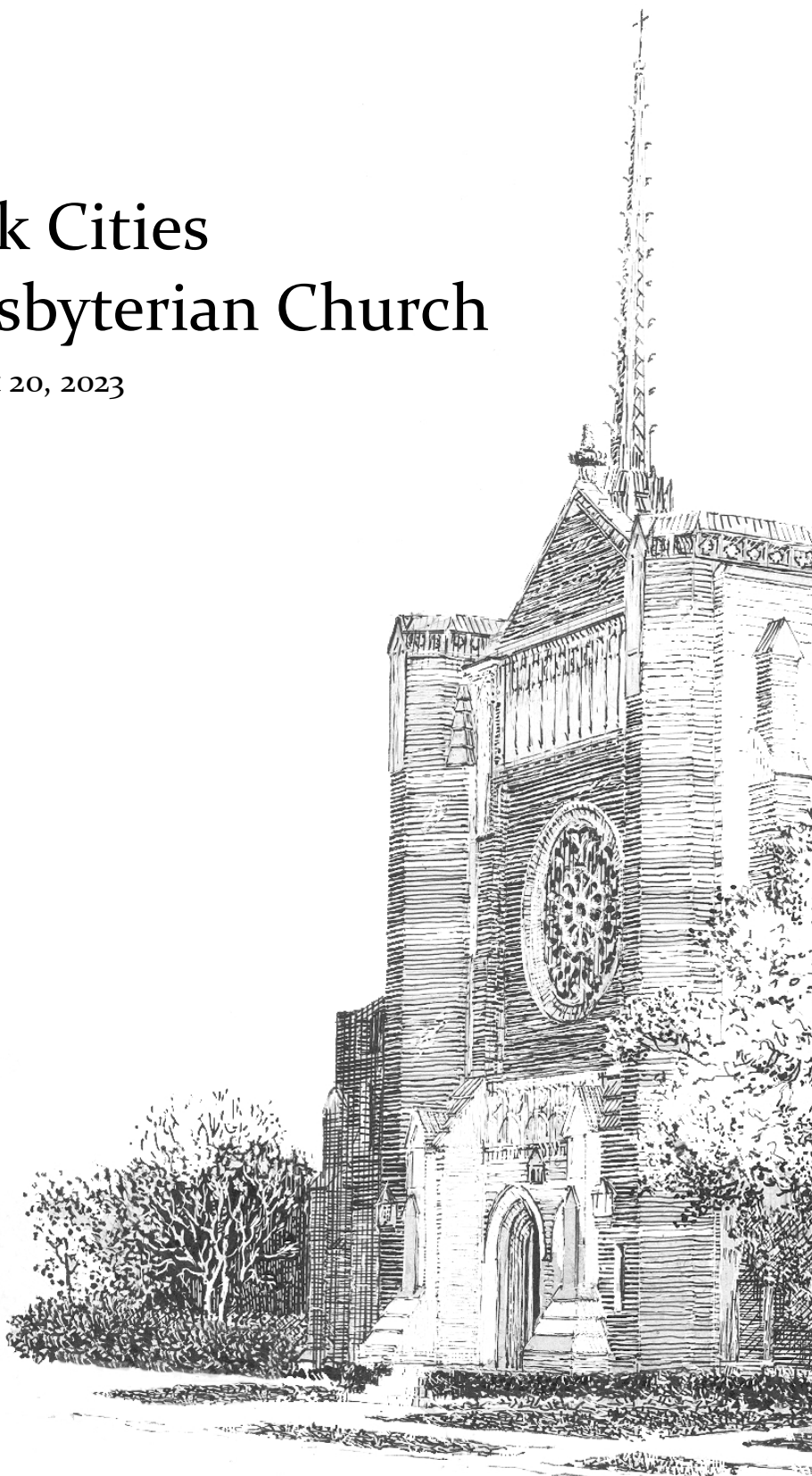


Park Cities Presbyterian Church

August 20, 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 20, 2023
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

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

The Prelude

8:00 "Andante" (Berlin-Kraków Manuscripts) *Felix Mendelssohn*
Mary Preston, *organ*

9:30/11:00 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *arr. Howard Helvey*
Stephen Nielson and Nathan Davy, *piano* • J. Marty Cope, *organ*

Call to Worship

Minister: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;

People: tremble before Him, all the earth!

