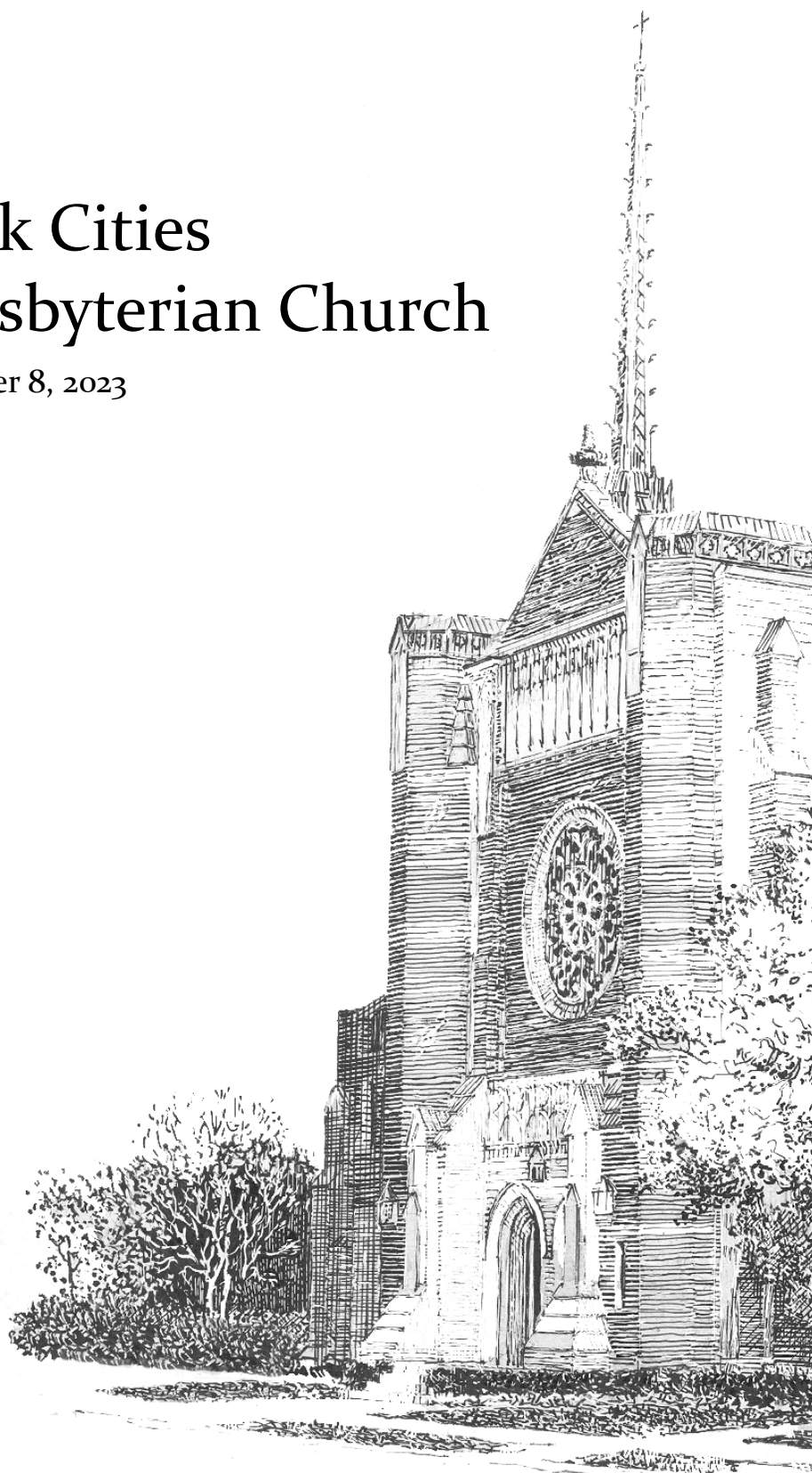


# Park Cities Presbyterian Church

October 8, 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

October 8, 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 "Liturgical Improvisation" George Oldroyd  
Mary Preston, organ

9:30/11:00 "Allegro" from *Concerto in D Major, BWV 972* J. S. Bach  
Cody McClarty, trumpet • Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

## \*Call to Worship

Minister: Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
**People: prisoners in affliction and in irons,**  
Minister: for they had rebelled against the words of God,  
**People: and spurned the counsel of the Most High.**  
Minister: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
**People: and He delivered them from their distress.**  
Minister: He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,  
**People: and burst their bonds apart.**  
Minister: Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love,  
**People: for His wondrous works to the children of man!**  
Minister: For He shatters the doors of bronze  
**People: and cuts in two the bars of iron.** Psalm 107:10-11, 13-16

## \*Hymn of Praise "And Can It Be That I Should Gain" SAGINA



1. And can it be that I should gain  
2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies:  
3. He left His Fa - ther's throne a - bove  
4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay  
5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread;



an in - t'rest in the Sav - ior's blood?  
who can ex - plore His strange de - sign?  
(so free so in - fi - nite His grace!),  
fast bound in sin and na - ture's night;  
Je - sus and all in Him is mine!



