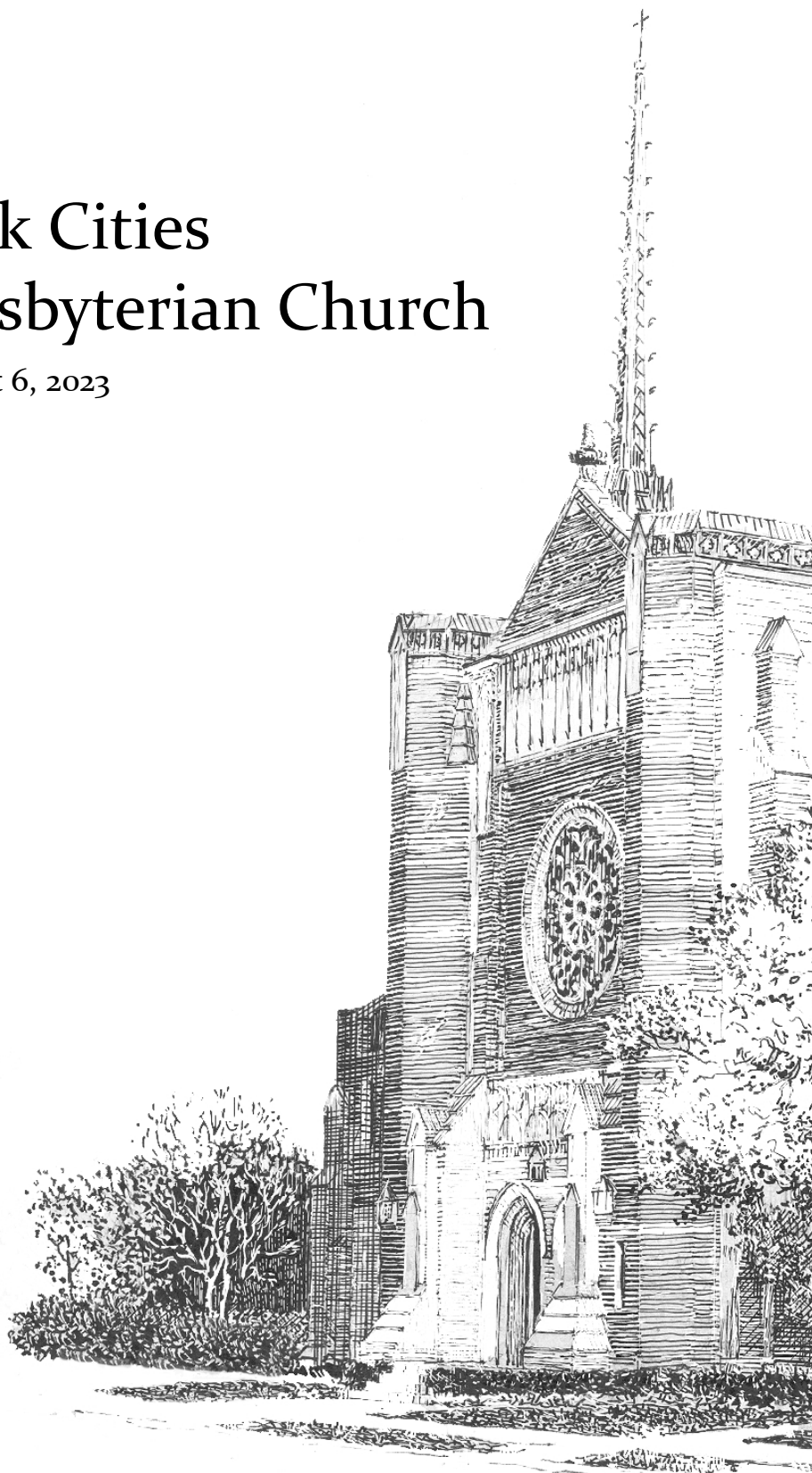


# Park Cities Presbyterian Church

August 6, 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

August 6, 2023  
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

## Welcome and Announcements

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

## The Prelude

8:00

“Fantasie in C”  
Mary Preston, *organ*

*J. S. Bach*

9:30/11:00

“Voluntary”  
J. Marty Cope, *piano*

*John Travers*

## \*Call to Worship

Minister: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name;

**People: give to Him glorious praise!**

Minister: Say to God, “How awesome are Your deeds!

