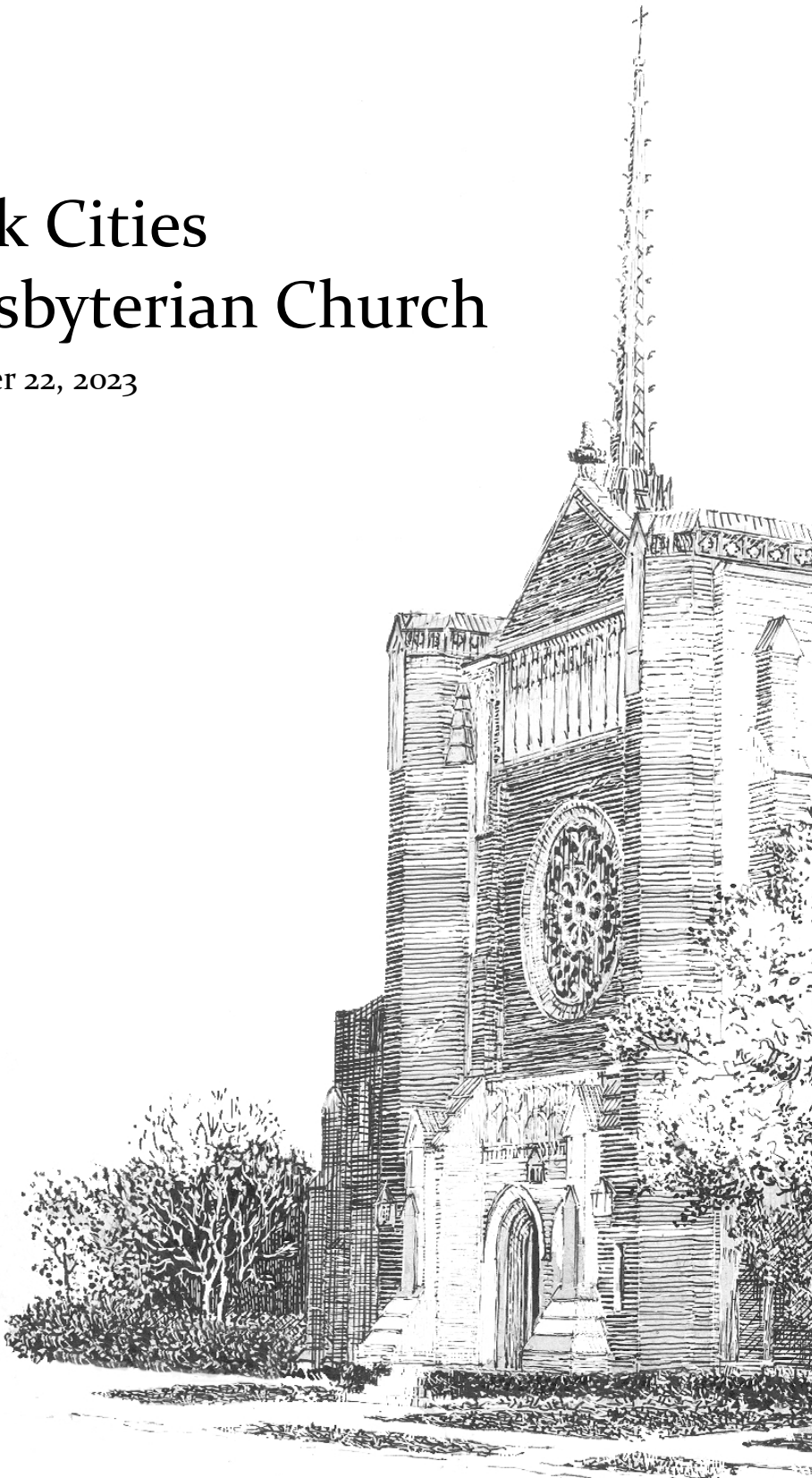


# Park Cities Presbyterian Church

October 22, 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 22, 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: 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;

**People: in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand  
are pleasures forevermore.**

Psalm 16.8-11

## \*Hymn of Praise

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE



Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;  
Be Thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight;  
Rich - es I need 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—  
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
be Thou my dig - ni - ty, Thou my de - light,  
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 my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son; —  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, Thou my high tow'r; —  
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.  
Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.  
raise Thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my Pow'r.  
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.  
still by my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## \*Prayer of Adoration

### Public Confession of Sin

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 8:00  
The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

Most holy and merciful Father,  
we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature –  
prone to evil and slothful in good –  
and all our shortcomings and offenses against You.  
You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from Your ways,  
in wasting Your gifts,  
in forgetting Your love.  
O Lord, have mercy on us,  
who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You.  
Teach us to hate our errors,  
cleanse us from our secret faults,  
and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son.  
And O most holy and loving Father,  
send Your purifying grace into our hearts,  
we beseech You,  
that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways,  
according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Book of Common Prayer, 1906*

### Private Confession

**Musical Meditation**      “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”      *arr. Molly Ijames*  
9:30/11:00                      Lucas Aleman, *violin*

### Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed.

