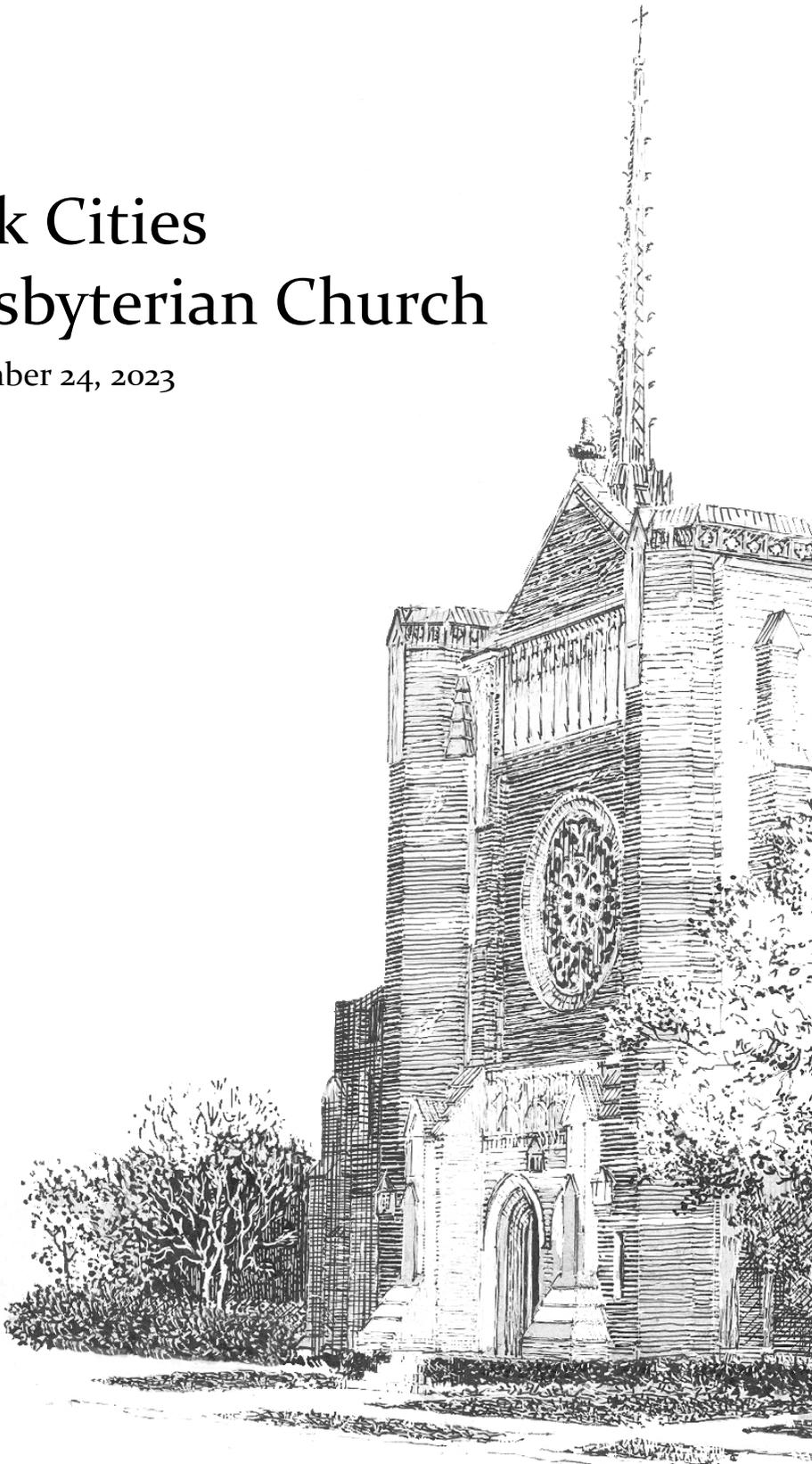


# Park Cities Presbyterian Church

September 24, 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 24, 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

## \*Call to Worship

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**People: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence  
with singing!**

Minister: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

**People: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!**

Minister: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

**People: and His faithfulness to all generations.**

Psalm 100.1-2, 4-5

## \*Hymn of Praise

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

MADRID

Hymn No. 302 in the Trinity Hymnal



Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Praise yet our Christ a - gain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
let prai - ses fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



let all with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - jice;  
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll con - de - scend;  
on heav - en's bliss - ful shore, His good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is His gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
His love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
sing - ing for - ev - er - more, “Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!”

**\*Prayer of Adoration concluding with the Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Preparation for Confession**

**Musical Meditation**

9:30/11:00

“Adagio” Opus 122, No. 6  
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

*Johannes Brahms*

**\*Hymn**

9:30/11:00

“O God, You Search Me and You Know Me”  
Choir: Stanza 1 • Congregation: Stanzas 2-3

*Psalm 139/  
Farrell*



1. O God, You search me and You know me. All my thoughts lie  
2. You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing. You dis - cern my  
3. For You cre - at - ed me and shaped me, gave me life with -



o - pen to Your gaze. when I walk or lie down You are be -  
pur - pose through and through. You are with me be - yond my un - der -  
in my moth - er's womb. For the won - der of who I am I



fore me: ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.  
stand - ing: God of my pres - ent, my past and fu - ture, too.  
praise You: safe in Your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

## Public Confession of Sin

The Rev. Dr. Pete Deison 8:00  
The Rev. Bill Lamberth 9:30/11:00

Blessed Lord Jesus,  
before Your cross I bow  
and see the heinousness of my sin.  
Sin is my malady,  
my monster,  
my foe,  
my viper.  
It is born in my birth,  
alive in my life,  
strong in my character,  
dominating my faculties,  
following me as a shadow,  
intermingling with every thought,  
my chain that holds me captive in the empire of my soul.  
Yet Your compassions yearn over me,  
Your heart hastens to my rescue,  
Your love endured my curse,  
Your mercy bore my stripes.  
Let me walk humbly in the lowest depths of humiliation,  
bathed in Your blood,  
tender of conscience,  
triumphing gloriously as an heir of salvation.

