



*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

February 18, 2024

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 18, 2024
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Lent

Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. The practice of a forty-day preparation period began in the Christian church during the third and fourth centuries. The number forty carries biblical significance based on the forty years Israel spent in the wilderness and Jesus' forty-day fast in the wilderness.

As a period of preparation, Lent has historically included the instruction of persons for baptism and profession of faith; the calling back of those who have become estranged from the church; and efforts by all Christians to deepen their piety, devotion, and readiness to mark the death and resurrection of their Savior.

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 8:00

The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

The Prelude

8:00

“O Love of God, How Strong and True”
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

JERUSALEM
Parry

9:30/11:00

“What Wondrous Love Is This”
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

Craig Phillips

*Call to Worship

Minister: But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;

People: therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near.

Minister: Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

People: Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.

Minister: Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?

People: Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Isaiah 50.7-9



1. Christ tri - um - phant, ev - er reign - ing,
 2. Word in - car - nate, truth re - veal - ing,
 3. Suf - f'ring ser - vant, scorned ill - treat - ed,
 4. Priest - ly king, en - throned for - ev - er
 5. So, our hearts and voic - es rais - ing



Sa - vior, Mas - ter, King! Lord of heaven, our
 Son of man on earth: Power and maj - es -
 vic - tim cru - ci - fied! Death is through the
 high in heaven a - bove! Sin and death and
 through the a - ges long, cease - less - ly u -



lives sus - tain - ing, hear us as we sing.
 ty con - ceal - ing by Your hum - ble birth.
 cross de - feat - ed, sin - ners jus - ti - fied.
 hell shall nev - er sti - fle hymns of love.
 pon You gaz - ing, this shall be our song.



Yours the glo - ry and the crown, the



high re - nown, the e - ter - nal name.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Profession of Faith

The Rev. Dr. Pete Deison

Minister: What do you understand by the word “suffered”?

People: **That during His whole life on earth,**
but especially at the end,
Christ sustained in body and soul
the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race.
This He did in order that,
by His suffering as the only atoning sacrifice,
He might deliver us, body and soul,
from eternal condemnation,
and gain for us
God’s grace,
righteousness,
and eternal life.

Heidelberg Catechism No. 37



1. O, to see the dawn of the dark - est day; Christ
 2. O, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face, bear -
 3. Now the day - light flees; Now the ground be - neath quakes
 4. O, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for



on the road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
 ing the awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
 as its Ma - ker bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,
 through Your suf - f'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death,



torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood. ____
 ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing Your blood - stained brow. ____
 dead are raised to life— "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry. ____
 life is mine to live, won through Your self - less love! ____

Refrain



(v1-3) This the pow'r ____ of the cross: ____ Christ be - came ____ sin for us. ____
 (v4) This the pow'r ____ of the cross: ____ Son of God ____ slain for us. ____



Took the blame, ____ bore the wrath; We stand for - gi - ven at the cross.
 What a love, ____ what a cost! We stand for - gi - ven at the cross.

Public Confession of Sin

Dr. Deison

Lord Jesus Christ,
 surely You have borne my griefs and carried my sorrows;
 yet I have considered You stricken by God, and afflicted.
 But You were pierced through for my transgressions,
 You were crushed for my iniquities;
 the chastening for my well-being was upon You,
 and by Your scourging I am healed.
 Like a sheep I have gone astray,
 I have turned to my own way;
 but the Lord has caused my iniquity to fall on You,
 my blessed Savior.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His
salvation.

Isaiah 25:9b

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.*

Musical Offering

8:00

"Panis Angelicus"
Mr. Nielson, piano

Cesar Franck
arr. S. Nielson

9:30/11:00

"Here Is Hope"
Chancel Choir • Alicia Iwema, vocalist
Stephen Nielson, piano • Nathan Davy, conducting

Rob Gardner

*He who healed our sorrows here was bruised and broken. He whose love no end
knows here was forsaken, left all alone.*

*Here despair cries boldly, claiming this its victory. Sweeter peace enfolds me:
Hope did not die here, but here was given. Here is Hope!*

*He who was rejected, He knows well my longing. He, so long expected, carried
our burdens, bore every sorrow. Here is Hope!*

Here is love unbounded, here is all compassion, here is mercy founded!

Hope did not die here, but here was given; and ours is the victory. Here is Hope!

*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



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 11.1-13**

*Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, “Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there,
2 but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months.
3 And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.”
4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.
5 And if anyone would harm them, fire pours from their mouth and consumes their foes. If anyone would harm them, this is how he is doomed to be killed.
6 They have the power to shut the sky, that no rain may fall during the days of their prophesying, and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague, as often as they desire.
7 And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that rises from the bottomless pit will make war on them and conquer them and kill them,
8 and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that symbolically is called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified.
9 For three and a half days some from the peoples and tribes and languages and nations will gaze at their dead bodies and refuse to let them be placed in a tomb,
10 and those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry and exchange presents, because these two prophets had been a torment to those who dwell on the earth.
11 But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood up on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.
12 Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here!” And they went up to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies watched them.
13 And at that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.*

The Sermon

“A Wicked World Rejoices”

Mr. Higginbottom 8:00

Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

Worshippers at 9:30/11:00 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!

