



*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

May 12, 2024

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 12, 2024

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

The Ascension of Our Lord

Ascension marks the day on which Jesus went to the Mount of Olives with His disciples and ascended to heaven before their eyes (Acts 1.1-12). Though often overlooked, the ascension of Christ is filled with theological significance. Christ's ascension means that in heaven there is One who, knowing first-hand the experience of suffering and temptation, prays for us and perfects our prayers. The ascension is a witness and guarantee of our own bodily resurrection, as well as an invitation for us to set our hearts and minds "on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God" (Col. 3.1-2) to rule over all things in heaven and throughout the universe (Eph. 1.10, 20-23). Finally, the ascension of Jesus serves as the prelude to Pentecost, when the power of the risen Christ came upon all believers through the Holy Spirit.

The Worship Sourcebook

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 8:00

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

Prelude

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

arr. Howard Helvey

Stephen Nielson and Nathan Davy, piano • J. Marty Cope, organ

*Call to Worship

Minister: God has gone up with a shout,

People: the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Minister: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

People: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Minister: For God is the King of all the earth;

People: sing praises with a psalm!

Minister: God reigns over the nations;

People: God sits on His holy throne.

Psalm 47:5-8

***Hymn of Praise** "Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord?"

ENGELBERG

Hymn No. 292 in the Trinity Hymnal



1. Who shall as - cend the moun-tain of the Lord, to
2. One King a - lone, whose hands and heart are pure, one
3. He on - ly can as - cend to God's right hand who
4. Be - fore the clouds re - ceive the King on high, a
5. He shall as - cend the moun-tain of the Lord, the



search the mys - ter - y in heav - en stored, the knowl-edge
Ser - vant of the Lord with pur - pose sure, can en - ter
first came down as His high mer - cy planned; true God and
cross lifts up His form a - gainst the sky; the Fram - er
King of glo - ry, whose own blood out - poured paid that dear



of the Ho - ly One a - dored? Al - le - lu - ia!
in that glo - ry to en - dure. Al - le - lu - ia!
man has earth and heav - en spanned. Al - le - lu - ia!
of the worlds has come to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
price that mer - cy did af - ford. Al - le - lu - ia!

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Pete Hatton 8:00

Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to His purpose.**

**We are convinced 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.**

based on Romans 8.1, 28, 38-39



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.

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

Carter Ray Labhart
 Annie Bell Labhart
 George Thompson Reynolds
 Adalyn Grace Richards
 Rosemary Elise Richards
 Elizabeth Harper Ridley

Eliza Ruth Ahnhut
 Bo Rose Bartel
 Jacob Daniel Haring

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. Hatton 8:00

Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

Great was Your mercy in ascending to heaven
in being crowned and enthroned there to intercede for me,
there to help me in temptation,
there to open the eternal book,
there to receive me finally to Yourself.
Great was Your wisdom in devising this means of salvation;
bathe my soul in rich consolations of Your resurrection life.
O God, pardon all my sins,
known and unknown,
felt and unfelt,
confessed and not confessed,
remembered or forgotten.
Help me to be a holy, joy-filled person,
free from every wrong desire,
from everything contrary to Your mind.
Grant me more and more of the resurrection life:
may it rule me, may I walk in its power,
and be strengthened through its influence.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. I Corinthians 6.14

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

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Hatton 8:00

Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

*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

“Be Still, My Soul”
Mr. Nielson, piano

FINLANDIA
arr. Nielson

9:30/11:00

“And I Saw a New Heaven”
Chancel Choir • Nathan Davy, organ • J. Marty Cope, conductor

Edgar Bainton

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21.1-4

*The Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH



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 21.1-8

Mr. Higginbottom 8:00

The Rev. Dr. Sinclair Ferguson 9:30/11:00

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

² *And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

³ *And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God.*

⁴ *He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”*

⁵ *And He who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also He said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”*

- ⁶ And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.
- ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be My son.
- ⁸ But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

Sermon

"God's New World Symphony—
Opening Movement"

Mr. Higginbottom 8:00
Dr. Ferguson 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.)*