## Private Confession

## Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him. Psalm 103.11-13

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

## \*Hymn

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Vikki Cook



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me  
3. Be - hold Him there, the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect



strong, a per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is  
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see Him  
spot - less Right - eous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I



Love who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
there who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the  
Am, the King of glo - ry and of Grace. One with Him -



gra - ven on His hands. My name is writ - ten on His  
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
self, I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased with His



heart. I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can  
free. For God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on  
blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my



bid me thence de - part; no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.  
Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

## Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison 8:00

Mr. Lamberth 9:30/11:00

*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

"Air in D"  
Mary Preston, organ

John Reading

9:30/11:00

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"  
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, conducting

SOUTHERN HARMONY

*On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye to Canaan's fair  
and happy land, where my possessions lie.*

*I am bound for the promised land, oh, who will come and go with me,  
I am bound for the promised land!*

*O the transporting rapturous scene that rises to my sight! Sweet fields  
arrayed in living green, and rivers of delight.*

*Filled with delight, my raptured soul would here no longer stay! Though  
Jordan's waves around me roll, fearless I'd launch away.*

**\*The Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

9:30/11:00

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

*During the 9:30 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 2.18-29**

- And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: "The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.*
- <sup>19</sup> I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first.*
  - <sup>20</sup> But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing My servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols.*
  - <sup>21</sup> I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality.*
  - <sup>22</sup> Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works,*
  - <sup>23</sup> and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am He who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works.*
  - <sup>24</sup> But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden.*
  - <sup>25</sup> Only hold fast what you have until I come.*
  - <sup>26</sup> The one who conquers and who keeps My works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations,*
  - <sup>27</sup> and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I Myself have received authority from My Father.*
  - <sup>28</sup> And I will give him the morning star.*
  - <sup>29</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'*

**The Sermon**

"To the Church at Thyatira—  
Tolerating Evil"

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

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**

**“Join All the Glorious Names”**

DARWALL



1. Join all the glo - rious names of wis - dom, love, and  
2. Great Proph - et of my God, my tongue would bless Thy  
3. Je - sus, my great High Priest, of - fered His blood and  
4. Thou art my Coun - sel - or, my pat - tern, and my  
5. My Sav - ior and my Lord, my Con - qu'ror and my



pow'r, that ev - er mor - tals knew, that an - gels  
name: by Thee the joy - ful news of our sal -  
died; my guilt - y con - science seeks no sac - ri -  
Guide, and Thou my Shep - herd art; O keep me  
King, Thy scep - ter and Thy sword, Thy reign - ing



ev - er bore: all are too poor to speak His worth,  
va - tion came, the joy - ful news of sins for - giv'n,  
fice be - side: His pow'r - ful blood did once a - tone  
near Thy side; nor let my feet e'er turn a - stray  
grace, I sing: Thine is the pow'r; be - hold I sit



too poor to set my Sav - ior forth.  
of hell sub - dued and peace with heav'n.  
and now it pleads be - fore the throne.  
to wan - der in the crook - ed way.  
in will - ing bonds be - neath Thy feet.

**\*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

“Allegro” from *Concerto in F*  
Mrs. Preston, organ

*Tomaso Albinoni*

9:30/11:00

“Sortie”  
Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

*Denis Bédard*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for our granddaughter, Carver Caroline Easley,  
on the occasion of her 6th birthday by Granny and Pop Pop.  
Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!*

*Children's children are a crown to the aged,  
and parents are the pride of their children.  
Proverbs 17.6*



**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. 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 2.18-29

“To the Church at Thyatira—Tolerating Evil”

## 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 Jesus commend the church at Thyatira?
2. How does Jesus specifically condemn the church at Thyatira?
3. What is significant about the false prophetess Jezebel and the connection to the Old Testament?
4. What led the people to tolerate sin? Where do we see tolerance in the church today? What about in your life—past and present?
5. What can we learn about repentance in this passage?
6. How does Jesus encourage those who are remaining faithful?

# Highlights

SEPTEMBER 24, 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.

## Connection 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 Connection Card, so we can know you were here and help you connect.



## Missionary Mailings

*Today*

12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us as we write notes of encouragement to our missionaries near and far. Lunch will be provided; donations appreciated.

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

## Second Grade Bibles

*October 1*

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

PCPC Kids invites all second graders to receive a Bible during a special ceremony. A continental-style breakfast will be 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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## 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.

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

## Faith & Culture

*Mondays beginning October 16*

12:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

This five-week lunch-hour discussion of Rebecca McLaughlin's *The Secular Creed* will be led by various PCPC pastors in an interactive format. We will evaluate some of the contemporary claims of our culture through a biblical lens.

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

## Church in the City Luncheon

*October 8*

12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Sports provide us with unique opportunities to build relationships and share the Gospel in our city. Join us for lunch after church on October 8 as we discuss this topic. Registration is appreciated but not required.

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

## Special Events

*Parenting Ahead Class*

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

*The Gathering (High School)*

SEPTEMBER 27 | 7:15 P.M.

*Third Third Luncheon*

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

*Pumpkin Gospel*

OCTOBER 6 | 5:00 P.M. | PCPC COURTYARD

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## GENERAL FUND

2023/2024 Operating Budget	\$15,925,000
Jul 1, 2023–Sept 17, 2023 Budget	\$2,680,193
Jul 1, 2023–Sept 17, 2023 Giving	\$2,659,680
Budget Variance	(\$20,513)