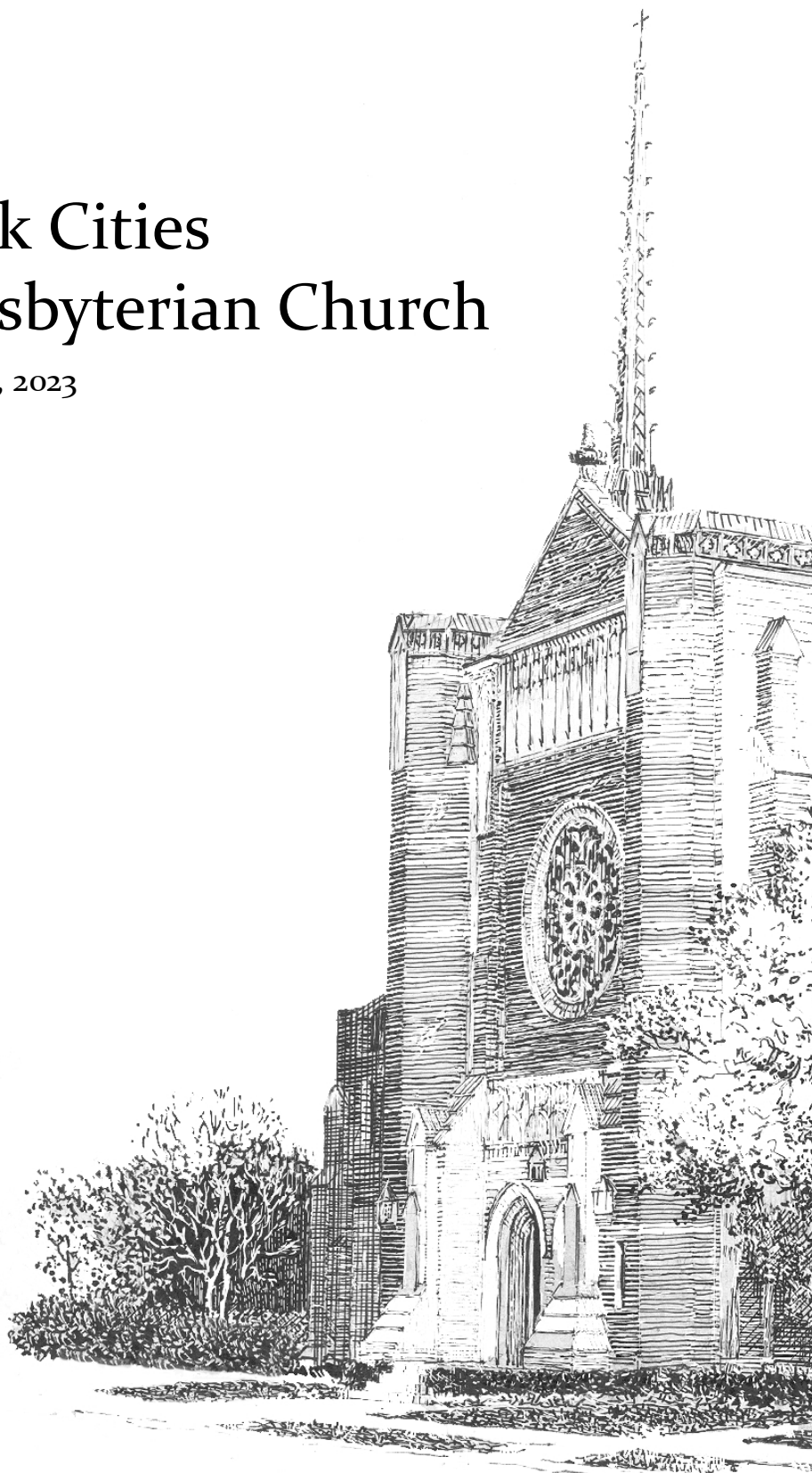


# Park Cities Presbyterian Church

July 30, 2023



*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.*

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

## Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00  
The Rev. Matt Fray 9:30/11:00

## The Prelude

8:00

“Be Thou My Vision”  
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

*SLANE*  
*arr. S. Nielson*

9:30/11:00

“Be Still, My Soul”  
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

*FINLANDIA*  
*arr. S. Nielson*

## \*Call to Worship

Minister: Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,

**People: by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh,**

Minister: and since we have a great Priest over the house of God,

**People: let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,**

Minister: with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience

**People: and our bodies washed with pure water.** Hebrews 10.19-22

## \*Hymn of Praise

“The Church’s One Foundation”

