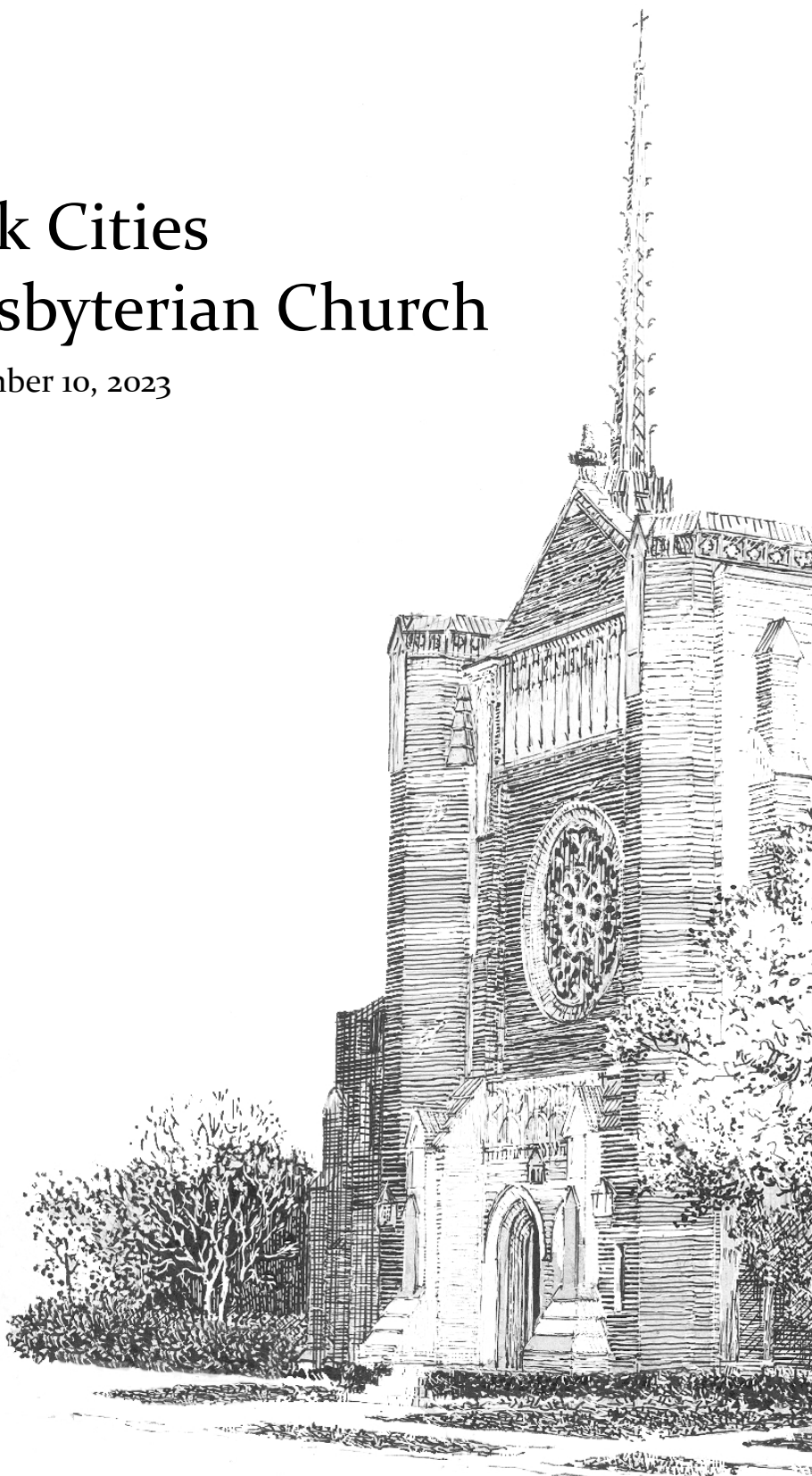


Park Cities Presbyterian Church

September 10, 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 10, 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 "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" *J. S. Bach*
Mary Preston, organ

9:30/11:00 "Flourish for Wind Band" *Ralph Vaughan Williams*
Brass and Percussion Ensemble

*Call to Worship

Minister: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

People: in the night also my heart instructs me.

Minister: I have set the LORD always before me;

People: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Minister: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

People: my flesh also dwells secure.

