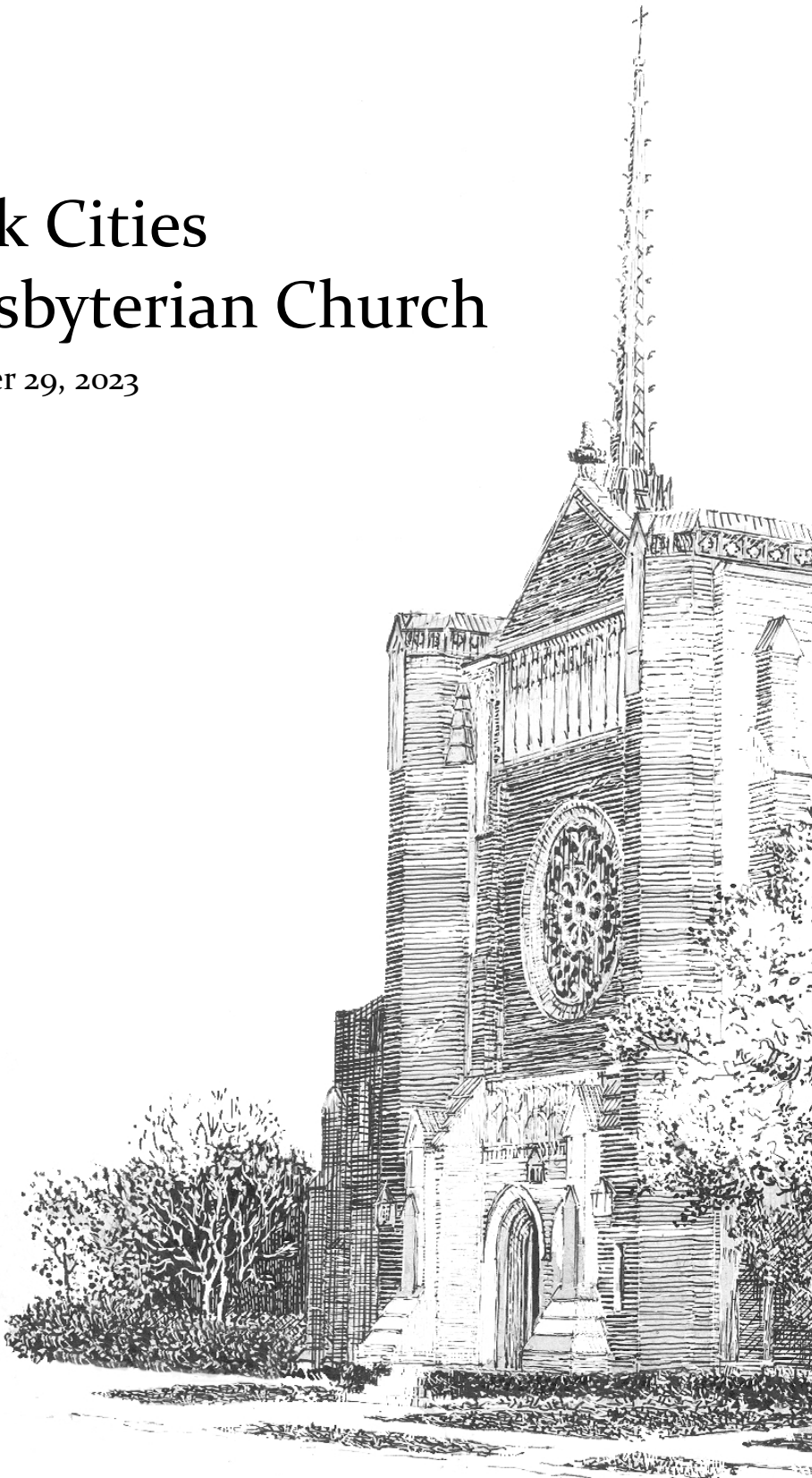


Park Cities Presbyterian Church

October 29, 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 29, 2023
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Reformation Sunday

Today we celebrate Reformation Sunday. The Reformation sought to reclaim the Gospel: that we are saved by grace alone (sola gratia), through faith alone (sola fide), in Christ alone (solus Christus), on the basis of Scripture alone (sola Scriptura), to the glory of God alone (soli Deo gloria).

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00
The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

The Prelude

8:00

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

BRO. JAS’ AIR
arr. S. Nielson

9:30/11:00

“St. Andrew’s Processional”
 (“Highland Cathedral”)

Traditional
arr. Mark Schweizer

*Call to Worship

Minister: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;

People: He is their stronghold in the time of trouble.

