

*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

April 21, 2024

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 21, 2024

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Pete Hatton 8:00

The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

*Call to Worship

Minister: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

People: **Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

Minister: Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

People: **He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.**

Psalm 126.1,2a,5-6

*Easter Hymn

“Alleluia! Alleluia!”

EBENEZER

Hymn No. 283 in the Trinity Hymnal



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and
2. Christ is ris - en, Christ the first - fruits of the ho - ly
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to



voic - es raise; sing to God a hymn of glad - ness,
har - vest field, which will all its full a - bun - dance
God on high; al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior,



sing to God a hymn of praise: He who on the cross a
at His sec - ond com - ing yield: then the gold - en ears of
who has won the vic - to - ry; al - le - lu - ia to the



vic - tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled, Je - sus Christ, the
har - vest will their heads be - fore Him wave, rip - ened by His
Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty. Al - le - lu - ia!



King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.
Al - le - lu - ia to the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom

Minister: This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be the people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Minister: Power, riches, wisdom and strength and honor, and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Minister: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: For the Lamb who was slain has begun to reign. Alleluia! This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Musical Acclamation

9:30/11:00

“Christians, We Have Met to Worship”

arr. Lloyd Larson

Carol, Chapel, and Covenant Choirs

Hannah Clarke, Laura Benedict, and Katie Haring, *directors*

*Christians, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power while we seek the Living Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Christians, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.*

*Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other too.
Let us love and pray for others till our God makes all things new.
When God calls us home to heaven, at his table we'll sit down;
There our loving Lord will serve us with sweet manna all around.*

*O Worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His pow'r and His love.*

Christians we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God!

***Hymn**

"Thine Be the Glory"

JUDAS MACCABAEUS

Hymn No. 274 in the Trinity Hymnal



1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly He
3. No more we doubt Thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won; an - gels in bright rai - ment
greet us, scat - ters fear and gloom; let the church with glad - ness,
out Thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes, where Thy bo - dy
hymns of tri-umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth, death hath lost its
through Thy death - less love: bring us safe thro' Jor - dan to Thy home a -



lay. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;
sting.
bove.



end - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

Sacrament of Baptism

9:30/11:00

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?

9:30

11:00

Friedrich ten Boom Schoellkopf
Charlotte Lynn Barnes
Florence Pippa Meek
Levi Stewart Wilson

Madeleine Eleanor Debter
Ann Frances Neumann

Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

*Hymn

9:30/11:00

“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. Higginbottom

Almighty God,

**You have raised Jesus from the grave
and crowned Him Lord of all.**

**We confess that we have not always bowed before Him
or acknowledged His rule in our lives.**

**We have gone along with the way of the world
and failed to give Him glory.**

**Forgive us and raise us from sin,
that we may be Your faithful people,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world and is Head of the Church, His body. Amen.**

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

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

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Higginbottom

*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

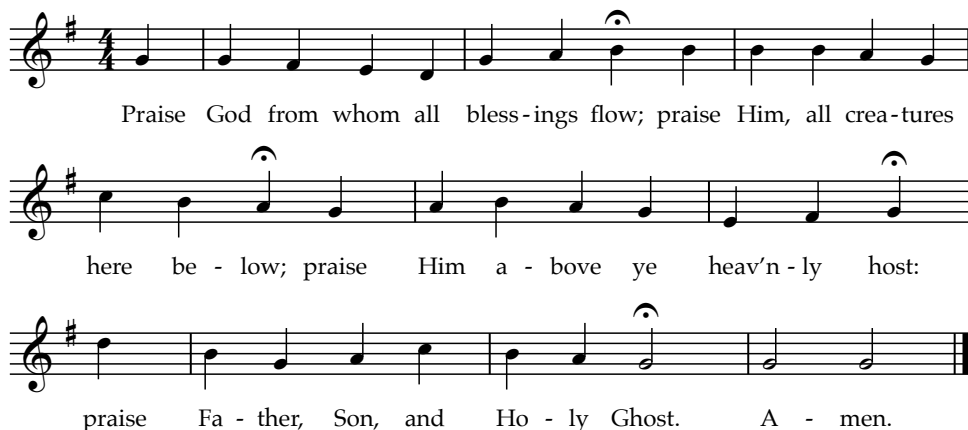
“Andante in D”
Mary Preston, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen.

*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 17.1-6, 18.1-5

- Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me,
 “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who is seated on many waters,
 2 with whom the kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality, and with the wine of whose sexual immorality the dwellers on earth have become drunk.”
 3 And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns.
 4 The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality.
 5 And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: “Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth’s abominations.”
 6 And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. When I saw her, I marveled greatly.
 18.1 After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory.
 2 And he called out with a mighty voice, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.*

- ³ For all nations have drunk the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living.”
- ⁴ Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues;
- ⁵ for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

The Sermon

“Tears Over Babylon”

Mr. Hatton 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!