Minister: Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!

**People: Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
He will judge the peoples with equity."**

Minister: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

**People: let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult,
and everything in it!**

Psalm 96.9-12a

Please stand if you are able.

*Litany of Adoration, Confession, Assurance, and Glory

(The Apostle John speaking)

Minister: At once I was in the Spirit,
and behold, a throne stood in heaven,
with one seated on the throne.

And He who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian,
and around the throne was a rainbow
that had the appearance of an emerald.

Around the throne were twenty-four thrones,
and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders,
clothed in white garments,
with golden crowns on their heads.

From the throne came flashes of lightning,
and rumblings and peals of thunder,
and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire,
which are the seven spirits of God,
and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

**People: And around the throne, on each side of the throne,
are four living creatures...**

**And the four living creatures,
each of them with six wings,
are full of eyes all around and within,
and day and night they never cease to say,**

**Together: "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!"**

Revelation 4.2-6a, 8

*Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”
Please sing stanza one.

NICAEA

melody Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Lord — God Al-might - y.
 melody Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. All the saints a - dore Thee,
 harmony Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Though the dark-ness hide Thee,
 melody Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Lord — God Al-might - y.

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass-y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Mer - ci - ful and might - y.
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 on - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Mer - ci - ful and might - y.

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
 Who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Minister: And whenever the living creatures give glory
 and honor and thanks to Him who is seated on the throne,
 who lives forever and ever,
 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him
 who is seated on the throne
 and worship Him who lives forever and ever.
 They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

**People: “Worthy are You, our Lord and God,
 to receive glory and honor and power,
 for You created all things,
 and by Your will they existed and were created.”**

Revelation 4.9-11

*Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”
Please sing stanza two.

NICAEA

Please be seated.

Minister: "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:
"The words of Him who holds the seven stars in His right hand,
who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

People: "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance,
and how you cannot bear with those who are evil,
but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not,
and found them to be false.

**I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for My name's sake,
and you have not grown weary.**

**But I have this against you,
that you have abandoned the love you had at first.**

**Remember therefore from where you have fallen;
repent, and do the works you did at first.**

**If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place,
unless you repent."**

Revelation 2.1-5

Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"
Please sing stanza three.

NICAEA

Silent Confession and Meditation

The Rev. Pete Hatton 8:00
The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

Minister: He who has an ear,
let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.
To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life,
which is in the paradise of God.

Revelation 2.7

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

Please stand if you are able.

Minister: And between the throne and the four living creatures
and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing,
as though it had been slain,
with seven horns and with seven eyes,
which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

And He went and took the scroll from the right hand of Him
who was seated on the throne.

And when He had taken the scroll,
the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders
fell down before the Lamb,
each holding a harp,
and golden bowls full of incense,
which are the prayers of the saints.

And they sang a new song, saying,

People: "Worthy are You to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for You were slain,
and by Your blood You ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
and You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth."

Minister: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne
and the living creatures and the elders
the voice of many angels,
numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,
saying with a loud voice,

People: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

Minister: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth
and under the earth and in the sea,
and all that is in them, saying,

**People: “To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”**

Revelation 5.6-13

***Hymn**

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”
Please sing stanza four.

NICAEA

Sacrament of Baptism

9:30/11:00

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?

9:30

Eleanor Carson Cooper
Hollis Elaine Newman
Rhodes Thomas Mueller

11:00

Marilu Anne Cheung
Emma Natialy Dillahunty
Holland Louise Farrar
Camellia Trenholm Wileman

Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

***Hymn**

“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

JESUS LOVES ME

9:30/11:00

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.