*AURELIA*



1. The chur - ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus  
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er  
3. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult  
4. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the



Christ her Lord; she is His new cre - a - tion by  
all the earth, her char - ter of sal - va - tion one  
of her war, she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of  
Three in One, and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with



wa - ter and the Word: from heav'n He came and  
 Lord, one faith, one birth; one ho - ly name she  
 peace for - ev - er - more; till with the vi - sion  
 those whose rest is won. O hap - py ones and



sought her to be His ho - ly bride; with His own  
 bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, and to one  
 glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest, and the great  
 ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the



blood He bought her, and for her life He died.  
 hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with Thee.

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Dr. Pete Deison 8:00/9:30  
 Mr. Sam Leopold 11:00

**God was pleased,  
 in His eternal purpose,  
 to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus,  
 His only begotten Son,  
 to be the Mediator between God and man.**

**As the Mediator,  
 He is the Prophet, Priest, and King,  
 the Head and Savior of the Church,  
 the Heir of all things,  
 and the Judge of the world.**

**God gave to Him,  
 from all eternity,  
 a people to be His seed and to be by Him, in time,  
 redeemed, called,  
 justified, sanctified,  
 and glorified.**

*Westminster Confession, Chapter 8.1*



1. How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in  
 2. It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole, and  
 • 3. Dear Name! the rock on which I build, my  
 4. Je - sus, my Shep - herd, Broth - er, Friend, my  
 5. Weak is the ef - fort of my heart, and  
 6. Till then I would Thy love pro - claim with



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes his sor - rows,  
 calms the trou - bled breast; 'tis man - na to the  
 • shield and hid - ing place, my nev - er - fail - ing  
 Proph - et, Priest, and King, my Lord, my Life, my  
 cold my warm - est thought; but when I see Thee  
 ev - 'ry fleet - ing breath; and may the mu - sic



heals his wounds, and drives a - way his fear.  
 hun - gry soul, and to the wea - ry rest.  
 • trea - s'ry filled with bound - less stores of grace.  
 Way, my End, ac - cept the praise I bring.  
 as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.  
 of Thy name re - fresh my soul in death.

**Public Confession of Sin**

Dr. Deison 8:00/9:30

Mr. Leopold 11:00

**O most great, most just and gracious God;  
 You are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity,  
 but You have promised mercy through Jesus Christ  
 to all that repent and believe in Him.**

**We confess that we have all sinned  
 and come short of the glory of God.**

**You have revealed Your wonderful love to us in Christ  
 and offered us pardon and salvation in Him,  
 but we have turned away.**

**Have mercy on us, most merciful Father!**

**In Your Son is our salvation,  
 in Your promises our hope.**

**Take us for Your children  
 and give us the Spirit of Your Son.  
 through Jesus Christ our only Savior.**

**Private Confession**

## Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:21-23

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

### \*Hymn

### “In Christ Alone”

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9:30/11:00



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of  
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the



light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this so - lid  
God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right-eous-  
world by dark - ness slain; Then burst-ing forth in glo-r'ous  
pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



Ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm.  
ness scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Day up from the grave He rose a - gain!  
breath Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are  
'Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of  
And as He stands in vic - to - ry sin's curse has  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My Com - for - ter, my All in  
God was sat - is - fied For ev - 'ry sin on Him was  
lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is  
pluck me from His hand; 'Till He re - turns or calls me



All, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
laid; here in the death of Christ I live.  
mine— bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

*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 214-833-7724.*

### Musical Offering

8:00	"Reverie" Mr. Nielson, piano	Robert Schumann
9:30/11:00	"Were You There?" Steve Williamson, soloist	arr. Moses Hogan

