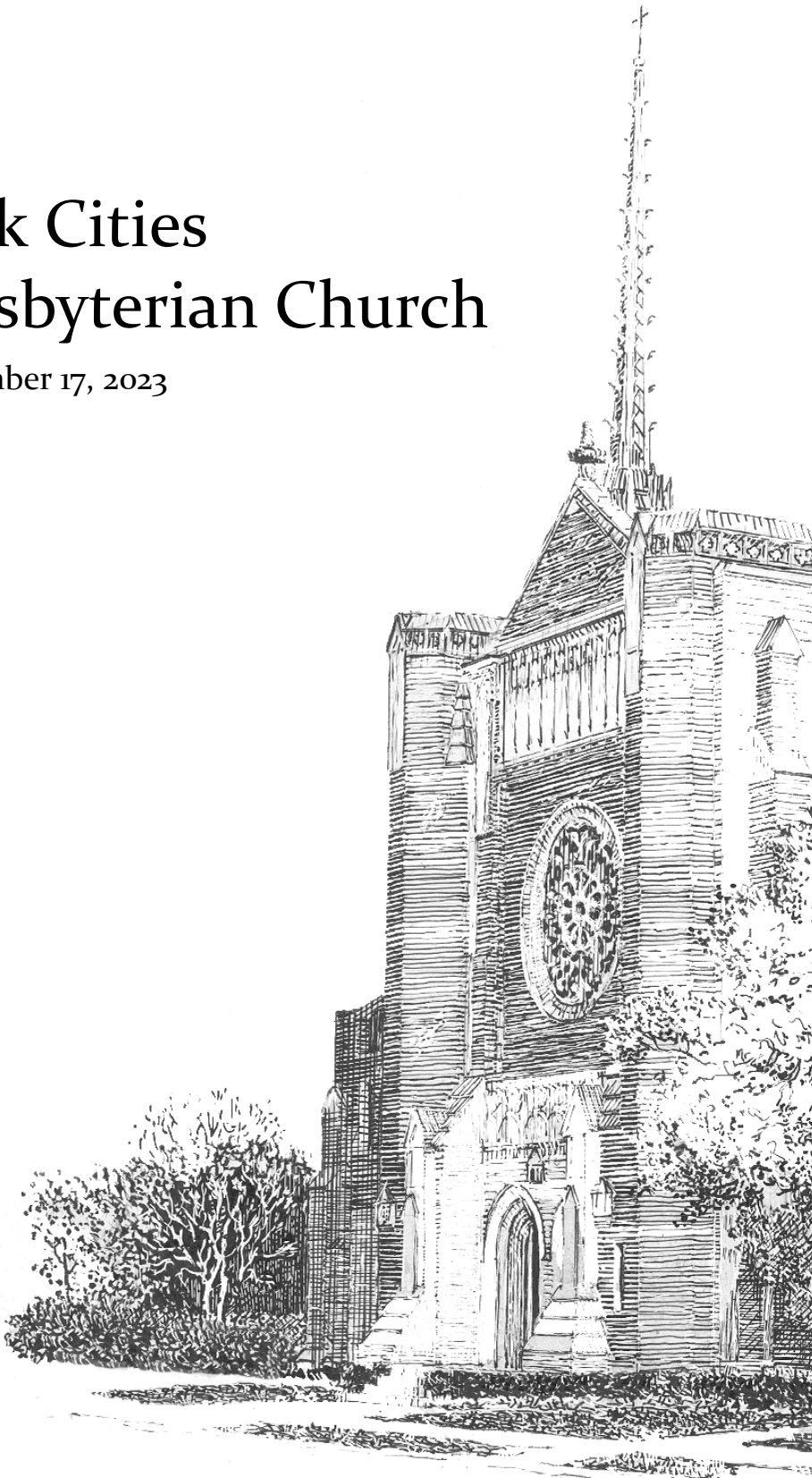


# Park Cities Presbyterian Church

September 17, 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 17, 2023  
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

## Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00  
The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

## The Prelude

8:00 "O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping through Us" *SPIRITUS VITAE*  
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

9:30/11:00 "Allegro Moderato" from *Sonata in E flat* *J. S. Bach*  
Pam Adams, *flute* • Nathan Davy, *piano*

## \*Call to Worship

Minister: Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion,

**People: and to You shall vows be performed.**

Minister: O You who hear prayer,

**People: to You shall all flesh come.**

Minister: When iniquities prevail against me,

**People: You atone for our transgressions.**

Minister: Blessed is the one You choose and bring near,  
to dwell in Your courts!

