



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

November 19, 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 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Johann Pachelbel

Mary Preston, organ

9:30/11:00 "Let All Things Now Living" Nielson & Young

Stephen Nielson, piano • Nathan Davy, organ

#### \*Call to Worship

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

Serve the Lord with gladness!

People: Come into His presence with singing!

Minister: Know that the Lord, He is God!

People: It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people,

and the sheep of His pasture.

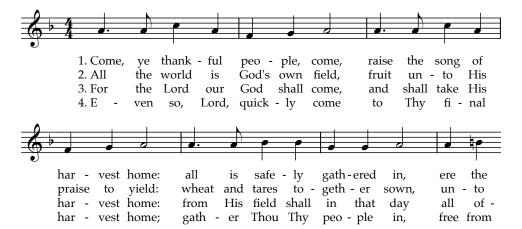
Minister: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

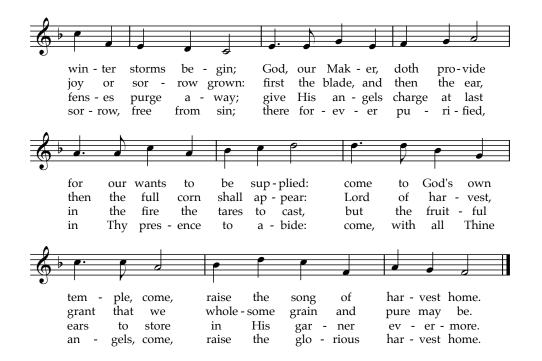
People: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

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

People: and His faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100

\*Hymn of Praise "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR Hymn No. 715 in the Trinity Hymnal





## \*Prayer of Adoration

### \*Profession of Faith

The Rev. Dr. Pete Deison

Christ, having redeemed us by His blood,
is also restoring us by His Spirit into His image,
so that with our whole lives
we may show that we are thankful to God
for His benefits,
so that He may be praised through us,
so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits,
and so that by our godly living
our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

Heidelberg Catechism, No. 86



#### Sacrament of Baptism

#### **Parental Vows**

- 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?

8:00

Emma Abigail Covin

9:30

William Laughlin Crain John Daniel Gardner Bailey Price Koons William Reames Turner Andrew William Foose Caroline Elaine Toledo Savannah Ruth Ritchie Emmaline Lynda Ritchie

#### Prayer for the Families

\*Hymn

"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**

Dr. Deison

Lord Jesus Christ,

thank You for loving me with an everlasting love.

On account of my sin,

Your love took You all the way to the cross, away from Your Father.

For this, Lord, I should love You above all else,

but my affections reveal a well full of sinfulness within me which I have kept closest to my heart,

so that I have not loved You with my whole heart, nor have I desired to.

I have loved instead the things of this world.

O Lord, forgive me.

Renew my mind that I may know You.

Soften my heart that I may love You.

Mortify my flesh that I may desire only You,
to the praise and glory of Your matchless Name.

#### **Private Confession**

#### Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

Matthew 11.28-30

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

#### Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison

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

8:00

# "All Glory Be to God on High" Mrs. Preston, *organ*

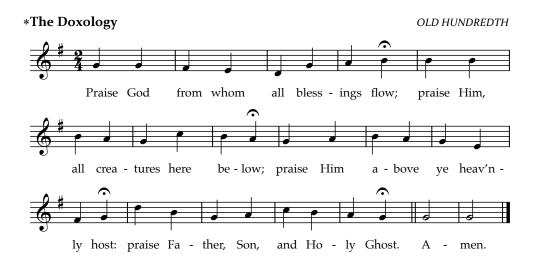
Georg Böhm

9:30/11:00 "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" arr. Healey Willan Chancel Choir • Nathan Davy, organ • J. Marty Cope, conducting

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise; with joyful hearts and voices Your alleluias raise! By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move; sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love.

By Him the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring, the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing. He filleth with His fullness, all things with large increase; He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.

Heap on His sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave, the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls He died to save. Your hearts lay down before Him when at His feet ye fall, and with your lives adore Him who gave His life for all.