Minister: The Lord helps them and delivers them;

People: He delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in Him.

Psalm 37:39-40

*Hymn of Praise

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

EIN’ FESTE BURG



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no



bul - wark nev - er fail - ing; our help - er He a -
striv - ing would be los - ing; were not the right Man
threat - en to un - do us, we will not fear, for
thanks to them, a - bid - eth; the Spir - it and the



mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing,
on our side, the Man of God’s own choos - ing,
God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.
gifts are ours through Him who with us sid - eth.



For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus it is
 The prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al -



woe; His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with
 He, Lord Sa - ba - oth His name, from age to
 him; his rage we can en - dure, for lo, his
 so; the bod - y they may kill: God's truth a -



cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age the same, and He must win the bat - tle.
 doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 bid - eth still; His king - dom is for - ev - er.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Bill Lamberth

**We affirm that we desire to follow Scripture alone
 as rule of faith and religion,
 without mixing with it any other thing
 which might be devised by the opinion of men
 apart from the Word of God,
 and without wishing to accept for our spiritual government
 any other doctrine than what is conveyed to us
 by the same Word
 without addition or diminution,
 according to the command of our Lord.**

from the Geneva Confession, 1536 by John Calvin and William Farel

***Musical Acclamation**

9:30/11:00

**"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
 Brass and Percussion Ensemble**

*original rhythmic setting
 by Martin Luther*

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
 through my groaning all day long.
 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
 my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
 I acknowledged my sin to You,
 and I did not cover my iniquity;
 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
 and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
 Therefore let everyone who is godly
 offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found.

Psalm 32:3, 5-6a

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

Psalm 130.4

*Whoever would deal with Thee must deal so that this confession proceeds
 from his heart, which says: "Lord, if Thou be not merciful all is lost,
 no matter how pious I may be."*—Martin Luther

Scriptures and explanation for the Confession and Assurance are taken
 from Luther's sermon, *Confession and the Lord's Supper*, published in 1524-25.

*Hymn of Response "All Creatures of Our God and King" *LASST UNS EREFRUEN*

<i>All</i>	1. All	crea - tures	of our	God and	King,	lift
<i>All</i>	2. Thou	rush - ing	wind that	art so	strong,	ye
<i>Women</i>	3. Thou	flow - ing	wa - ter,	pure and	clear,	make
<i>Men</i>	4. And	all	ye men	of ten - der	heart,	for -
<i>All</i>	5. Let	all	things	their	Cre - a - tor	bless, and



up	your	voice	and	with	us	sing	al - le - lu - ia,
clouds	that	sail	in	heav'n	a - long,	O —	praise Him,
mu - sic	for	thy	Lord	to	hear,	al - le - lu - ia,	
giv - ing	oth - ers,	take	your	part,	O —	sing	ye,
wor - ship	Him	in	hum - ble - ness,	O —	praise	Him,	



al - le - lu - ia!	Thou	burn - ing	sun	with	gold - en	beam,
al - le - lu - ia!	Thou	ris - ing	morn	in	praise	re - joyce,
al - le - lu - ia!	Thou	fire	so	mas - ter - ful	and	bright,
al - le - lu - ia!	Ye	who	long	pain	and	sor - row
al - le - lu - ia!	Praise,	praise	the	Fa - ther,	praise	the
						Son,



thou	sil - ver	moon	with	soft - er	gleam,
ye	lights	of	eve - ning	find	a
that	giv - est	man	both	warmth	and
praise	God	and	on	Him	cast
and	praise	the	Spir - it,	three	in
					one,

light, (men join)
care, (women join)

Refrain

O — praise Him, O — praise Him, al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Lamberth

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

Musical Offering

8:00

"Cantique de Jean Racine"
 Mr. Nielson, *piano*

Gabriel Fauré

9:30/11:00

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
 Chancel Choir • Brass and Percussion Ensemble
 Nathan Davy, *organ* • J. Marty Cope, *conducting*

arr. Dan Forrest

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee! Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee; ponder anew what the Almighty will do, if with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the amen sound from His people again; gladly fore'er we adore Him. Amen.