**People: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house,  
the holiness of Your temple!**

Psalm 65:1-4

\*Hymn of Praise "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" *ST. DENIO*  
*Hymn No. 38 in the Trinity Hymnal*



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,  
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great Name we praise.  
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

### \*Prayer of Adoration

### \*Profession of Faith

The Rev. Tommy Overton

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone,  
to whom alone we must cleave,  
whom alone we must serve,  
whom only we must worship,  
and in whom alone we put our trust.**

**Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,  
incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;  
one in substance and yet distinct in three Persons,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.**

**By whom we confess and believe all things  
in heaven and earth,  
visible and invisible,  
to have been created,  
to be retained in their being,  
and to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable providence  
for such end as His eternal wisdom,  
goodness, and justice have appointed,  
and to the manifestation of His own glory. Amen.**

*The Scots Confession 1560, Article 1*

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your  
 2. Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true holiness.  
 3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your  
 ho - ly Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and  
 mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the  
 plan for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will  
 fa - shion us in Your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be  
 ra - diance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our  
 ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your  
 seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
 eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of power that can  
 pro - mis - es, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your  
 fill in us all Your pur - po - ses, for Your glo - ry.  
 nev - er fail; Let their truth pre - vail ov - er un - be - lief.  
 church is built and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

## 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

11:00

Collier Ruth Rowling  
 Luke Michael Smartt

Emilia Katherine Boone  
 Grayson Houston Boone  
 James David Huffman  
 Luke Shephard Grabow

## Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

### \*Hymn

9:30/11:00

“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

*JESUS LOVES ME*

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.

## Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Overton

O God, we rejoice in the perfections of Your Word,  
that in the Scriptures You have revealed Your love for us  
in Jesus Christ and how we might love You in return.  
Lord, we confess that what we know  
and how we live don't always line up.  
We say we believe,  
we say we trust,  
and yet our actions reveal our true selves before You.  
Have mercy on our wandering hearts,  
and pity on our weakness.  
Take us to the place where we can see  
that without You we can do nothing.  
Teach us not only to know Your Word,  
but how to live and die by it.  
May Your Spirit illumine our lives,  
and lead us in paths of righteousness  
for Your name's sake.

## Private Confession

## Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Isaiah 62.2-3

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

## Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Overton

*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 "Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace" Olive Dungan  
Mr. Nielson, piano

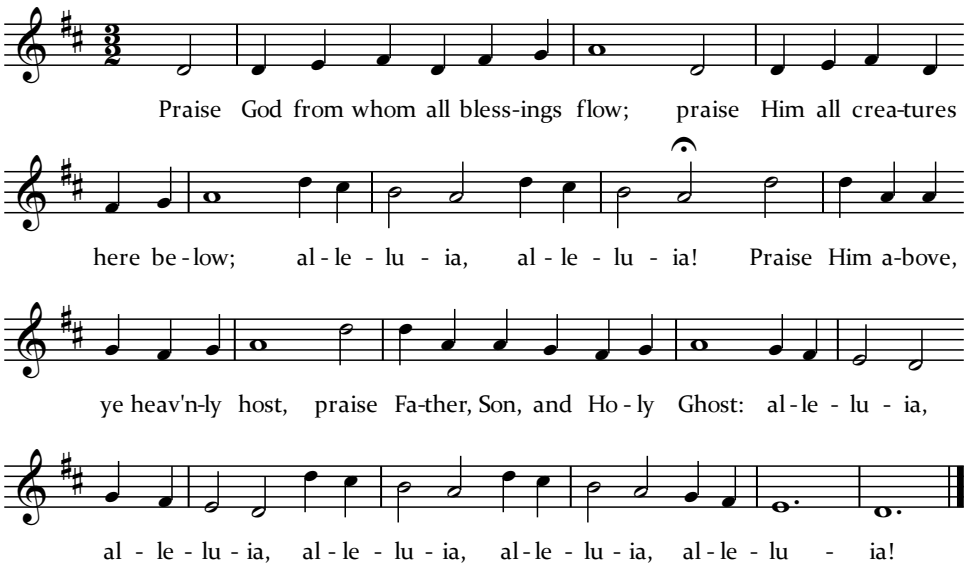
9:30/11:00 "My God, My Portion, and My Love" arr. Mack Wilberg  
Chancel Choir • Pam Adams, flute  
Stephen Nielson, piano • Nathan Davy, conducting

*My God, my Portion, and my Love, my everlasting All, I've none but Thee in heaven above, or on this earthly ball.  
What empty things are all the skies, and this inferior clod! There's nothing here deserves my joys, there's nothing like my God.  
In vain the bright, the burning sun scatters his feeble light; 'tis Thy sweet beams create my noon; if Thou withdraw, 'tis night.  
Let all that dwell above the sky, and air, and earth, and seas, conspire to lift Thy glories high and speak Thine endless praise.  
The whole creation join in one, to bless the sacred Name, of Him that sits upon the throne, and to adore 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!