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 7.1-17

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree.

<sup>2</sup> Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea,

<sup>3</sup> saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."

<sup>4</sup> And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

<sup>5</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad,

6 12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,

<sup>7</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,

- <sup>8</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.
- 9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,
- on and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
- <sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
- saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
- Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"
- <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- <sup>15</sup> "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence.
- <sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.
- <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their Shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Sermon

"Sealed"

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

Worshipers 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

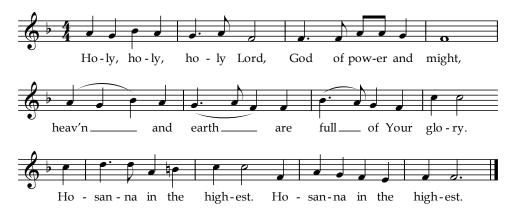
to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,

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:



#### \*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.)



#### \*The Benediction

Minister: Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, in all your troubles and darkness, remember what you are and have. You have 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

"Marche Triomphale: Now Thank We All Our God" Mrs. Preston, *organ*  Sigfrid Karg-Elert

9:30/11:00

"Toccata on Now Thank We All Our God" Dr. Davy, organ Egil Hovland

\*Please stand if you are able.

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and with thanksgiving and praise for the beautiful children being baptized today.



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 7.1-17 "Sealed"

# **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.	What is important to remember about the sequence of events in the book of Revelation?
2.	How do you explain the 144,000 listed in Revelation 7?
3.	In Revelation 7.1, what do the four angels, the four corners, and the four winds represent?
4.	What does the angel reveal about the power and plan of God in Revelation 7.1-3?
5.	What is significant about the seal given to the servants of God?
6.	Give an overview of seals throughout the Bible. Why does this give us hope?
7.	What is the promise for those who are sealed, and how can this bring us comfort?

# <u>Highlights</u>

# **NOVEMBER 19, 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



# **PCPC Financial Update**

Today

4:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

can know you were here

and help you connect.

Come and learn how the church budget aligns with the PCPC mission and vision. Tom Gale, Finance Committee Chairman, and Jeff Barber, Executive Director, will give an overview of the 2023-2024 fiscal budget along with the process of oversight by the Finance Committee, Diaconate, and Session.

# Young Adult Friendsgiving

Today

6:30 P.M.

Join us for a Friendsgiving Potluck tonight! Email ya@pcpc.org for more details.

# Women's Advent Prayer

November 28

7:00 P.M. | CHAPEL

Join PCPC Women's Ministry for Advent Prayer. Elizabeth Robinson will lead us through Scripture and prayer as we prepare our hearts for the Advent season. There will be a time of fellowship afterward in the Grand Hall with desserts and coffee! pcpc.org/advent

# **Boxes of Blessing**

December 2

8:30-11:30 A.M. | BCW WAREHOUSE

Register today! Bring your family and friends to help us extend the Kingdom of Christ to our city by filling 10,000 boxes of food. These boxes are a wonderful gift to our ministry partners that allows them to minister to their communities.

pcpc.org/events

#### Advent at PCPC

Please visit *pcpc.org/advent* for information on all our church's programs during this 2023 Advent season.

# **Year End Giving**

To comply with IRS regulations, Sunday, December 31, is the deadline for donations to be receipted for 2023. Thank you for your generosity in supporting all that God is doing at PCPC.

pcpc.org/give

## **Special Events**

Poinsettias for the Sanctuary RESERVATIONS UNTIL NOV. 27

Family Advent Celebration
DEC. 3 | 4:30 P.M. | SANCTUARY & THE LOFT

Advent Memorial Service

DEC. 6 | 5:30 P.M. | CHAPEL

Christmas Eve Services
DEC. 24 | 4:00 P.M. (FAMILY) &
8:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY
pcpc.org/events



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#### **GENERAL FUND**

2023/2024 Operating Budget Jul 1, 2023-Nov 12, 2023 Budget Jul 1, 2023-Nov 12, 2023 Giving Budget Variance

\$15,925,000 \$4,573,193 \$4,435,710 (\$137,483)