Died He for me who caused His pain?  
In vain the first - born ser - aph tries  
hum - bled Him - self (so great His love!),  
Thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning ray:  
A - live in Him, my liv - ing Head,



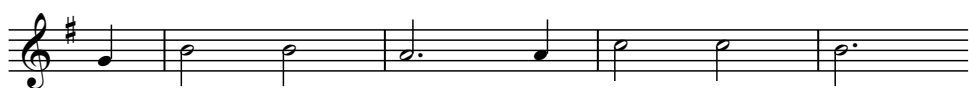
For me, who Him to death pur - sued?  
to sound the depth of love di - vine.  
and bled for all His cho - sen race.  
I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light;  
and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine,



A - maz - ing love! How can it be  
'Tis mer - cy all! Let earth a - dore,  
'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and free;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free;  
bold I ap - proach th'e - ter - nal throne,



that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
let an - gel minds in - quire no more.  
for, O my God, it found out me.  
I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed Thee.  
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.



A - maz - ing love! How can it be



that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

### \*Prayer of Adoration

Minister. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**People:** That I belong—  
 body and soul,  
 in life and in death—  
 not to myself,  
 but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,  
 who at the cost of His own blood  
 has fully paid for all my sins  
 and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;  
 that He protects me so well  
 that without the will of my Father in heaven  
 not a hair can fall from my head;  
 indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation.  
 Therefore, by His Holy Spirit,  
 He also assures me of eternal life,  
 and makes me wholeheartedly willing  
 and ready from now on to live for Him.

*Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1*

\*Hymn

“In Christ Alone”

Townend/Getty



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of  
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the



light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this so - lid  
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right-eous-  
 world by dark - ness slain: Then burst - ing forth in glo - r'ous  
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



Ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm.  
 ness scorned by the ones He came to save:  
 Day up from the grave He rose a - gain!  
 breath Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are  
 'Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of  
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry sin's curse has  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My Com - for - ter, my All in  
 God was sat - is - fied For ev - 'ry sin on Him was  
 lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is  
 pluck me from His hand; 'Till He re - turns or calls me



All, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 laid; here in the death of Christ I live.  
 mine— bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

### Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Overton

**O GOD, I bless You for the happy moment  
 when I first saw Your law fulfilled in Christ,  
 wrath appeased, death destroyed, sin forgiven,  
 my soul saved.**

**Ever since, You have been faithful to me:  
 daily have I proved the power of Jesus' blood,  
 daily have I known the strength of the Spirit,  
 my teacher, director, sanctifier.**

**I want no other rock to build upon than that I have,  
 desire no other hope than that of Gospel truth,  
 need no other look than that which gazes on the cross.**

**Forgive me when I have tried to add anything  
 to the one foundation,  
 if I have unconsciously relied upon my knowledge,  
 experience, and deeds,  
 if I have attempted to complete what is perfect  
 in Christ;**

**May my cry be always, Only Jesus! Only Jesus!  
 In Him is freedom from condemnation,  
 fullness in His righteousness,  
 eternal vitality in His given life,  
 indissoluble union in fellowship with Him.**

**In Him I have all that I can hold;  
 enlarge me to take in more.**

### Private Confession

### Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8.1-2

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

*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

"Trio in F"  
Mrs. Preston, organ

Johann Ludwig Krebs

9:30/11:00

"Jesu Dulcis Memoria"  
Chancel Choir • Dr. Davy, conducting

Tomás Luis de Victoria

*Jesu dulcis memoria dans vera cordi gaudia:  
sed super mel et omnia ejus dulcis praesentia.*

Jesus! The very thought is sweet, in that dear name all heart joys meet;  
but sweeter than the honey far, the glimpses of His presence are.

Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548 – 1611) was the most famous Spanish composer of the Renaissance. With his strong contrapuntal technique, he fused an intense dramatic feeling that is uniquely personal and deeply Spanish.