### \*The Scripture Reading: Numbers 16.1-5; 17.1-12, Hebrews 7.11-19

Numbers 16.1-5; 17.1-12

- <sup>16.1</sup> Now Korah the son of Izhar, son of Kohath, son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men.
- <sup>2</sup> And they rose up before Moses, with a number of the people of Israel, 250 chiefs of the congregation, chosen from the assembly, well-known men.
- <sup>3</sup> They assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron and said to them, "You have gone too far! For all in the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?"
- <sup>4</sup> When Moses heard it, he fell on his face,
- <sup>5</sup> and he said to Korah and all his company, "In the morning the LORD will show who is His, and who is holy, and will bring him near to Him. The one whom He chooses He will bring near to Him.
- <sup>17.1</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- <sup>2</sup> "Speak to the people of Israel, and get from them staffs, one for each fathers' house, from all their chiefs according to their fathers' houses, twelve staffs. Write each man's name on his staff,
- <sup>3</sup> and write Aaron's name on the staff of Levi. For there shall be one staff for the head of each fathers' house.
- <sup>4</sup> Then you shall deposit them in the tent of meeting before the testimony, where I meet with you.
- <sup>5</sup> And the staff of the man whom I choose shall sprout. Thus I will make to cease from Me the grumblings of the people of Israel, which they grumble against you."
- <sup>6</sup> Moses spoke to the people of Israel. And all their chiefs gave him staffs, one for each chief, according to their fathers' houses, twelve staffs. And the staff of Aaron was among their staffs.
- <sup>7</sup> And Moses deposited the staffs before the LORD in the tent of the testimony.
- <sup>8</sup> On the next day Moses went into the tent of the testimony, and behold, the staff of Aaron for the house of Levi had sprouted and put forth buds and produced blossoms, and it bore ripe almonds.
- <sup>9</sup> Then Moses brought out all the staffs from before the LORD to all the people of Israel. And they looked, and each man took his staff.
- <sup>10</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "Put back the staff of Aaron before the testimony, to be kept as a sign for the rebels, that you may make an end of their grumblings against Me, lest they die."
- <sup>11</sup> Thus did Moses; as the LORD commanded him, so he did.
- <sup>12</sup> And the people of Israel said to Moses, "Behold, we perish, we are undone, we are all undone.

Hebrews 7.11-19

*Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron?*

*<sup>12</sup> For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well.*

*<sup>13</sup> For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar.*

*<sup>14</sup> For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.*

*<sup>15</sup> This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek,*

*<sup>16</sup> who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life.*

*<sup>17</sup> For it is witnessed of Him, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."*

*<sup>18</sup> For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness*

*<sup>19</sup> (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.*

**The Sermon**

"A Better Hope"

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Fray 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!

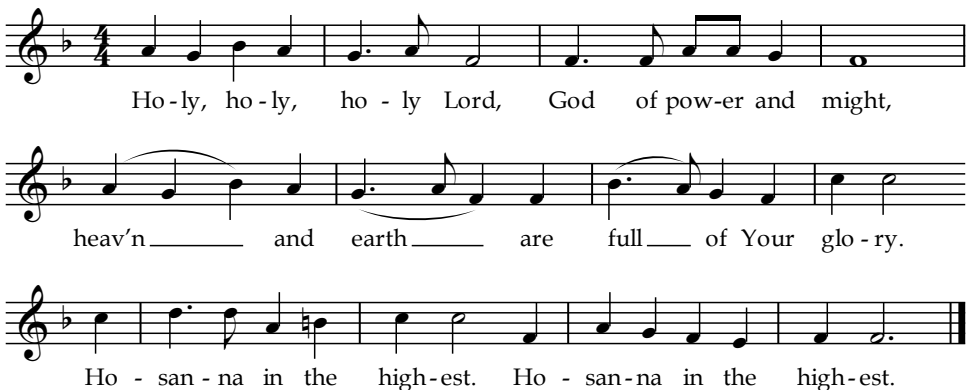
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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**

**"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"**

*HYFRYDOL*



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus! His the scep - ter,  
2. Al - le - lu - ia! Heav'n - ly High Priest, here on earth our  
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to



His — the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph, His the  
help, — our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Hear the sin - ful cry to  
God — on high; Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who has



vic - to - ry — a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
You from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
won the vic - to - ry; Al - le - lu - ia to the



Zi - on thun - der like — a might - y flood. Je - sus,  
sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, hear — our plea, where the  
Spir - it, font of love and sanc - ti - ty; Al - le -



out — of ev' - ry na - tion, has re - deemed us by His blood.  
songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the tri - une maj - es - ty.

