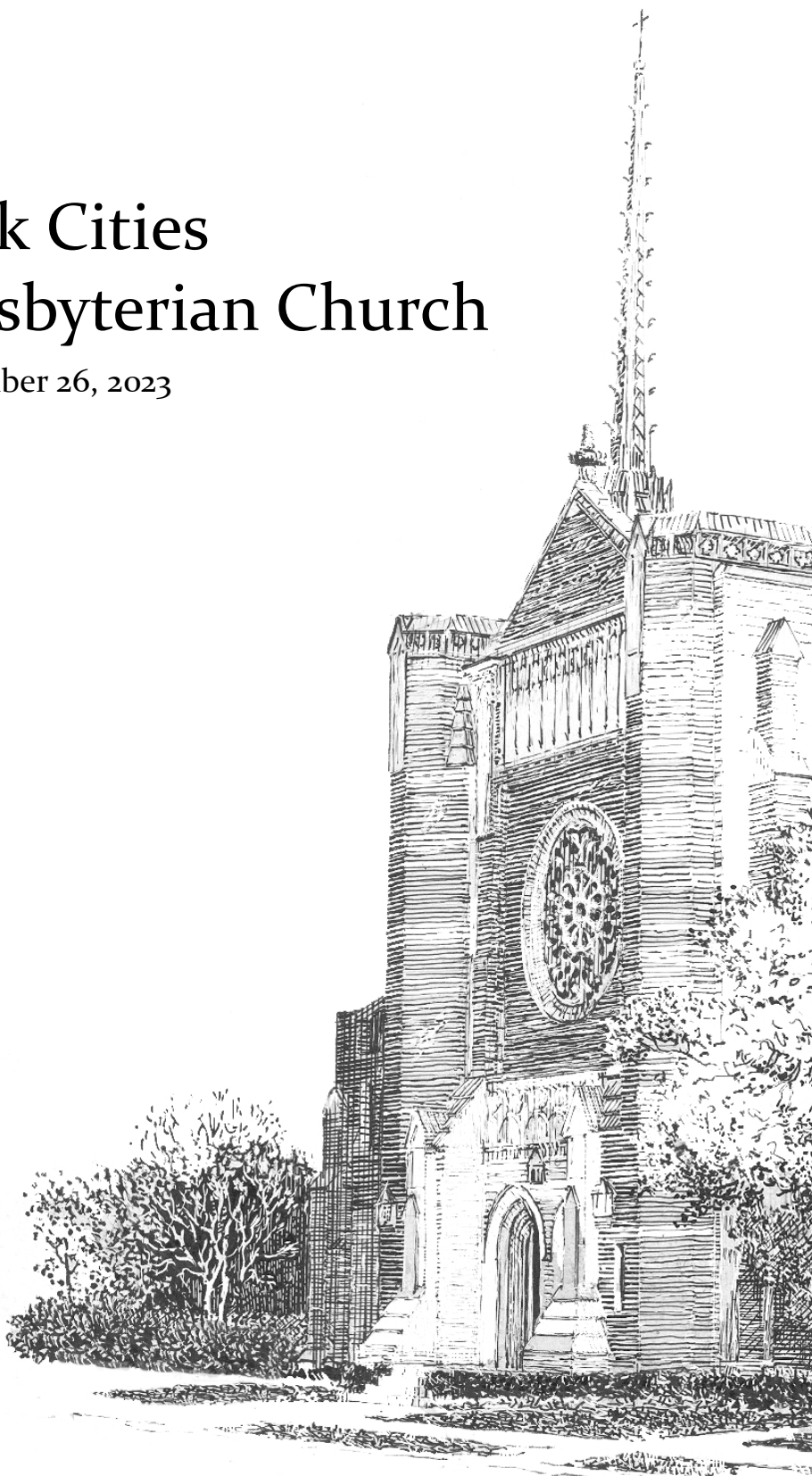


Park Cities Presbyterian Church

November 26, 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

November 26, 2023
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Christ the King

Christ the King Sunday focuses our worship on the cosmic character of Christ's reign over the world. It is a proclamation to all that everything in creation and culture must submit to Christ and an invitation to actively and joyfully submit to His rule.

The day is celebrated widely in some traditions and is normally scheduled on the last Sunday before Advent. It therefore serves as a transitional Sunday leading directly into Advent, the Christmas cycle, and the new Christian year. The day fits well with the eschatological emphasis and anticipation of Christ's second coming highlighted during Advent. It also reminds us that the baby in the manger is the sovereign Christ who came to be the "Prince of Peace."

—The Worship Sourcebook

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00
The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

The Prelude

8:00 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" WESTMINSTER ABBEY
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

9:30/11:00 "Allegro Maestoso e Vivace" from Sonata 2 Felix Mendelssohn
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

*Call to Worship

Minister: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

People: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Minister: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

People: let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Minister: For the LORD is a great God,

People: and a great King above all gods.