**People: So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing to You.**

Minister: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;

**People: they sing praises to Your name.”**

Psalm 66.1-4

## \*Hymn of Praise

“To God Be the Glory”

*TO GOD BE THE GLORY*

*Hymn No. 55 in the Trinity Hymnal*



1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He has  
2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of  
3. Great things He has taught us, great things He has



done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
blood! to ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;  
done, and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;



who yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for sin, and  
 the vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves, that  
 but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be our



o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.  
 mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.  
 won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

*Refrain*



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the



Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo-ple re-joyce! O come to the Fa-ther through



Je-sus the Son, and give Him the glo - ry, great things He has done!

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Profession of Faith**

Mr. Higginbottom

**In all distress and persecution,  
 with uplifted head,  
 I confidently await the very Judge  
 who has already offered Himself  
 to the judgment of God in my place  
 and removed the whole curse from me.  
 Christ will cast all His enemies and mine  
 into everlasting condemnation,  
 but will take me and all His chosen ones to Himself  
 into the joy and glory of heaven.**

*from Heidelberg Catechism, No. 52*

**\*Hymn**

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

WHAT A SAVIOR!

Hymn No. 246 in the Trinity Hymnal



1. Man of Sor-rows! what a name for the Son of God, who came
2. Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my place con - demned He stood,
3. Guilt - y, vile, and help - less, we; spot - less Lamb of God was He;
4. Lift - ed up was He to die, “It is fin - ished!” was His cry;
5. When He comes, our glo - rious King, all His ran - somed home to bring,



ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
sealed my par - don with His blood: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
full a - tone - ment! can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
now in heav'n ex - alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
then a - new this song we'll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!

**Public Confession of Sin**

Mr. Higginbottom

O Lord, no day of my life has passed  
that has not proved me guilty of sin.  
Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart;  
praise has been often praiseless sound.  
Lord Jesus, though my sins rise to heaven  
Your merits soar above them.  
I appeal from the throne of Your perfect justice  
to Your throne of boundless grace.  
Grant me to hear Your voice assuring me that I am  
guilty of sin, but pardoned;  
wandering, but found;  
sinning, but cleansed.  
Give me perpetual broken heartedness,  
keep me always clinging to Your cross,  
flood me every moment with descending grace.

**Private Confession**

**Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel**

Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name.  
For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may  
tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Psalms 30:4-5

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

\*Hymn

“The Power of the Cross”

Getty/Townend

9:30/11:00



1. O, to see the dawn of the dark - est day; Christ  
 2. O, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face, bear -  
 3. Now the day - light flees; Now the ground be - neath quakes  
 4. O, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for



on the road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,  
 ing the awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,  
 as its Ma - ker bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,  
 through Your suf - f'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death,



torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood. \_\_\_\_  
 ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing Your blood - stained brow. \_\_\_\_  
 dead are raised to life— “Fin - ished!” the vic - t'ry cry. \_\_\_\_  
 life is mine to live, won through Your self - less love! \_\_\_\_

Refrain



(v1-3) This the pow'r \_\_\_\_ of the cross: \_\_\_\_ Christ be - came \_\_\_\_ sin for us. \_\_\_\_  
 (v4) This the pow'r \_\_\_\_ of the cross: \_\_\_\_ Son of God \_\_\_\_ slain for us. \_\_\_\_



Took the blame, \_\_\_\_ bore the wrath; We stand for - gi - ven at the cross.  
 What a love, \_\_\_\_ what a cost! We stand for - gi - ven at the cross.

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Higginbottom

*In addition to giving via passed offering plates, you are also welcome to give  
 online at [pccp.org/give](http://pccp.org/give) or text “give” to 214-833-7724.*

Musical Offering

8:00

“Adagio” from *Fantasie in C*  
 Mrs. Preston, organ

César Franck

9:30/11:00

“Forevermore”  
 Stephen Morsheck, soloist • Stephen Nielson, pianist

Travis Cottrell

**\*The Scripture Reading: Numbers 21.4-9 and John 3.9-15**

**Numbers 21.4-9**

*From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way.*

<sup>5</sup> *And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.”*

<sup>6</sup> *Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died.*

<sup>7</sup> *And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that He take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.*

<sup>8</sup> *And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.”*

<sup>9</sup> *So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.*

**John 3.9-15**

*Nicodemus said to Him, “How can these things be?”*

<sup>10</sup> *Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?”*

<sup>11</sup> *Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.*

<sup>12</sup> *If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?*

<sup>13</sup> *No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.*

<sup>14</sup> *And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,*

<sup>15</sup> *that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.*

**The Sermon**

“The Curse That Cures”

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Sam Leopold 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!