*During the 9:30 a.m. service, 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 2.12-17

*And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: "The words of Him who has the sharp two-edged sword.*

<sup>13</sup> *I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast My name, and you did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas My faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.*

<sup>14</sup> *But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality.*

<sup>15</sup> So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of My mouth.

<sup>17</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.'

## The Sermon

“The Two-Edged Sword”

Mr. Williams 8:00  
Mr. Goebel 9:30/11:00

*Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please continue at the closing hymn.*

## \*The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

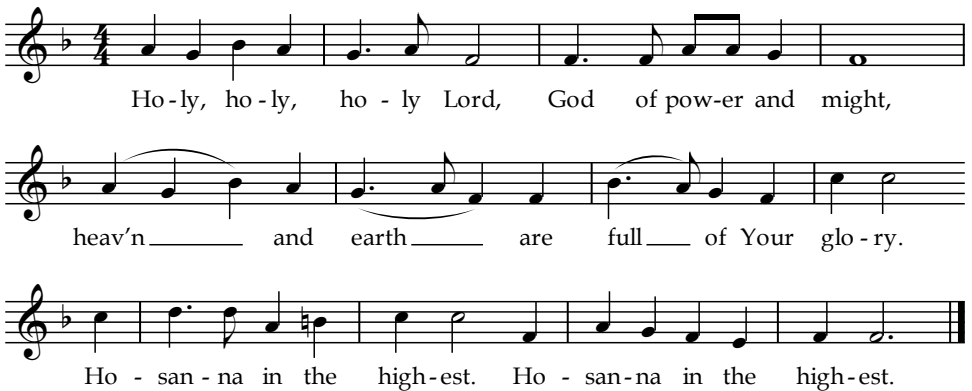
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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 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**

“There Is a Redeemer”

Keith Green



1. There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. When I stand in glo - ry I will see His face, \_\_\_\_\_ and



pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, Ho - ly One.  
pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, hope for \_ sin - ners slain.  
there I'll serve my King for-ev-er, in \_\_\_ that ho - ly place.



Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv-ing us Your Son; \_\_\_\_\_ and



leav - ing Your Spir - it 'til the work on earth is done.

**\*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

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”  
Mr. Nielson, *piano*

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

9:30/11:00

“Trumpet Tune in D”  
Dr. Davy, *organ*

David Johnson

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and with love and thankfulness for Ben Cervin in celebration of his birthday.*





**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

**Executive Director**

Jeff Barber

**SERMON NOTES**

Revelation 2.12-17  
“The Two-Edged Sword”

## 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 does the Bible tell one Story from Genesis to Revelation? Why is it important for the Church to both know and proclaim this Story?
2. Why is the Bible called a "two-edged sword"? What does the image of a sword tell us about the Word of God?
3. How is the Bible our authority? Why is the Bible's authority much deeper than a book of rules?
4. In what was the problem with the church in Pergamum the opposite of the problem with the church in Ephesus?
5. What does the Word of God have to do with judgment?
6. What does the Word of God have to do with salvation?
7. Read Revelation 2.17 and Isaiah 62.2. Why does the promise of a new name give us hope?

# Highlights

SEPTEMBER 17, 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.



## Fall Bible Studies and Classes

Join us for a class or study as we abide in Christ and connect with one another:

- 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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## 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: Help with Medicare

*September 22*

10:00 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL C

PCPC Senior Adults, join us for an informative seminar to equip your understanding of Medicare.

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## Understanding the Book of Revelation

*October 1*

6:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

How are we to understand this strange and mysterious book? Join us for a lecture with Dr. G.K. Beale, Professor of New Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary and published author.

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## Second Grade Bibles

*October 1*

8:30 A.M. | THE LOFT (LEVEL TWO)

PCPC Kids invites all second graders to receive a name-engraved Bible during a special ceremony. A continental-style breakfast will be available at 8:30 a.m. After the ceremony, participants are encouraged to attend the 9:30 a.m. worship service, where the students will be recognized. Register online.

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## Special Events

*Missionary Mailings*

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

*Parenting Ahead Class*

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

*Third Third Luncheon*

OCTOBER 1 | 12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL C

*Faith & Culture Book Discussion*

BEGINNING OCTOBER 16 | 12:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

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## GENERAL FUND

2023/2024 Operating Budget	\$15,925,000
Jul 1, 2023–Sept 10, 2023 Budget	\$2,431,473
Jul 1, 2023–Sept 10, 2023 Giving	\$2,446,145
Budget Variance	\$14,672