Minister: For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

People: or let Your Holy One see corruption.

Minister: You make known to me the path of life;

in Your presence there is fullness of joy;

People: at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalm 16.7-11

*Hymn of Praise

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

Hymn No. 295 in the Trinity Hymnal



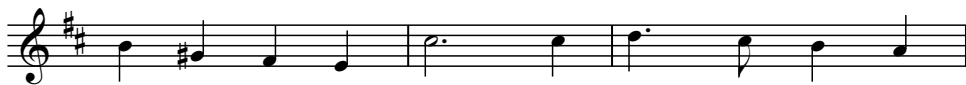
1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on His
2. Crown Him the Lord of love; be - hold His hands and
3. Crown Him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the
4. Crown Him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of



threne; hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all
 side, rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in
 grave, and rose vic - to - rious in the__ strife for
 time; Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing__ spheres, in -



mu - sic but its own: a - wake, my soul, and sing of
 beau - ty glo - ri - fied: no an - gel in the sky can
 those He came to save; His glo - ries now we sing who
 ef - fa - bly sub - lime: all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for



Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy
 ful - ly bear that sight, but down - ward bends His
 died and rose on high, who died, e - ter - nal
 Thou hast died for me: Thy praise and glo - ry



match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Bill Lamberth

**I believe that the Son of God
 through His Spirit and Word,
 out of the entire human race,
 from the beginning of the world to its end,
 gathers, protects, and preserves for Himself
 a community chosen for eternal life
 and united in true faith.
 And of this community I am and always will be
 a living member.**

Heidelberg Catechism, No. 54



1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; hear the
 2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to
 3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the
 4. So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give —



call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that
 rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the
 Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be -
 grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has gi - ven.
 wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - or.
 neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en!
 win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful.



With shield of faith and belt of Truth, we'll stand a -
 When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the
 And as the stone is rolled a - way and Christ e -
 As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing



gainst the de - vil's lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle
 out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for
 mer - ges from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues
 tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
 which He died, an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
 'til the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
 for the day when with Christ we stand in Glo - ry.

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Lamberth

**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 holy,
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

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1.13-14

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

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Lamberth

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

Musical Offering

8:00 "Allegro" from *Concerto in A* *Giorgio Gentili*
Mrs. Preston, organ

9:30/11:00 "To the Lamb on the Throne" *arr. Dan Forrest*
Chancel Choir • Brass and Percussion Ensemble
Nathan Davy, organ • J. Marty Cope, conducting

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name; the name all victorious of Jesus extol; His Kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne, let all cry aloud, and honor the Son; the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

God rules in the height, almighty to save; though hid from our sight, His presence we have. The great congregation His triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Then let us adore and give Him His right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might; all honor and blessing with angels above never ceasing, and infinite love. Worthy the Lamb.

***The Doxology**

LASST UNS ERFRUEN

9:30/11:00

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Him all crea-tures
here be-low; al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise Him a-bove,
ye heav'n-ly host, praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost: al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

1st and 2nd graders may exit at this time using the doors at the front-right of the Sanctuary to meet their teachers for Worship Explorers.

Children must be checked-in and have a nametag.

A check-in kiosk is available in the hallway outside the Sanctuary doors.

***The Scripture Reading: Revelation 2.8-11**

And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.

⁹ *I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.*

¹⁰ *Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.*

¹¹ *He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.*

The Sermon

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

“To the Church in Smyrna—
Do Not Fear Suffering and Be Faithful unto Death”

*Words of Assurance and The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

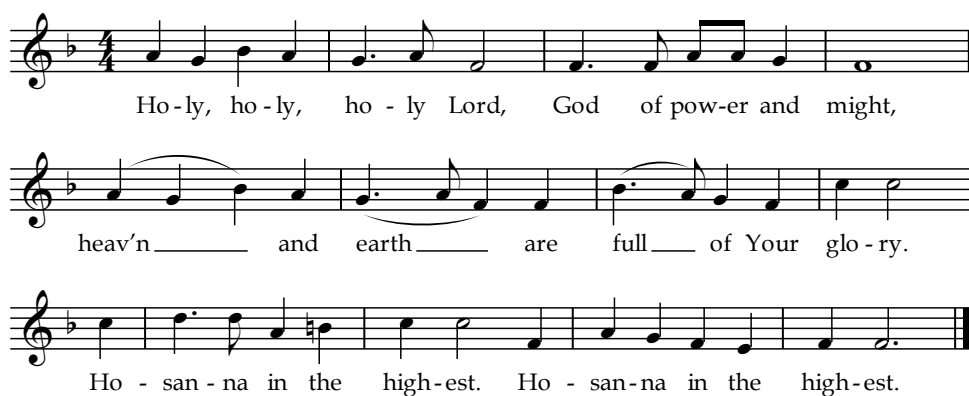
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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.*