**\*The Benediction**

Minister: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Hebrews 13:20-21

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



## The Postlude

8:00

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”  
Mr. Nielson, *piano*

*EIN' FESTE BURG*  
*arr. S. Nielson*

9:30/11:00

“Fanfare”  
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

*Jacques Lemmens*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning 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

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The Rev. Matt Fray

The Rev. Paul Goebel

The Rev. Pete Hatton

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom

The Rev. Bill Lamberth

The Rev. Tommy Overton

The Rev. Ron Williams

**SERMON NOTES**

Numbers 16.1-5; 17.1-12, Hebrews 7.11-19  
“A Better Hope”

## 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. In Numbers 17.5, God says He would give the Israelites a sign to help their grumbling about the priests to cease. How does giving a sign demonstrate God's patience, grace, and wisdom?
2. Read Numbers 17.8 and Jeremiah 1.11-12. Why is it both surprising and significant that Aaron's staff produced ripe almonds? How does this agricultural imagery illustrate God's faithfulness to provide redemption in Jesus Christ?
3. Read Hebrews 7.11-16. Why does the author repeatedly point out that Jesus was not a descendent of Aaron or the Levites? How does this help highlight Jesus' uniqueness as a priest?
4. Read Hebrews 7.16. On what basis (or by what sign) is Jesus proven to be a priest that is not only different, but permanent? How does this deepen your appreciation for the significance of Jesus' resurrection?
5. Read Hebrews 7.19. What are some ways you have sought significance, security, help, or community apart from Jesus Christ? Why is it so important to remember and trust in Jesus as a priest who alone can give you these things as you draw near to God? How is Jesus truly "a better hope" for experiencing all of these things?

# Highlights

JULY 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! If you are new or looking to connect at our church, please scan the QR code and fill out our Connections Card, so we can know you were here and help you connect with PCPC.



## New Members Class

*September 10-October 29*

9:30 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Is the Lord calling you to be a member of PCPC? Our New Members Class gives you the opportunity to explore PCPC's beliefs and mission. Registration opens August 1. [pcpc.org/membership](https://pcpc.org/membership)

## Young Adults Pool Party

*August 2*

7:00 P.M. | (SEE WEBSITE FOR ADDRESS)

Join us for our final YA event of the summer - a pool party!! Feel free to grab dinner beforehand and invite your friends! Hop in the pool or hang out and just enjoy the fellowship. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

[pcpc.org/events](https://pcpc.org/events)

## City Missions: Project Workday

*August 5*

8:30-11:30 A.M. | WEST DALLAS COMMUNITY SCHOOL & NORTH DALLAS HIGH SCHOOL

Looking for a service project to kick off the school year? Join City Missions in serving WDCS and NDHS. Volunteers of all ages are needed to clean, garden, help with teacher projects, pray, and perform other tasks. Sign up online today!

[pcpc.org/events](https://pcpc.org/events)

## UNION

*September 19-November 14*

TUESDAYS | 7:00 P.M. | THE LOFT (LEVEL TWO)

Seriously dating, engaged, or just married? Join us in UNION this fall as we learn about God's design for marriage! The cost is \$30 per person to cover materials and a celebration dinner on the final night.

[pcpc.org/marriage](https://pcpc.org/marriage)

## Special Events

*Preschool Pop & Play*

AUGUST 1 | 10:30 A.M. | GYM

*Girls Pancakes & PJs (MS)*

AUGUST 2 | 10:00 A.M. | OAK LAWN WEST

*Boys Gym Hang (MS)*

AUGUST 2 | 4:30 P.M. | GYM

*Pickleball (HS)*

AUGUST 2 | 6:00 P.M. | GYM

*End of Summer Pickleball (MS)*

AUGUST 9 | 5:00 P.M. | GYM

*The Gathering (HS)*

AUGUST 9 | 7:15 P.M.

*RUF-International Welcome Night*

AUGUST 18 | 6:00 P.M.

*Helping Hands*

AUGUST 26 | 8:00 A.M. | OAK LAWN WEST

*SHARE: A Night of Worship & Prayer (Women)*

AUGUST 30 | 7:00 P.M. | CHAPEL

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## GENERAL FUND

2023/2024 Operating Budget	\$15,925,000
Jul 1, 2023-Jul 23, 2023 Budget	\$719,135
Jul 1, 2023-Jul 23, 2023 Giving	\$644,536
Budget Variance	(\$74,598)