***Hymn**

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

McCracken/Moore

9:30/11:00

Refrain



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our



hearts re-stored. He has done great things we will say to - ge - ther



we will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be
2. In the dark of
3. Ev - 'ry vow we've



burned by the fire, He is the Lord our
night be - fore the dawn, my soul be not a -
bro - ken and be - trayed, You are the faith - ful



God; we are not con - sumed by the flood up -
fraid, for the pro - mised mor - ning, O how long? O
one; and — from the gar - den to the grave bind



held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up.
God of Ja - cob be my strength.
us to - ge - ther, bring sha - lom.

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Hatton 8:00

Mr. Goebel 9:30/11:00

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

Musical Offering

8:00

“Adagio – Allegro” from *Concerto in G*
Mrs. Preston, organ

Johann G. Walther

9:30/11:00

“The Majesty and Glory of Your Name” *Psalm 8/Tom Fettke*
Chancel Choir • Stephen Nielson, piano
Nathan Davy, organ • J. Marty Cope, conductor

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers; the moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.

O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia.

***The Scripture Reading: Revelation 1.1-11**

Mr. Williams 8:00

Sarah and John David, *Global Workers* 9:30/11:00

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending His angel to His servant John,

² *who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.*

³ *Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.*

⁴ *John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before His throne,*

⁵ *and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood*

⁶ *and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

⁷ *Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of Him. Even so. Amen.*

⁸ *“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”*

⁹ *I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.*

¹⁰ *I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet*

¹¹ *saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”*

The Sermon

“The Revelation of Jesus Christ—
an Introduction”

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!

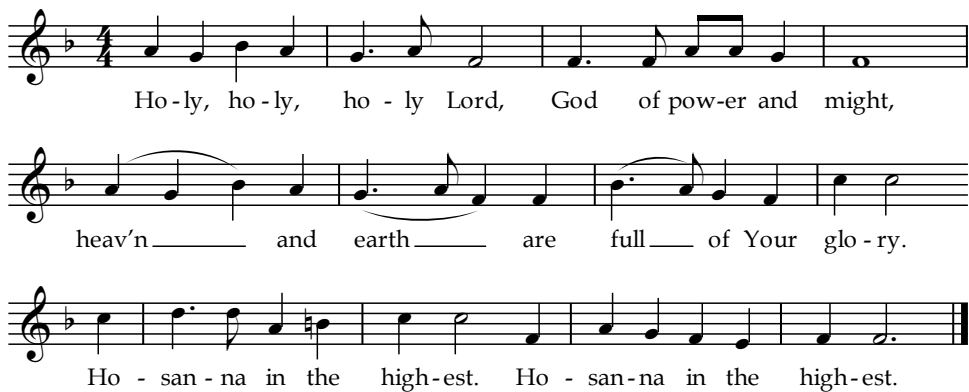
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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:



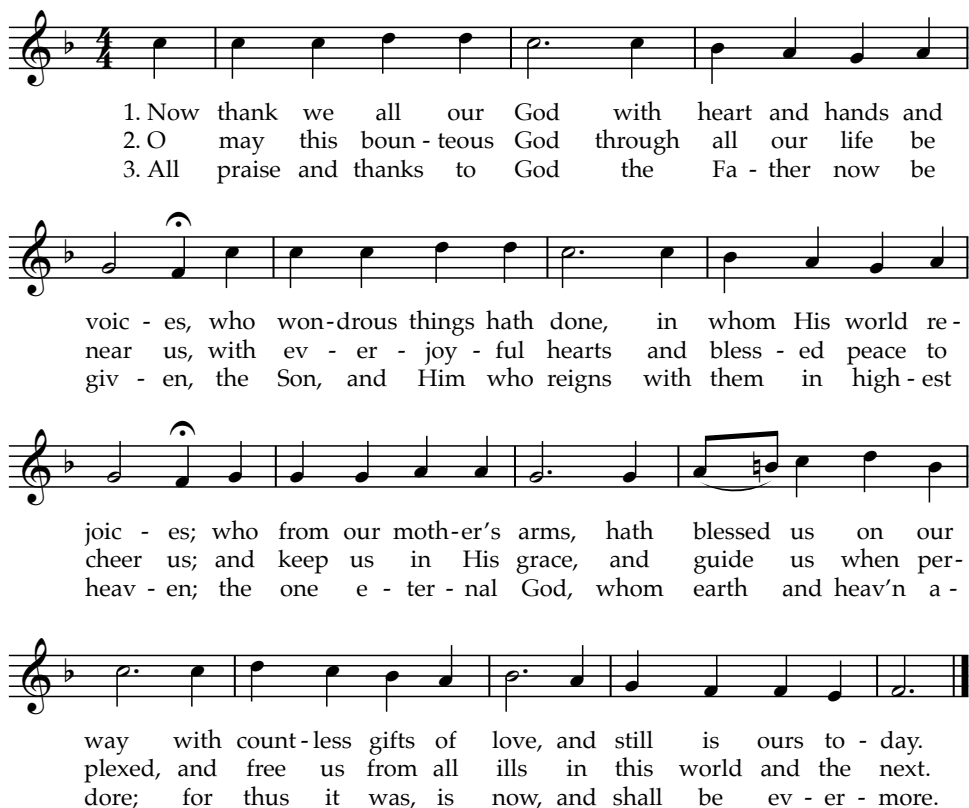
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry.
 Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