1. Love di - vine all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heav'n to
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all Thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all Thy
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in Thee in - her - it, let us
 life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be: Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, Thou art all com -
 find the prom - ised rest; Take a - way the love of
 more Thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways
 ly re - stored in Thee; Changed from glo - ry in - to



pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it
 sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of
 bless - ing, serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove; Pray, and
 glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place, Till we



us with Thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 faith, as its Be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 praise Thee, with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 cast our crowns be - fore Thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

***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

“For All the Saints”
Mr. Nielson, *piano*

SINE NOMINE

9:30/11:00

“Toccata in E major”
Dr. Davy, *organ*

Johann Ludwig Krebs

**Please stand if you are able.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God in joyful memory of Leslie Melson and in honor of Leith Higginbottom—two beloved mothers and grandmothers. It is a profound blessing from the Lord to belong to such steadfast and vibrant women who have modeled the love of Jesus with such humility and kindness.

*“The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.” Psalm 16.6*

Robby, Ann, Will, and John Higginbottom

*We thank Andrew House, trumpet, for his
participation in worship this morning.*

**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. Mark Davis

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Randy Wood

SERMON NOTES

Revelation 21.1-8

“God’s New World Symphony—Opening Movement”

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. If in the future the first heaven and the first earth will have passed away why should we bother caring for the earth? And does this give us a different perspective on doing so from, e.g. secular environmentalists?
2. Sometimes in evangelism programs in past decades Christians have been encouraged to ask the question, "What would you say to God if He asked you, 'Why should I let you into My heaven?'" Would there be any value in asking a less direct question first, namely "What do you think heaven will be like?" If that is a helpful question, why?
3. Revelation is like a great tapestry, and in many places its scenes have been composed not with thread but with passages of Scripture. How many passages, promises, and prophecies can you see in 21.1-8? What do you think is the main significance of the tapestry at this point?
4. What different "images" or "pictures" of this new world order are suggested by these verses, and how do they help to shape the way we live the Christian life and experience the fellowship of the Church here and now?
5. The first seven verses of this passage are thrilling. Why do you think it ends on such a sobering note in verse 8?

Highlights

MAY 12, 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



Faith & Culture: David Gibson

Tomorrow, May 13

7:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Minister and author David Gibson from Trinity Church in Aberdeen, Scotland, will speak on the witness of the local church in a post-Christian culture.

pcpc.org/faithandculture

Poetry, Jazz, & Compline

May 19

6:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join Malcolm Guite and the Brian Piper Trio for poetry and jazz at 6:00 p.m.

The evening continues with a service of Compline at 7:15 p.m., and a dessert reception will follow in the Grand Hall.

pcpcconcerts.org

Young Adult Summer Kickoff

May 29

6:30 P.M. | PCPC MAIN SURFACE PARKING LOT

Join us for our annual yard games and food. Please sign up, so we know how much food to order! \$10 per person.

pcpc.org/events

Officer Recommendations

Recommendations for the next class can be submitted on the website or forms in the Grand Hall Information Center until June 2.

recommendations.pcpc.org

Summer Moms' Morning

Wednesdays beginning June 12

9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Moms and kids age nursery through 5th grade, join us this summer for fellowship, play, and women's book study.

pcpc.org/events

Together: Summer Study

Beginning June 11 & 12

TUESDAYS 7:00 A.M. | MEN'S STUDY

WEDNESDAYS 7:00 P.M. | CO-ED STUDY

Join in for this 6-week study on what it means to live life together with our Heavenly Father and how that impacts how we live life together with each other.

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Special Events

Global Prayer

MAY 18 | 9:00 A.M.

6th Grade Parent Meeting

MAY 19 | 8:30 A.M. | MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOM

Promotion Sunday

MAY 19 | KIDS & YOUTH

Congregational Meeting

JUNE 2 | 9:30 & 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICES

Vacation Bible School

JUNE 4-7 | 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

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GENERAL FUND

2023/2024 Operating Budget	\$15,925,000
Jul 1, 2023-May 5, 2024 Budget	\$13,935,473
Jul 1, 2023-May 5, 2024 Giving	\$14,545,342
Budget Variance	\$609,869