*The Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

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 5.1-14**

- Then I saw in the right hand of Him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals.*
- ² *And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?"*
- ³ *And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it,*
- ⁴ *and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.*
- ⁵ *And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that He can open the scroll and its seven seals."*
- ⁶ *And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.*
- ⁷ *And He went and took the scroll from the right hand of Him who was seated on the throne.*
- ⁸ *And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.*
- ⁹ *And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the scroll and to open its seals, for You were slain, and by Your blood You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,*
- ¹⁰ *and You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."*
- ¹¹ *Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,*
- ¹² *saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"*
- ¹³ *And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"*
- ¹⁴ *And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.*

The Sermon

"The Scroll, the Lion, and the Lamb"

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 8:00**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

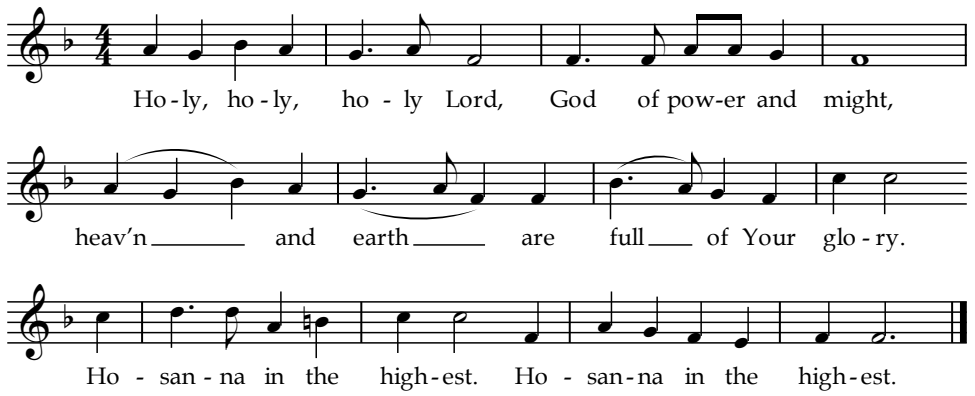
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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**

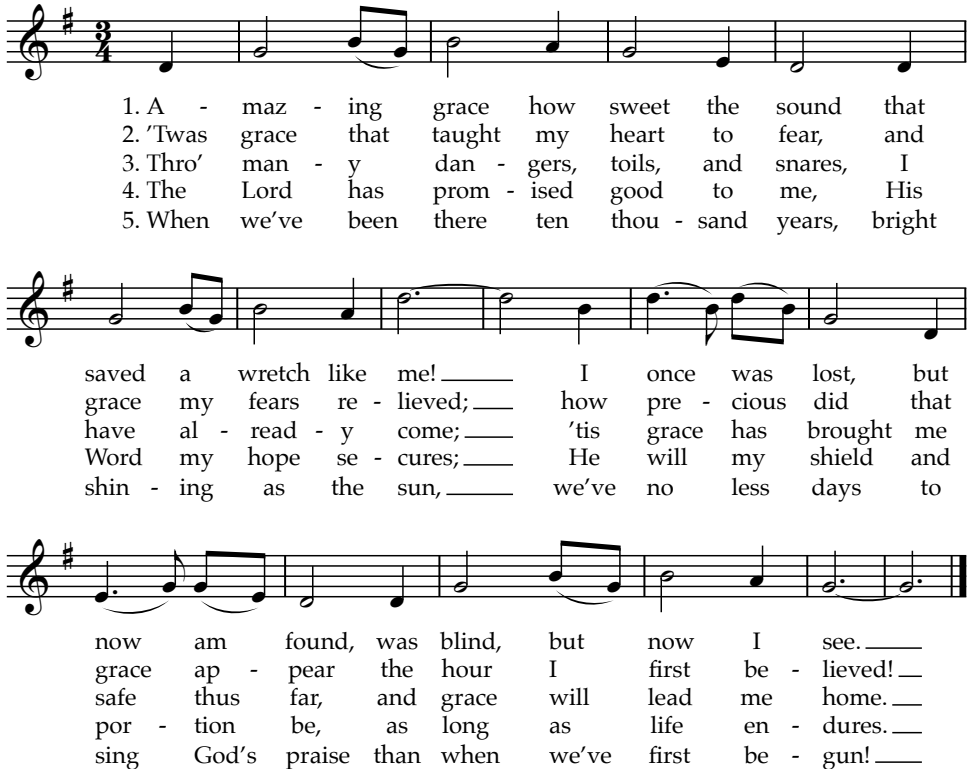
Communion 8:00

*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**

"Amazing Grace!"

