 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.



## Young Adults Pickleball

*Today*

6:00 P.M. | WILLIAMS PARK

Enjoy a few casual games of pickleball, great popsicles, and connecting with other friends in our ministry! Feel free to come solo or bring friends!

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

## Middle School Summer Kickoff

*May 31*

6:00 P.M. | PCPC MAIN SURFACE PARKING LOT

Join us as we kick off summer! Come have pizza, play games, and hear what fun things we have planned for summer!!

[chris.rossi@pcpc.org](mailto:chris.rossi@pcpc.org)

## Young Adults Summer Kickoff

*June 7*

6:30-8:30 P.M. | PCPC COURTYARD

Summer's almost here! Come enjoy dinner provided by the Hamburger Man, play yard games, and connect with others.

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

## Men's Summer Tuesday Morning Bible Study

*June 13-July 25*

TUESDAYS 7:00 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come be a part of our "6 Men" Tuesday Morning Bible Study this summer! Join us as we deepen our understanding of the Gospel at work in the lives of 6 men of the Bible. No registration required. Come when you can.

[pcpc.org/men](mailto:pcpc.org/men)

## Men's Care Ministries

*Spiritual Life of a Man (SLAM)*

THURSDAYS 7:00-8:30 P.M. | CLASSROOM 10

This group provides a safe space for men desiring the ongoing benefits of community and support as they seek intimacy with Jesus amidst trials and temptations. SLAM sessions are open, and attendance commitments are not required.

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

## Special Events

*Vacation Bible School*

JUNE 6-9 | WAITLIST

*Dr. Nathan Davy Organ Concert*

JUNE 11 | 7:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

*The Bridge: What's Her Story?*

JUNE 13 | 6:30-8:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

*Men's Silent Retreat*

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## GENERAL FUND

2022/2023 Operating Budget	\$15,300,000
Jul 1, 2022-May 14, 2023 Budget	\$13,706,856
Jul 1, 2022-May 14, 2023 Giving	\$13,710,372
Budget Variance	\$3,515