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Sterling Procter

This piece was commissioned for PCPC by Robert Rucker, former Director of Music and Arts.



Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



Thou my best thought— by day or by night, —
Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart, —
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall, —



wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

“Elegy”

George Thalben-Ball

Dr. Davy, organ

*Closing Hymn

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

LANCASHIRE

Hymn No. 580 in the Trinity Hymnal



Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;



hence - forth in fields of con - quest Thy tents shall be our home:
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing where - e'er Thy face ap - pears;



through days of prep - a - ra - tion Thy grace has made us strong, —
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums, —
Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light: —



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.

*The Benediction

Minister: Now may Yahweh, the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, who never faints or grows weary, may this God increase and renew your strength so that you can go on walking faithfully, whether in the light or in darkness. *Dale Ralph Davis*

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

The Postlude

8:00

“Prelude and Fugue in F”
Mrs. Preston, organ

Dietrich Buxtehude

9:30/11:00

“Now Thank We All Our God”
Dr. Davy, organ

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**Please stand if you are able.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God.

*Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God
so that at the proper time He may exalt you,
casting all your anxieties on Him,
because He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:6-7*

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

Patrick Lee Moore, Sr.
Norma K. Hunt
Robert “Bob” L. Kincaid, Jr.
James “Nick” Sloan
Herbert “Herb” A. Durham
Peggy Black Braecklein
Jane Higginbotham

We thank the following musicians for their leadership in worship this morning:

Dayvison Costa, *trumpet*
Andrew House, *trumpet*
Alex Kienle, *French horn*
Tony Baker, *trombone*
Austin Crumrine, *tuba*
Greg White, *percussion*



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 2.8-11

“To the Church in Smyrna—
Do Not Fear Suffering and Be Faithful Unto Death”

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. Describe the Church in Smyrna:
2. Describe the attributes of Christ revealed in this text:
3. What forms of suffering are present and coming in the Church of Smyrna?
4. Who is responsible for the suffering?
5. How does Christ encourage the Church to respond to the suffering?
6. Where must our focus be in the midst of suffering?
7. How can the description in verse 8 give us hope in our suffering?
8. What is the reward for those who endure through the suffering?
9. What can we learn from this letter to the Church in Smyrna?

Highlights

SEPTEMBER 10, 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

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2023 Fall Guide

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



pcpc.org/guide

Dr. Jeremy Begbie Lecture

September 19

7:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Why should the arts matter to Christians? Using images, recordings, and live performances on the piano, Dr. Begbie will show that music has the power to open up a Christian worldview like nothing else. No tickets are required.

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Aging with Grace

September 22

10:00 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL C

Senior adults, join us for an informative seminar designed to equip your understanding of Medicare.

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Serving with PCPC Kids

Would you prayerfully consider serving with PCPC Kids on Sunday mornings? Our classrooms are full of young worshipers, ages 3 months – 5th grade, that need to be fed with God's Word and cared for by the body of Christ.

kids@pcpc.org or pcpc.org/kids

Special Events

All-Church Prayer

TODAY | 4:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Faith Driven Entrepreneur Live Simulcast

SEPTEMBER 13 | 8:30 A.M. | THE LOFT

Missionary Mailings

SEPTEMBER 24 | 12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Parenting Ahead Class

SEPTEMBER 27 | 6:30 P.M. | MEZZ. B (LEVEL TWO)

Escape Weekend (Men's Care Ministry)

SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 1

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GENERAL FUND

2023/2024 Operating Budget	\$15,925,000
Jul 1, 2023–Sept 3, 2023 Budget	\$2,182,753
Jul 1, 2023–Sept 3, 2023 Giving	\$2,135,801
Budget Variance	(\$46,952)