AMAZING GRACE



1. A - maz - ing grace how sweet the sound that
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
 5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! _____ I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; _____ how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; _____ 'tis grace has brought me
 Word my hope se - cures; _____ He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, _____ we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see. _____
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved! _____
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. _____
 por - tion be, as long as life en - dures. _____
 sing God's praise than when we've first be - gun! _____

*The Benediction

Minister: The Lord bless us, and save us;
The Lord make His face to shine upon us,
and be merciful unto us;
The Lord turn His countenance towards us,
And grant us His peace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

—compiled and edited by John Knox

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

The Postlude

8:00

“Now Thank We All Our God”
Mr. Nielson, *piano*

NUN DANKET

9:30/11:00

“Sinfonia” from *Cantata 29, Wir danken dir*
Dr. Davy, *organ*

J. S. Bach

**Please stand if you are able.*

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

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

Stuart Stephenson, *trumpet*
Cody McClardy, *trumpet*
Andrew House, *trumpet*
Alex Kienle, *horn*
Christopher Oliver, *trombone*
Steve Menard, *trombone*
Dr. Clay Garrett, *tuba*
Michael Flight, *bagpipe*
Joe Ferraro, *percussion*
Mike McNicholas, *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.**

Reformation Sunday

Today is Reformation Sunday, which commemorates what was perhaps the greatest move of God's Spirit since the days of the Apostles. But what is the significance of Reformation Day, and how should we consider the events it commemorates?

At the time, few would have suspected that the sound of a hammer striking the castle church door in Wittenberg, Germany, would soon be heard around the world and lead ultimately to the greatest transformation of Western society since the apostles first preached the Gospel throughout the Roman empire. Martin Luther's nailing of his ninety-five theses to the church door on October 31, 1517, provoked a debate that culminated finally in what we now call the Protestant Reformation.

An heir of Bishop Augustine of Hippo, Martin Luther is one of the most significant figures God has raised up since that time. This law student turned Augustinian monk became the center of a great controversy after his theses were copied and distributed throughout Europe. Initially protesting the pope's attempt to sell salvation, Luther's study of Scripture soon led him to oppose the church of Rome on issues including the primacy of the Bible over church tradition and the means by which we are found righteous in the sight of God.

This last issue is probably Luther's most significant contribution to Christian theology. Though preached clearly in the New Testament and found in the writings of many of the church fathers, the medieval bishops and priests had largely forgotten the truth that our own good works can by no means merit God's favor. Salvation is by grace alone through faith alone, and good works result from our faith, they are not added to it as the grounds for our right standing in the Lord's eyes (Ephesians 2:8-10). Justification, God's declaration that we are not guilty, forgiven of sin, and righteous in His sight comes because through our faith alone the Father imputes, or reckons to our account, the perfect righteousness of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Martin Luther's rediscovery of this truth led to a whole host of other church and societal reforms and much of what we take for granted in the West would have likely been impossible had he never graced the scene. Luther's translation of the Bible into German put the Word of God in the hands of the people, and today Scripture is available in the vernacular language of many countries, enabling lay people to study it with profit. He recaptured the biblical view of the priesthood of all believers, showing all people that their work had purpose and dignity because in it they can serve their Creator.

May we be eager to preach the Gospel of God to the world and thereby spark a new reformation of church and culture.

—Robert Rothwell

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SERMON NOTES

Revelation 5
“The Scroll, the Lion, and the Lamb”

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. Looking back at Revelation 4 and into Revelation 5, what stands out to you as you see and hear John's vision?
2. In Revelation 5, what is the scroll? Why is the scroll important?
3. Why is no one able to open the seal, and why does this cause John to weep?
4. How is the One who is able to open the seal revealed to John? What is significant about these descriptions of Christ?
5. What is the response of those surrounding the throne to the Lion and the Lamb?
6. How should this vision inform our worship and our lives?

Highlights

OCTOBER 29, 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.



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

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 learn more about mission trip opportunities in 2024.
pcpc.org/events

Helping Hands

November 11

8:30 A.M. | OAK LAWN WEST

Be the hands and feet of Jesus and join the deacons and other volunteers to help single moms, widows/ers, and senior adults. Please register online.
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

Parent Equipping Panel

November 8

6:30 P.M. | MEZZANINE A

Join us for a panel discussion as PCPC parents share their experiences of worshiping as a family. Childcare available for children 3 months through 5th grade with reservations.

pcpc.org/events

Special Events

Young Adult Night of Worship

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

Grandparenting Luncheon

NOV. 12 | 12:30 P.M. | OAK LAWN WEST

Middle School Girls Friendsgiving

NOV. 12 | 2:00 P.M.

Kevin & Cooper Twit Concert

NOV. 12 | 7:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

*Poinsettias for the
Sanctuary*

RESERVATIONS UNTIL NOV. 27

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GENERAL FUND

2023/2024 Operating Budget	\$15,925,000
Jul 1, 2023–Oct 22, 2023 Budget	\$3,799,997
Jul 1, 2023–Oct 22, 2023 Giving	\$3,709,553
Budget Variance	(\$90,445)