Minister: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

People: let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Minister: For He is our God,

People: and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7

***Hymn of Praise**

"Jesus Shall Reign"

DUKE STREET

Hymn No. 441 in the Trinity Hymnal



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun
2. To Him shall end - less prayer be made,
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns;
5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring



does his suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
and prais - es throug to crown His head;
dwell on His love with sweet - est song;
the pris - 'ner leaps to lose his chains,
pe - cu - liar hon - ors to our King;



His king - dom stretch from shore to shore,
His name, like sweet per - fume, shall rise
and in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim
the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,
an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,



till moons shall wax and wane no more.
with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
and all the sons of want are blest.
and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Profession of Sovereignty and Thanks**

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All: **We praise You, great God,**

for You are ruler of the universe

and have sent Your Son to be King of kings.

We rejoice that He has triumphed over all the powers of this world and governs the nations in justice and righteousness.

We celebrate His victory in His life, death, resurrection, and ascension to honor and might at Your side.

By Your Spirit, claim our complete loyalty, establish Christ's rule in every land and in every heart.

Accept our homage as we offer our lives in the service of Christ's Kingdom.

He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.



1. Je - sus is Lord, the cry that ech - oes through cre - a - tion,
 2. Je - sus is Lord, whose voice sus - tains the stars and plan - ets,
 3. Je - sus is Lord, the tomb is glo - ri - ous - ly emp - ty,
 4. Je - sus is Lord, a shout of joy, a cry of an - guish



re - splen - dant pow'r, e - ter - nal Word, our Rock;
 yet in His wis - dom laid a - side His crown;
 not e - ven death could crush the King of love;
 as He re - turns and ev - 'ry knee bows low;



the Son of God, the King whose glo - ry fills the hea - vens,
 Je - sus the man who washed our feet, who bore our suf - f'ring
 the price is paid, the chains are loosed and we're for - giv - en,
 when ev - 'ry eye and ev - 'ry heart will see His glo - ry,



yet bids us come to taste this liv - ing bread.
 be - came a curse to bring sal - va - tion's plan.
 and we can run in - to the arms of God.
 the Judge of all will take His chil - dren home.

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Higginbottom

**Righteous God,
 You have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
 We confess that we have not bowed before Him
 and are slow to acknowledge His rule.
 We give allegiance to the powers of this world
 and fail to be governed by justice and love.
 In Your mercy, forgive us.
 Raise us to acclaim Him as ruler of all,
 that we may be loyal ambassadors,
 obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
 Romans 8.1

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 or text "give" to 214-833-7724.

Musical Offering

8:00

"Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning"
Mr. Nielson, piano

GUITING POWER

9:30/11:00

"Prayer to Jesus" text: Synesius of Cyrene (c.375-430)
arr. John Ness Beck

Chancel Choir • Nathan Davy, piano • J. Marty Cope, conductor

Lord Jesus, think on me and purge away my sin; from selfish passions set me free and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me by anxious thoughts oppressed; let me Your loving servant be and taste Your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me nor let me go astray; through darkness and perplexity point out the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me that when this life is past I may the eternal brightness see, and share Thy joy at last. Amen.

***The Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him,
all creatures here below; praise Him above 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 8.1-5**

When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

² Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

³ And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne,

⁴ and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel.

⁵ Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

The Sermon

“The Prayers of the Saints”

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Goebel 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 Medley

“Be Still, My Soul”
“He Will Hold Me Fast”

FINLANDIA
Merker

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.



When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



When the tempt-er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



I could nev-er keep my hold through life's fear-ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;
Raised with Him to end-less life, He will hold me fast



for my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast. —
bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. —
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! —

Refrain



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



for my Sav-ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

SERMON NOTES

Revelation 8.1-5

“The Prayers of the Saints”

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 prayer? How would you explain prayer to someone who has never prayed before?
2. If God is sovereign over all things, then why do we pray?
Do our prayers matter?
3. Read Revelation 8.1. Why was there silence in heaven when the Lamb opened the seventh seal?
4. What does it look like to be silent before God? How can silence enable us to experience the presence of God?
5. Why did the angel offer incense with the prayers of the saints? What does this teach us about the power of prayer?
6. Who are the saints in Revelation 6:3? What does this tell you about your place in the Kingdom of God?
7. How does prayer extend the Kingdom of Jesus Christ? How might this change the way that you pray?

Highlights

NOVEMBER 26, 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.



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

Abide in the Light

Download or pick up a free copy of our latest Advent prayer book in the Grand Hall. Print copies available while supplies last. May God use it to draw you into the light of His presence, renewing you in the good news of great joy, Jesus our Savior.

pcpc.org/resources

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

Family Advent Celebration

December 3

4:30 P.M. | SANCTUARY & THE LOFT

Celebrate the Advent season as a family! PCPC Kids will host an evening of family worship, fun, and fellowship. Registration is open until November 29. Middle schoolers, come to The Loft at 4:30 p.m. to celebrate and play games with us!

pcpc.org/advent

Special Events

Poinsettias for the Sanctuary

RESERVATIONS UNTIL NOV. 27

Advent Memorial Service

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

Noël Candlelight Concert

DEC. 17 | 4:30 & 7:30 P.M. | SOLD OUT

RETURN TICKETS TO PERFORMINGARTS@PCPC.ORG

Christmas Eve Services

DEC. 24 | 4:00 P.M. (FAMILY) & 8:00 P.M.

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GENERAL FUND

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

Jul 1, 2023–Nov 12, 2023 Budget \$4,573,193

Jul 1, 2023–Nov 12, 2023 Giving \$4,435,710

Budget Variance (\$137,483)