



*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.*

**PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

January 21, 2024

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 21, 2024  
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Mark Davis

## \*Call to Worship

Minister: O LORD, You have searched me and known me!

**People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
You discern my thoughts from afar.**

Minister: For You formed my inward parts;

**People: You knitted me together in my mother's womb.**

Minister: I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

**People: Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well.**

Minister: Search me, O God, and know my heart!

**People: Try me and know my thoughts!**

Minister: And see if there be any grievous way in me,

**People: and lead me in the way everlasting!**

Psalm 139.1-2, 13-14, 23-24

## \*Hymn of Praise

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

ELLACOMBE



1. I sing the might - y power of God, that made the  
2. I sing the good - ness of the Lord, that filled the  
3. There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes Thy



moun - tains rise; That spread the flow - ing seas a - broad, and  
earth with food; He formed the crea - tures with His word, and  
glo - ries known; and clouds a - rise and tem - pests blow, by



built the loft - y skies. I — sing the Wis - dom  
then pro - nounced them good. Lord, how Thy won - ders  
or - der from Thy throne; While all that bor - rows



that or - dained the — sun to rule the day; The moon shines  
are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye: If I sur -  
life from Thee is — ev - er in Thy care, And ev - ery -



full at His com - mand, and all — the stars o - bey.  
vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
where that man can be, Thou, God, art pres - ent there.

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Sam Leopold

Minister: How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

People: **We can be patient when things go against us,  
thankful when things go well,  
and for the future we can have  
good confidence in our faithful God and Father  
that nothing in creation will separate us from His love.  
For all creatures are so completely in God's hand  
that without His will  
they can neither move nor be moved.**

*Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 28*

**\*Hymn**

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

TOWNEND



1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all  
2. Be - hold the man u - pon the cross, my sin u - pon His  
3. I will not boast in a - ny thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no



mea - sure, that He should give His on - ly Son to make a  
shoul - ders; a - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a -  
wis - dom; but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death and



wretch His trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss:  
mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held Him there  
re - sur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from His re - ward?



the Fa - ther turns His face a - way as wounds, which mar the  
un - til it was ac - com - plished; His dy - ing breath has  
I can - not give an an - swer, but this I know with



Cho - sen One, bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.  
brought me life: I know that it is fin - ished.  
all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

## Sacrament of Baptism

### Parental Vows

1. 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

Florence Lynnette Gabriel

9:30

Brooks Everett Fichter  
Richard Scott Kumpf  
Rosemary Beth Travis

11:00

Georgia Vail Clark  
Ellery Robey Alexander Clark  
Thomas Walter Hatcher  
Eloise Blake Dukes

### 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

Mr. Leopold

**Our God and Father,  
we praise You that there is therefore now no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus!  
In Christ You have given us living water,  
freeing us from the slavery of sin,  
and springing up to eternal life;  
our cups run over with Your blessing!  
Yet, our gracious Father,  
we confess that we have returned to the well of sin again and again.  
Though it reaps no reward, and doesn't quench our thirst,  
we are deeply allured by its taste,  
though its sweetness turns to the deepest bitterness.  
Our God, nothing short of Your Divine help will save us from the  
presence of sin in our lives.**

Nothing but Your mercy and grace  
can remove the pains of guilt we feel so deeply.  
Be pleased, Lord, to separate us from sin and make us more like Jesus.  
By feeding on His Body and Blood by faith,  
may we taste and see that You are good.  
Grow us in grace that we may say, with Christ,  
that our food is to do the will of our Father in heaven.

## Private Confession

## Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

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

**Musical Response**      “What Wondrous Love Is This”      *arr. Kurt Kaiser*  
9:30/11:00      Christopher Adkins, *cello* • Stephen Nielson, *piano*

**Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer** Mr. Leopold

*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      “Let All Together Praise Our God”      *Johann Christian Bach/*  
Mary Preston, *organ*      *J. G. Walther*

9:30/11:00      “Children of the Heavenly Father”      *arr. Dan Forrest*  
Chancel Choir • Mr. Adkins, *cello* • Mr. Nielson, *piano*  
Bryan Varenkamp, *conducting*

*Children of the heavenly Father safely in His bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge ever was given.  
God His own doth tend and nourish; in His holy courts they flourish; from all evil things He spares them; in His mighty arms He bears them.  
Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord His children sever; unto them His grace He showeth, and their sorrows all He knoweth.  
Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children never forsaketh; His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.*

**\*The Doxology**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Him all crea-tures  
here be-low; al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise Him a-bove,  
ye heav'n-ly host, praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost: al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

*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.*

**Extending Christ's Kingdom: Sanctity of Life Sunday**

Mona Wilson

9:30/11:00

**\*The Scripture Reading: Revelation 8.6-13**

*Now the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them.*

*<sup>7</sup> The first angel blew his trumpet, and there followed hail and fire, mixed with blood, and these were thrown upon the earth. And a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.*

*<sup>8</sup> The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood.*

*<sup>9</sup> A third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.*

*<sup>10</sup> The third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from heaven, blazing like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water.*

*<sup>11</sup> The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the water, because it had been made bitter.*

*<sup>12</sup> The fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of their light might be darkened, and a third of the day might be kept from shining, and likewise a third of the night.*

*<sup>13</sup> Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!"*

*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!