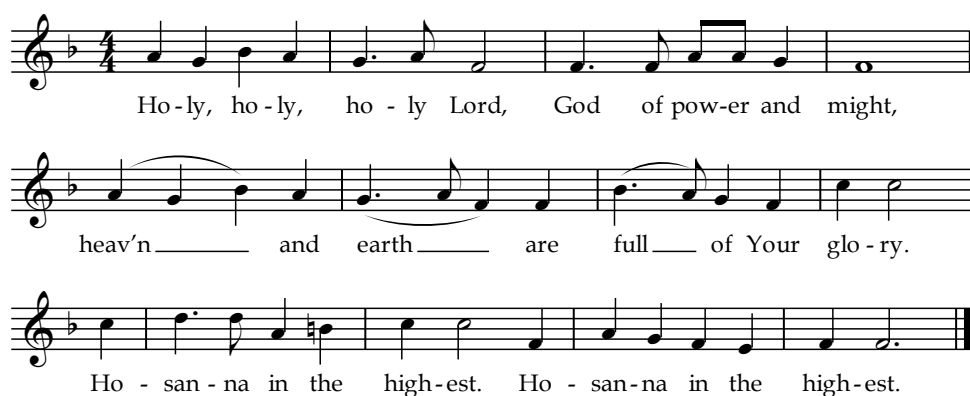
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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*“Lead On, O King Eternal”**

LANCASHIRE

Hymn No. 580 in the Trinity Hymnal

Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;



hence - forth in fields of con - quest Thy tents shall be our home:
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing where - e'er Thy face ap - pears;



through days of prep - a - ra - tion Thy grace has made us strong, —
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums, —
 Thy cross is lift - ed o'er — us; we jour - ney in its light: —



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.

***The Benediction**

Minister: May the companionship of the Man of Sorrows and the power of the King of Glory rest upon you this day and all your days.

Dale Ralph Davis

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

The Postlude

8:00

“The Church’s One Foundation”
 Mr. Nielson, *piano*

AURELIA

9:30/11:00

“Prelude in E minor, BWV 548”
 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 and in celebration of Susie Wilson's 80th birthday from Jerry and their children.



Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.

Ministers: The members of this church family who, in serving their Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, extend His Kingdom in Dallas and to the world.

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SERMON NOTES

Revelation 11.1-13

“A Wicked World Rejoices”

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 warning is offered as we see the command for John to measure the temple but not the court outside?
2. Describe in detail the two witnesses and the mission they have received.
3. What is significant about the two olive trees and the two lampstands?
4. Who and what does the beast represent?
5. What goes through your heart and mind as you see the way the world responded to the death of the two witnesses? How have you encountered a wicked world rejoicing over and against Christ and His followers?
6. Unpack what happens to the two witnesses and how the world now responds.
7. What hope and comfort does this text bring to you?

Highlights

FEBRUARY 18, 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



Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy Book Discussion

February 20-April 16

6:30 P.M. | TUESDAYS | ADULT CLASSROOM 13

Join us as we learn how to bring our sorrows to God through Biblical lament. Our time together will help as we seek God in our darkest life moments. This event includes men's and women's groups.

pcpc.org/events

Lenten Organ Series

Wednesdays beginning Feb. 21

12:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Prepare for Holy Week and Easter as you enjoy these 30-minute concerts during Lent. PCPC organist Nathan Davy, along with other recitalists, both local and from around the country, will present music.

pcpc.org/holyweek

Project Workday

February 24

10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. | UNION GOSPEL MISSION

Join us for Project Workday at Union Gospel Mission: Center of Hope. This opportunity is restricted to adults and children 10+. Registration is required, as space is limited.

pcpc.org/events

The Bridge: What's Her Story?

March 5

6:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for an evening with women of all ages. We will gather for food and fellowship and then hear from PCPC member Kathy Smith. Charge is \$5. No reservation is required.

pcpc.org/women

VBS 2024 Registration

This year's Olympic-themed VBS from June 4-7 is titled "The Finish Line" based on Hebrews 12:1-2. We're in need of several "Trainers" (a/k/a Volunteers).

- March 20 - Adult Volunteer Registration
- April 8 - General Registration

pcpc.org/vbs

Special Events

GriefShare

TUESDAYS | 7:00 P.M.

Middle School Boys Basketball

FEB. 19 | 1:00 P.M. | GYM

The Gathering (High School)

FEB. 21 | 7:15 P.M.

Global Prayer

FEB. 24 | 9:00 A.M.

Helping Hands

MAR. 23 | 8:00 A.M.

Family Camp - Colorado

JULY 14-20 | SKY RANCH - UTE TRAIL

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GENERAL FUND

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

Jul 1, 2023-Feb 11, 2024 Budget \$10,874,870

Jul 1, 2023-Feb 11, 2024 Giving \$11,678,297

Budget Variance

\$803,427