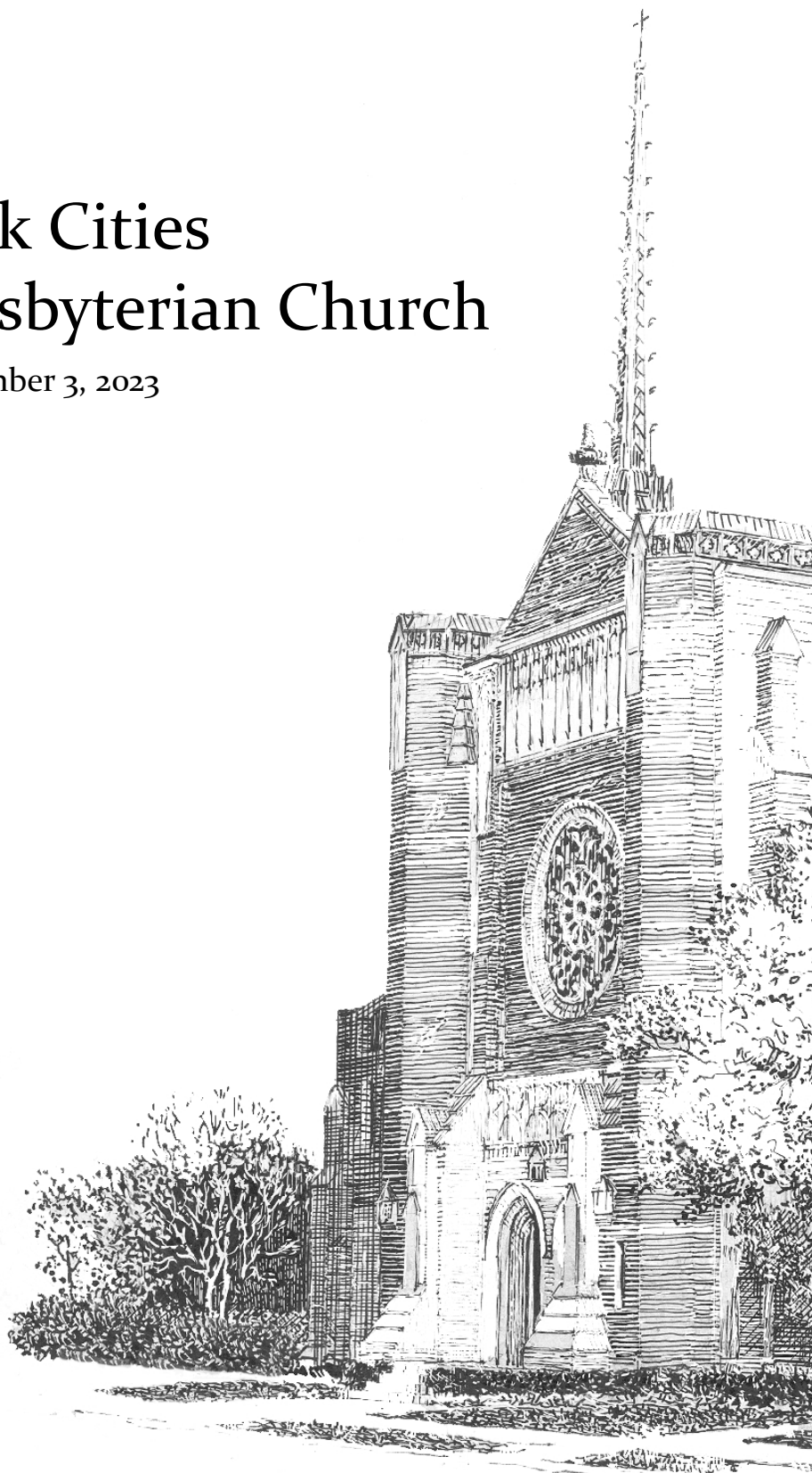


Park Cities Presbyterian Church

September 3, 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

September 3, 2023
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Paul Goebel

The Prelude

8:00

“Rise Up, O Church of God”
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

FESTAL SONG
arr. Ovid Young

9:30/11:00

“Adagio” and “Allegro” from *Sonata in G Minor*
Adrian DeCosta, *violin* • Nathan Davy, *piano*

G. F. Handel

*Call to Worship

Minister: Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, You are very great!

People: You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering Yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.

Minister: He lays the beams of His chambers on the waters; He makes the clouds His chariot; He rides on the wings of the wind;

People: He makes His messengers winds, His ministers a flaming fire.