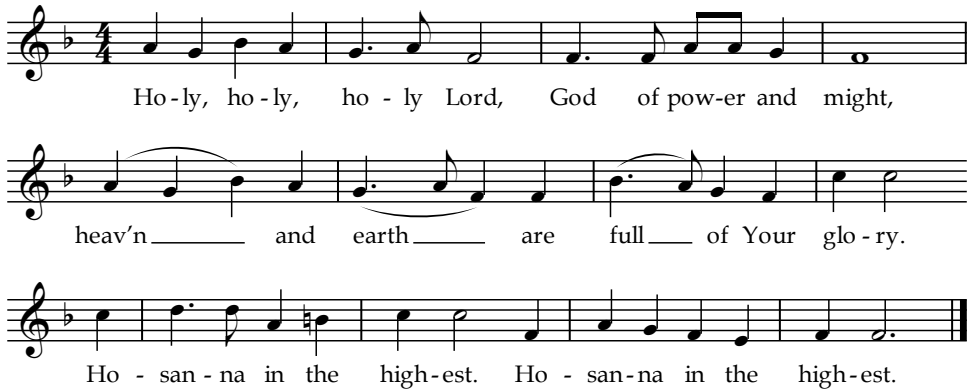
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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**

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP

Hymn No. 500 in the Trinity Hymnal



1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my -  
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fil Thy  
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to Thy  
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids



self in Thee; let the wa - ter and the blood,  
law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know,  
cross I cling; na - ked, come to Thee for dress;  
close in death, when I soar to worlds un - known,



from Thy riv - en side which flowed, be of sin the  
could my tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could  
help - less, look to Thee for grace; foul, I to the  
see Thee on Thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,



dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and — pow'r.  
not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.  
Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I — die.  
cleft for me, let me hide my - self in — Thee.

**\*The Benediction**

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6.24-26

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

**The Postlude**

8:00

“Prelude and Fugue in D”  
Mrs. Preston, organ

*Dietrich Buxtehude*

9:30/11:00

“Finale” from *Symphony 2*  
Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

*Charles-Marie Widor*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*



*Celebrating the Sanctity of Human Life, the flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God by friends of the Thrive Women's Clinic in honor of the babies saved and the men and women who came into a relationship with Christ in 2023 through this ministry.*

*The red flowers represent the 162 babies who were saved from the tragedy of abortion, and the white flowers represent the 132 new believers who have come into a relationship with Christ through this ministry.*

**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 8.6-13

“Unraveling Security vs. Unshakeable Hope”

## 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 does this passage reveal about the character of God?
2. Are there any aspects of God's judgment that you struggle to believe, understand, or accept? What are they, if any? What should you do with them?
3. How does this text reveal the unraveling of earthly security?
4. How would you explain what is being revealed to John in this passage? Use your own words to explain His Word.
5. How do followers of Christ live in and with unshakeable hope?
6. How, this side of heaven, are we who are in Christ still tempted to put our security in insecure things? How and where are you most tempted in this way? How have you felt these earthly securities unravel?
7. How can you move forward in the unshakeable hope of Christ today? Be specific.

# Highlights

JANUARY 21, 2024

## 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.

[pcpc.org/connect](http://pcpc.org/connect)



## Spring Groups

Register for groups and classes as we abide in Christ and connect with one another:

- Care & Counseling Groups
- Men, Women, & Couple's Bible Studies
- Middle & High School Small Groups
- Midweek Vespers & Dinner
- Parenting Ahead Class
- UNION Pre-Marriage Class



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

## Adkins & Nielson Concerts

*Today*

5:30 & 7:30 P.M. | CAMBRIDGE HALL (LEVEL TWO)

In what has become a beloved annual tradition, Dallas Symphony Orchestra principal cellist Christopher Adkins and Steinway Artist Stephen Nielson present an exquisite evening of chamber music. No tickets required.

## WinterGrace

*February 3-4*

This year's theme is "God's Grace in Suffering." Singer-songwriter & author Andrew Peterson and pastor & author Kevin DeYoung will be our special guests. Breakout sessions by our pastors and staff, as well as perspectives from a psychiatrist, missions leaders in our city, an illustrator, and a musician will encourage your soul. Breakouts are listed on the website. Please register for luncheon and childcare.

[pcpc.org/wintergrace](http://pcpc.org/wintergrace)



## Voter Registration

Primary elections are March 5. Register or change your address today in the hallway.

## Young Adult Solitude Saturday

*January 27*

8:00 A.M. | GRAND HALL

Join us 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.

[ya@pcpc.org](mailto:ya@pcpc.org)

## Special Events

*Retirement Reception for Bill Lamberth*

JAN. 28 | 12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

*Dessert War:*

*A Mother-Son Valentine's Day Party*

FEB. 9 | 5:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

*RUF-International Lunar New Year*

FEB. 9 | 6:00 P.M.

*Young Adult Big Game Party*

FEB. 11 | 6:00 P.M.

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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-Jan 14, 2024 Budget	\$9,733,582
Jul 1, 2023-Jan 14, 2024 Giving	\$10,519,725
Budget Variance	\$786,143