***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** "Now Thank We All Our God" NUN DANKET
Hymn No. 98 in the Trinity Hymnal



1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and
 2. O may this boun-teous God through all our life be
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be

voic-es, who won-drous things hath done, in whom His world re-
 near us, with ev-er-joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to
 giv-en, the Son, and Him who reigns with them in high-est

joic-es; who from our moth-er's arms, hath blessed us on our
 cheer us; and keep us in His grace, and guide us when per-
 heav-en; the one e-ter-nal God, whom earth and heav'n a-

way with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 plexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 do-re; for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev-er-more.

*The Benediction and Doxology

Minister: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

People: To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Minister: Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of Him. Even so. Amen.

People: “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” Revelation 1.4-8

The Postlude

8:00

“Allegro moderato maestoso”
Mrs. Preston, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

9:30/11:00

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
Dr. Davy, organ

Craig Phillips

**Please stand if you are able.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of our son, Aaron Chapple Overton, on his birthday from his loving parents, Mary and George Jackson.



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

Revelation 1.1-11

“The Revelation of Jesus Christ—an Introduction”

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. How have you engaged the book of Revelation in the past? What was your experience like?
2. What do the opening versus tell us about who wrote Revelation?
3. What do the opening versus teach us about the focus of Revelation?
4. How are we study this type of Biblical literature?
5. In your own words, why did God give this Revelation to John?
6. What kind of blessings should we expect as we study the book of Revelation?

Highlights

AUGUST 20, 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 open.

pcpc.org/membership

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 senior adults, single moms, widows/ers, and those with chronic illness by doing odd jobs around their homes. Sign up to serve on the PCPC app.

pcpc.org/events

SHARE: A Night of Worship & Prayer

August 30

7:00 P.M. | CHAPEL

PCPC Women, together we will dedicate our year to the Lord and pray for our church, city, and world and share the hope that we have with one another. Please join us as Elizabeth Robinson leads our evening.

pcpc.org/events

First Friday/bEfriend

September 8

6:00 P.M. | PRESCHOOL AREA

First Friday provides a parent's night out for families with students ages 3-18 with a disability, as well as their siblings. bEfriend offers dinners for 8 for our adults with disability. Contact jeanie.cox@pcpc.org.

Dr. Jeremy Begbie Lecture

September 19

7:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Music and Arts welcomes Dr. Jeremy Begbie, a theologian, teacher, speaker and musician, an ordained minister of the Church of England, and a systematic theologian whose primary research is the correlation between theology and the arts.

No tickets are required.

pcpc.org/events

Special Events

Women's Fall Bible Studies

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12-14

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12 | 7:00 A.M.

Women & Men's Care Groups

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 11-15

Men's & Women's Silent Retreats

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GENERAL FUND

2023/2024 Operating Budget	\$15,925,000
Jul 1, 2023–Aug 13, 2023 Budget	\$1,416,476
Jul 1, 2023–Aug 13, 2023 Giving	\$1,480,313
Budget Variance	\$63,837