Psalm 104.1-4

*Hymn of Praise

“O Worship the King”

LYONS

1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a -
2. O tell of His might, O sing of His
3. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re -
4. Frail child - ren of dust, and fee - ble as

bove, O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His
grace, whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py
cite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the
frail, in You do we trust, nor find — You to

love; our shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of
space. His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds
light; it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the
fail; Your mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the

Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
form, and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.
end, our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er and Friend!

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 8:00/9:30
The Rev. Tommy Overton 11:00

Minister: Why is He called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

**People: Because He has been ordained by God the Father
and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be
our Chief Prophet and Teacher who fully reveals to us
the secret counsel and will of God
concerning our deliverance;
our only High Priest
who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of His body,
and who continually pleads our cause with the Father;
and our eternal King
who governs us by His Word and Spirit,
and who guards us and keeps us
in the freedom He has won for us.**

Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 31



1. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, ye sol - diers of the cross;
 2. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the trum - pet call o - bey;
 3. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in His strength a - lone;
 4. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;



lift high His roy - al ban - ner, it must not suf - fer loss:
 forth to the might - y con - flict in this His glo - rious day:
 the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own:
 this day the noise of bat - tle, the next the vic - tor's song:



from vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead, —
 ye that are men now serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes: —
 put on the gos - pel ar - mor, each piece put on with pray'r:
 to him that o - ver - com - eth a crown of life shall be; —



till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, and Christ is Lord in - deed.
 let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.
 where du - ty calls, or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.
 he with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Higginbottom 8:00/9:30

Mr. Overton 11:00

O most merciful God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Who pardons all such as truly repent and turn to You;

we humbly confess our sins and implore Your mercy.

We have not loved You with a whole heart fervently;

Neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We have not done justly,

nor loved mercy,

nor walked humbly with You, our God.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord,

according to Your loving-kindness;

according to the multitude of Your tender mercies,

blot out our iniquity.

Create in us a clean heart, O God;

and renew a right spirit within us.

As You have generously poured out Your love upon us,

may we freely share that love with others.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:9-10

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

*Hymn

9:30/11:00

“O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping through Us”
Chancel Choir: Stanzas 1-2 • All: Stanzas 3-5

SPIRITUS VITAE

Please stand if you are able and join in singing when so directed.



1. O Breath of life, come sweep - ing through us, re - vive Your
2. O Wind of God, come bend us, break us, till hum - bly
3. O Breath of love, come breathe with - in us, re - new - ing
4. O Heart of Christ, once bro - ken for us, 'tis there we
5. Re - vive us, Lord! Is zeal a - bat - ing while har - vest



- church with life and pow'r; O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, re -
we con - fess our need; then in Your ten - der - ness re -
• thought and will and heart; come, Love of Christ, a - fresh now
find our strength and rest; our bro - ken, con - trite hearts now
fields are vast and white? Re - vive us, Lord, the world is



- new us, and fit Your church to meet this hour.
make us, re - vive, re - store, for this we plead.
• win us, re - vive Your church in ev - ery part.
so - lace, and let Your wait - ing church be blest.
wait - ing, e - quip Your church to spread the light.

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Higginbottom 8:00/9:30
Mr. Overton 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" from Sonata, Op. 13 L. van Beethoven
Mr. Nielson, piano

9:30/11:00 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" Faber/Bevan
Chancel Choir • Adrian DeCosta, violin
Nathan Davy, organ • J. Marty Cope, conducting

*There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good; there is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in His blood.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n; there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n.
For the love of God is broader than the measures of man's mind; and the heart of the Eternal, is most wonderfully kind.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.*

*The Scripture Reading: Revelation 2.1-7

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.

² 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.

³ I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for My name's sake, and you have not grown weary.

⁴ But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.

⁵ 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.

⁶ Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

⁷ 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."

The Sermon "Remember the Love You Had at First" Mr. Goebel

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!

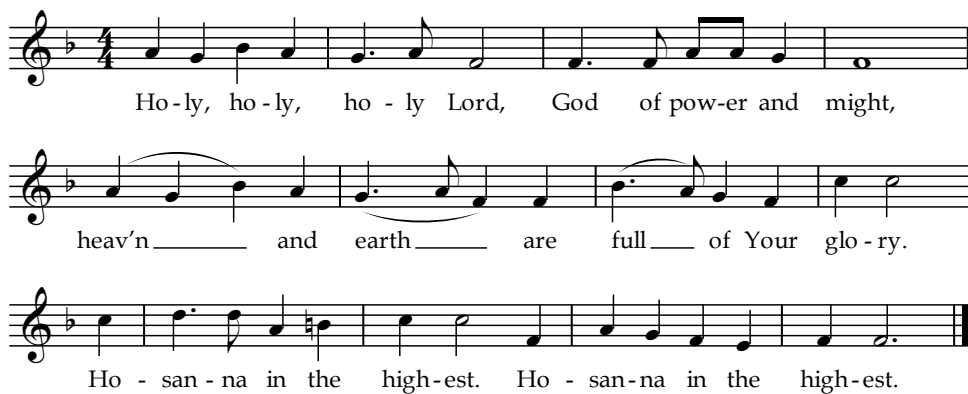
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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.)



1. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, in the dawn - ing
 2. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, He, the per - fect
 3. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, Christ, the Lord up -
 4. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, slain by death, the



of the King. He, the theme of heav - en's prais - es, robed in
 Son of Man in His liv - ing, in His suf - f'ring, nev - er
 on the tree. In the stead of ruined — sin - ners, hangs the
 God of life. But no grave could e'er re - strain Him, praise the



frail hu - man - i - ty. In our long - ing, in our dark - ness,
 trace nor stain of sin. See the true and bet - ter A - dam,
 Lamb in vic - tor - y. See the price of our re - demp - tion,
 Lord: He is a - live. What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance,



now the light of life has come. Look to Christ, who
 come to save the hell - bound man. Christ, the great and
 see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold. Bring - ing ma - ny
 how un - wa - ver - ing our hope. Christ, in pow - er,



con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
 sure ful - fill - ment of the law in Him we stand.
 sons to Glo - ry, grace un - mea - sured, love un - told.
 res - ur - rect - ed, as will we be when He comes.

*The Benediction

Minister: Now may the God who did not even hold back His very own Son but handed Him over for us all, provide you with every good thing you need in order to do His will and do in you what pleases Him.

Dale Ralph Davis

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

The Postlude

8:00

"Thanks Be to God"
 Mr. Nielson, *piano*

G. F. Handel

**Please stand if you are able.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given in loving memory of Gilbert Adam, whose smile, laugh and hugs are missed every day, and in honor of our mother, Joy Faye Adam, whose strength and faith continue to amaze us, on what would be their 57th wedding anniversary. Given with love by their children Karla (and Alex) Trusler and Austin (and Kara) Adam and their grandchildren Abby, Rhett, and Blake Trusler and Bryn, Kylie, and Quint Adam.



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

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The Rev. Mark Davis

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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

Revelation 2.1-7

“Remember the Love You Had at First”

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. Read Revelation 2.1-3.22. In what way are the letters to the seven churches applicable to the Church universal?
2. If Jesus were to write a letter to the church in Dallas today, what do you think He would say?
3. What did the church in Ephesus do well? How does this encourage us in our current cultural moment?
4. Why did Jesus rebuke the church in Ephesus? What makes us susceptible to the same error?
5. How did Jesus call the Ephesian church to repent? What might this look like in your own life?
6. In the book of Ephesians, the Apostle Paul instructed the Ephesian church to "speak the truth in love." (See Ephesians 4.15) Why is dangerous to separate truth and love?
7. How did Jesus reveal Himself to the Ephesian church? (See Revelation 2.1) How does the truth of Jesus lead us to love?

Highlights

SEPTEMBER 3, 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.



Fall Bible Studies and Classes

Launching September 12-15

Join us as we abide in Christ and connect with one another at PCPC:

- Care & Counseling Groups
- Men's, Women's, & Couple's Bible Studies
- UNION & re|engage (Marriage)
- Midweek Dinners (register) & Vespers
- Youth Small Groups & Children's Choirs

pcpc.org/events

2023 Fall Guide

Pick up a copy of the Fall Guide in the lobby, scan this QR code, or download it online! We hope it's more than a menu. Consider where the Lord is calling you to connect, abide, and extent Christ as part of 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

All-Church Prayer

September 10

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.

pcpc.org/events

Serving with PCPC Kids

Help us kick off a new school year! Would you prayerfully consider serving with PCPC Kids on Sunday mornings? Our classrooms are full of young worshippers, ages 3 months – 5th grade, that need to be fed with God's Word and cared for by the body of Christ. Signup outside the Preschool hallway.

kids@pcpc.org or pcpc.org/kids

Special Events

First Friday/bEfriend

SEPTEMBER 8 | 6:00 P.M.

Faith Driven Entrepreneur Live Simulcast

SEPTEMBER 13 | 8:30 A.M.

Dr. Jeremy Begbie Lecture

SEPTEMBER 19 | 7:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Aging with Grace:

Help with Medicare

SEPTEMBER 22 | 10:00 A.M.

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GENERAL FUND

2023/2024 Operating Budget \$15,925,000

Jul 1, 2023–Aug 27, 2023 Budget \$1,934,033

Jul 1, 2023–Aug 27, 2023 Giving \$2,036,368

Budget Variance \$102,335