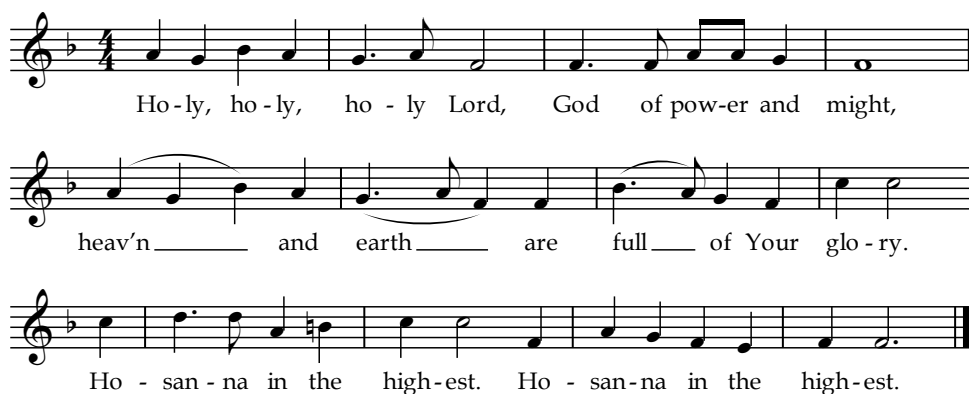
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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**

**"Lift High the Cross"**

CRUCIFER

*Hymn No. 263 in the Trinity Hymnal*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim,



*Fine*

'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 the companionship of the Man of Sorrows and the power of the King of Glory rest upon you this day and all your days.

*Dale Ralph Davis*

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

**The Postlude**

8:00

"Allegro" from *Concerto in D*  
Mrs. Preston, organ

*William Felton*

9:30/11:00

"Ceremonial March"  
Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

*Herbert Sumsion*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*



*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Elizabeth Lake and Jeffrey Cagnina, Jr.*



**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.

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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 21.4-9 and John 3.9-15  
“The Curse That Cures”

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*The following questions help us engage with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service, and may be useful during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship.*

1. Why were the Israelites grumbling? Why was it wrong for them to be speaking out against God? How do you personally relate to the temptation to grumble against God?
2. Read Genesis 3. How has a snake been used to symbolize a curse throughout Scripture? How is it being used in Numbers 21?
3. Read 2 Kings 18.3-5. King Hezekiah destroys the bronze snake as it has become a place of idol worship. How does this help us understand the role of the bronze snake in the Numbers 21 passage?
4. Read John 3.14-15 and John 8.28. How does Jesus telling the Pharisees that they would be the ones to lift up the Son of Man impact how we read John 3 and Numbers 21?
5. Read Isaiah 52.13. What two actions are being referred to in the Son of Man being lifted up? How does looking at the Son of Man's resurrection and ascension give us life?

# Highlights

AUGUST 6, 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.



## First Friday/bEfriend Volunteer Training

August 10

6:00-8:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Interested in serving our students and/or adults with a disability on a monthly basis? Join us for a training supper, learn about our plans for this year, and be equipped to serve.

[jeanie.cox@pcpc.org](mailto:jeanie.cox@pcpc.org)

## Helping Hands

August 26

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. Sign up to serve on the PCPC app. [pcpc.org/events](https://pcpc.org/events)

## Care and Counseling Groups

Our mission is to provide deeply meaningful support to all who are hurting, broken, and/or grieving by being the hands and feet of Jesus and by pointing to the great healer and comforter Himself. We have groups starting this fall for women and men. [pcpc.org/care](https://pcpc.org/care)

## re|engage

Beginning September 13

7:00 P.M. | OAK LAWN WEST

Join us for this marriage enrichment program Wednesday nights. We will apply principles from the Bible to guide couples towards growth in their relationship with God and each other.

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

## Special Events

*Preschool Pop & Play*

AUGUST 8 | 10:30 A.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.

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

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

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

## Men's Golf Tournament

November 3

7:00 A.M. | TENISON PARK GOLF COURSE

Come and fellowship at the PCPC Men's Golf Tournament! Registration is open online. Cost is \$65 which includes breakfast, golf, and cart.

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## GENERAL FUND

2023/2024 Operating Budget	\$15,925,000
Jul 1, 2023-Jul 30, 2023 Budget	\$898,918
Jul 1, 2023-Jul 30, 2023 Giving	\$934,601
Budget Variance	\$35,683