## \*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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 3.7-13**

*And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: "The words of the Holy One, the True One, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.*

<sup>8</sup> *'I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept My Word and have not denied My Name.*

<sup>9</sup> *Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you.*

<sup>10</sup> *Because you have kept My Word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.*

<sup>11</sup> *I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.*

<sup>12</sup> *The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from My God out of heaven, and My own new name.*

<sup>13</sup> *He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."*

**The Sermon**

"To the Church at Philadelphia—  
The Key, the Door, and the Pillar"

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

**\*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:**



**\*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.*

9:30/11:00

*During the serving of Communion*

**"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

*HAMBURG*



When I sur - vey the won - drous cross,  
For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,



on which the Prince of glo - ry died,  
save in the death of Christ my God:  
sor - row and love flow - ming - gled down:  
that were a pres - ent far too small;



my rich - est gain I count but loss,  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
did e'er such love and sor - row meet,  
love so a - maz - ing so di - vine,



and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

**"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**  
Mr. McClarty, trumpet • Dr. Davy, organ

*LOBE DEN HERREN*



**\*Closing Hymn**

**"Lift High the Cross"**

CRUCIFER



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim,



'till all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1. Come, breth - ren fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4. Thy king - dom come, that earth's de - spair may cease
5. For Thy blest cross which doth for us a - tone,



our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
the hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
as Thou hast prom - ised, draw men un - to Thee.  
be - neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.  
cre - a - tion's prais - es rise be - fore Thy throne.

**\*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 G*  
Mrs. Preston, organ

*William Hayes*

9:30/11:00

"Allegro con brio" from *Sonata IV*  
Dr. Davy, organ

*Felix Mendelssohn*

*\*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 Jane and Tex Higginbotham, celebrating their October birthdays. This is Jane's first in Heaven. Tex Higginbotham would be 25. We miss you both!*

*The flowers in the narthex are given with thanksgiving and praise to God for the life of Jake Berryhill.*

*As we remember Jake on the anniversary of his Homegoing, we look forward in faith to that joyful day when we will be reunited as a family in eternal fellowship with Our Savior.*

*Elise and Jim Berryhill, Jenni and Paul Goebel*

*"Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!" Psalm 126.5*

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

Evelyn C. Johns



**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 3.7-13

“To the Church at Philadelphia—  
The Key, the Door, and the Pillar”

## 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 is Jesus described in Revelation 3:7?
2. What historical connection exists regarding the key of David, and why is this important?
3. What are the works that bring Christ's commendation to this church? How should this look in our lives today?
4. What is significant about the door?
5. What will happen to those who are persecuting the church in verse seven?
6. What does Christ promise to make of those who conquer, and what does He promise to make?
7. How does this letter inspire and encourage you to live in and for Christ Jesus?

# Highlights

OCTOBER 8, 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.



## State Fair Day

*October 12*

9:30 A.M. | OAK LAWN WEST PARKING LOT

PCPC Senior Adults, bring a friend, and let's have a great day at the Fair! Contact Jane Beasley at 214-224-2771 or [jane.beasley@pcpc.org](mailto:jane.beasley@pcpc.org) to reserve a seat on one of the vans. Senior Fair tickets are \$5.

## Young Adult Solitude Saturday

*October 14*

9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. | GRAND HALL

Join us at PCPC for a quiet morning of solitude and prayer. We'll gather at the beginning to discuss what we'll be doing and then disperse around the church to think and pray in solitude.

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

## Faith & Culture Book Discussion

*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 evaluating the contemporary claims of our culture.

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

## The Bridge: What's Her Story?

*October 17*

6:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for an evening with women of all ages. We will gather for food and fellowship and then hear from long-time PCPC Member D'Ann Moxley. Charge is \$5. No reservation is required.

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

## Church in the City Luncheon

*Today*

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 today to discuss!

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## Special Events

*MinistrySafe Training*

OCTOBER 11 | 6:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

*Middle School Girls Fall Party*

OCTOBER 12 | 7:00 P.M. | MS HANGOUT

*Celebrate Global Worker - Megan*

OCTOBER 18 | 12:00 P.M. | ADULT CLASSROOM 8

*City Missions: Project Workday*

OCTOBER 28 | 8:30 A.M. | THRIVE WOMEN'S CLINIC

*VOCES8 Concert*

NOVEMBER 2 | 7:30 P.M. | SANCTUARY

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## GENERAL FUND

2023/2024 Operating Budget	\$15,925,000
Jul 1, 2023–Oct 1, 2023 Budget	\$3,146,684
Jul 1, 2023–Oct 1, 2023 Giving	\$2,794,445
Budget Variance	(\$352,239)