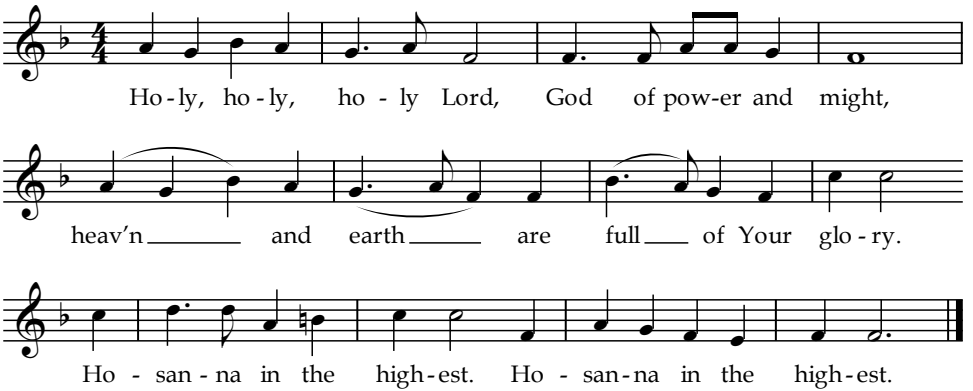
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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**

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

Sandra McCracken



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our



hearts re-stored. He has done great things we will say to - ge - ther



we will feast and weep no more.

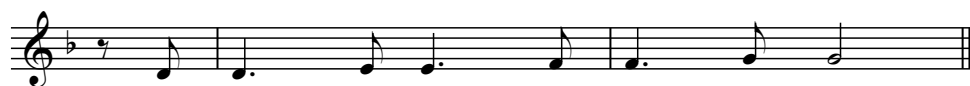
1. We will not be
2. In the dark of
3. Ev - 'ry vow we've



burned by the fire, He is the Lord our
night be - fore the dawn, my soul be not a -
bro - ken and be - trayed, You are the faith - ful



God; we are not con - sumed by the flood
fraid, for the pro - mised mor - ning, O how long?
one; and from the gar - den to the grave



up - held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up.
O God of Ja - cob be my strength.
bind us to - ge - ther, bring sha - lom.

***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 Fuge in A”
Mrs. Preston, organ

J. G. Walther

9:30/11:00

“Toccata Brevis”
Mr. Cope, organ

Daniel Gawthrop

**Please stand if you are able.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given with utmost thanksgiving to God and with much love to Carolyne Nielson on her birthday by Stephen, Christiana and Robbie Stephens, and Caroline.

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

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The Rev. Matt Fray

The Rev. Paul Goebel, *Associate Pastor*

The Rev. Pete Hatton

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom

The Rev. Bill Lamberth, *Emeritus*

The Rev. Sam Leopold

The Rev. Tommy Overton

Executive Director

Jeff Barber

SERMON NOTES

Revelation 17.1-6, 18.1-5

“Tears Over Babylon”

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 the city of Babylon represent? How do we see this city throughout the Bible? How do we see this city in our own time and place?
2. What does the city of Jerusalem represent? What does Jerusalem have to do with our promised home?
3. What does it mean to be an exile? In what way are we exiles living in Babylon? (See 1 Peter 2.11-12 and Hebrews 11.13-16)
4. Read Psalm 137:1-6. Why did the people of God weep over Babylon? Read Revelation 18:9-19. Why did the people weep over Babylon? What is the difference?
5. Why does John's vision describe Babylon as a prostitute? What does this image tell us about the seductive power of sin?
6. What will God use to destroy Babylon? How will the fall of Babylon lead to our joy?
7. What does it look like for us to flee Babylon today? How do we fix our eyes on the city of God to come?

Highlights

APRIL 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



Parent Equipping Class

April 24

6:30 P.M.

Author and counselor Julie Lowe will share insight on how to equip our young children to make wise and biblical assessments in a world filled with uncertainties. Please register by April 23.

pcpc.org/events

Family Legacy Food Packing

April 27

9:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M. | PCPC GARAGE

Volunteer to help pack 60,000 meals for children in Zambia! Two shifts are available. The event is open to all, including families.

pcpc.org/events

8th & 12th Grade Events

April 28

Celebrate the completion of middle and high school with us! 8th graders, enjoy breakfast and time for reflection at 8:30 a.m. And 12th graders, you and your family are invited to be recognized at our 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services with a luncheon following. Please register.

pcpc.org/events

CoJourners Evangelism Class

Wednesdays beginning May 1

6:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us on 4 Wednesdays in May as we take a month journey together discussing God's desire for us to engage in conversations about Jesus with those whom He has sent us to. Dinner will be provided. Please register.

pcpc.org/events

Women's Early Morning Bible Study & Maymester

Wednesdays beginning May 8

7:00 & 10:00 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Do you embrace change? Or do unexpected changes make you crazy? Join us for a 4-week course looking into the Bible for stability and guidance from the One who constantly renews and yet does not change. Register online for either class time.

pcpc.org/women

Special Events

Dallas Arboretum

(Senior Adults)

APRIL 25 | 9:30 A.M.

National Day of Prayer

MAY 2 | 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. | CHAPEL

Young Adult Two Stepping Night

MAY 2 | 6:00 P.M.

Missionary Luncheon: Martins

MAY 5 | 12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

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GENERAL FUND

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

Jul 1, 2023-Apr 14, 2024 Budget \$13,041,689

Jul 1, 2023-Apr 14, 2024 Giving \$13,937,630

Budget Variance

\$895,941