*Isaiah 53.4-5*

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

### \*Profession of Faith

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

Minister: What do we pray for in the second petition [of *The Lord's Prayer*]?  
People: **In the second petition, which is, Thy Kingdom come, we pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed; and that the Kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the Kingdom of glory may be hastened.**

*Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 102*



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**

Mr. Higginbottom 8:00

Mr. Goebel 9:30/11:00

*In addition to giving via passed offering plates, you are also welcome to give online at [pccp.org/give](http://pccp.org/give) or text “give” to 214-833-7724.*

**Musical Offering**

8:00

“Allegretto in D minor”  
Mary Preston, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

9:30/11:00

“Come Christians, Join to Sing”

Randall Kempton

Chancel Choir • Lucas Aleman, violin • Steve Barnes, percussion  
Stephen Nielson and Nathan Davy, piano • J. Marty Cope, conducting

*Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen! loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen! let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice; praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen! let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen! He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend; His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!*

*Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen! life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen! on heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"*

**\*The Doxology**

LASST UNS EFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures  
here below; alleluia, alleluia! Praise Him above,  
ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*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.*

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF SAMUEL HARRIS LEOPOLD  
AS ASSISTANT PASTOR OF PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

9:30/11:00

**Explanation of Ordination and Installation**

The Rev. Mark Davis

**The Ordination Questions**

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will on your own initiative make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of Biblical polity?
4. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
5. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love of God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?
6. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
7. Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer?

**The Installation Questions**

1. Are you now willing to serve this congregation as an assistant pastor, agreeable to your declaration in accepting its call?
2. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in serving this congregation, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?
3. Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of an assistant pastor to this congregation, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the Gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?

**Questions to the Session:**

1. Do you, the men of the session of PCPC, continue to profess your readiness to receive Sam Leopold to be your assistant pastor?
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love?
3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
4. Do you engage to continue him, while he is your assistant pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

The Pronouncement and the Right Hand of Fellowship

Mr. Davis

\*Hymn

“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”

HENDEN



Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to —  
Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treas - ure—



Thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in  
store. Take my self, and I will be ev - er on - ly,



cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
all for Thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

Charge to the Session

The Rev. Paul Goebel

\*The Scripture Reading: Revelation 4.1-11

*After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”*

*<sup>2</sup> At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with One seated on the throne.*

*<sup>3</sup> And He who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald.*

*<sup>4</sup> Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads.*

*<sup>5</sup> From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God,*

*<sup>6</sup> and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind:*

*<sup>7</sup> the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight.*

*<sup>8</sup> And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”*

*<sup>9</sup> And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever,*

*<sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who is seated on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,*

*<sup>11</sup> “Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.”*

*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.)*

**\*Closing Hymn**

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

NICAEA

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord \_\_\_\_\_ God Al - might - y!  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord \_\_\_\_\_ God Al - might - y!





Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
 on - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 Who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

**\*The Benediction**

Mr. Williams 8:00  
 The Rev. Sam Leopold 9:30/11:00

Minister: Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, in all your darkness and troubles, remember what you are and have. You've been loved with an everlasting love, you are supported by everlasting arms, you are recipients of everlasting life, and heirs of an everlasting Kingdom, all sealed and made sure by the blood of an everlasting covenant.

*Dale Ralph Davis*

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

**The Postlude**

8:00 "Allegro" from *Concerto in B minor* Antonio Vivaldi  
 Mrs. Preston, organ

9:30/11:00 "Grand Choeur" Théodore Salomé  
 Dr. Davy, organ

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*The flowers are given to the glory of God by Sam and Kimberly Leopold in loving memory of their parents Janet Leopold and James Neil Gross on this day of ordination.*

**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 4.1-11  
“The Throne”

## 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 all of Revelation 4 again. As you read it, what stands out to you? What curiosity is created in you? What do you long to understand?
2. What is the significance of the throne in the book of Revelation?
3. What does the vision of the throne and thrones reveal to us about the sovereignty of God, and why does that matter today?
4. What do the various images that John saw reveal to us about the majesty and glory of God?
5. How should what John saw in this vision affect our worship of Christ?

# Highlights

OCTOBER 22, 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.



## Project Workday

October 28

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

Help Thrive give their offices a facelift. Volunteers of all ages are welcome! We will paint, clean, and garden. Sign up online. [pcpc.org/events](https://pcpc.org/events)

## VOCES8

November 2

7:30 P.M. | SANCTUARY

2023 Grammy-nominated British vocal ensemble VOCES8 will perform at PCPC. Please purchase a ticket: \$15.00 general public, \$7.00 students. [pcpcconcerts.org](https://pcpcconcerts.org)

## Pray, Give, Go Global Missions Expo

November 5

10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Missions Department will host an expo highlighting PCPC's short-term mission trips, church planters, and missionaries. Join us to hear stories from these ministry workers and learn more about mission trip opportunities in 2024. [pcpc.org/events](https://pcpc.org/events)

## Parking at PCPC

Please download or pick up a parking map and follow the guidelines on how and where to park at PCPC.



## Ministry Impact Report



Pick up a copy in the Grand Hall, scan this QR code, or download it online!

[pcpc.org/impact-report](https://pcpc.org/impact-report)

## Crates for Ukraine

MTW Team Lviv, along with PCPC missionaries Masha and Doug Shepherd, plan to continue their efforts in Ukraine. 3 ways to help: Give to Disaster Relief to help fill the crates, purchase supplies, and help pack or transport crates.

[pcpc.org/crates-for-ukraine](https://pcpc.org/crates-for-ukraine)

## Special Events

*Reception for Sam Leopold*

TODAY | 12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

*Parent Equipping Panel*

NOVEMBER 8 | 6:00 P.M. | MEZZANINE A

*Young Adult Night of Worship*

NOVEMBER 9 | 7:00 P.M. | CHAPEL

*Helping Hands*

NOVEMBER 11 | 8:00 A.M. | OAK LAWN WEST

*Poinsettias for the Sanctuary*

RESERVATIONS BEGIN OCT. 23

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



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App with iOS or Android device where you can give online (including setting up recurring gifts).

## GENERAL FUND

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

Jul 1, 2023–Oct 15, 2023 Budget \$3,582,226

Jul 1, 2023–Oct 15, 2023 Giving \$3,427,399

Budget Variance (\$154,827)