



*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**

August 25, 2024



*all singing:*

'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies: who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.

*Refrain:*

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace!  
Humbled Himself so great His love! and bled for all His chosen race!  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me! (*Refrain*)

*all saying:*

**With joy we praise You, gracious God,  
For You created heaven and earth,  
made us in Your image, and kept covenant with us—  
even when we fell into sin.**

*all singing:*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

*Refrain:*

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*all saying:*

**We give You thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who by His life, death, and resurrection  
opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
Therefore we join our voices  
with all the saints and angels and the whole creation  
to proclaim the glory of Your name.**

*all singing:*

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ,  
my own.

*Refrain:*

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

We praise You, O God of light,  
 that in You there is no darkness at all.  
 We are Your children;  
 help us to walk as children of the light.  
 Illumine our lives with Your Word of truth,  
 that we might know ourselves and see our great need for You.  
 We are afraid to be seen as we really are,  
 and yet, O God, You know us through and through.  
 Help me to see again that Jesus died for all of my sin,  
 even those which I don't want to let go.  
 Impress upon me that since I have been crucified with Christ,  
 I am dead to my sin.  
 How can I go on living in it?  
 Lord, I cry out to You in my need.  
 Be pleased to help me, O God,  
 through Jesus my Savior and Light,  
 who rescues me from the darkness.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in Me may not remain in darkness. John 12.46

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

\*Hymn

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Smith/Cook



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me  
 3. Be - hold Him there, the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect



strong, a per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is  
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see Him  
 spot - less Right - eous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I



Love who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
 there who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the  
 Am, the King of glo - ry and of Grace. One with Him -



gra - ven on His hands. My name is writ - ten on His  
 sin - less Sav-ior died, my sin - ful soul is count-ed  
 self, I can-not die. My soul is pur - chased with His



heart. I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can  
 free. For God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on  
 blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my



bid me thence de - part; no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
 Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.  
 Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

### Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Goebel

*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

"Andante in F"  
 Mrs. Preston, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

9:30/11:00

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" *arr. Mark Hayes*  
 Cody McClarty, trumpet • Nathan Davy, organ • J. Marty Cope, conducting

*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'ful hand; Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through; strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer, be Thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan's side; songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.*

### \*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

# ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS

— 9:30/11:00 —

## ELDERS:

Class of 2028:

Donald Freeman Dillahunty\*  
Houston Bunker Hunt\*  
John Richard Owens, Jr.\*  
Kirk Richard Pogoloff\*

## DEACONS:

Conner Bradford Adkins	Wesley Keaton Henry
William Lange Banowsky	R. Greg Jones
John Bradley Cooper	Daniel Louis Kilman
Alexander Chiles Cothran	Matthew Christen King
Harry Edward Flaherty, Jr.	Andrew Hoyme Obenchain
J. Madison Gardner	Jason Kyle Turner

*\*Previously ordained (installation only)*

**Explanation of Ordination and Installation**

The Rev. Mark Davis

## Ordination and Installation Questions

### Questions to Officer Candidates:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder or deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all of the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity, and edification of the church?

### Question to the Congregation:

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as ruling elders and deacons, as the case may be, and do you promise to yield

them all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their respective offices, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this church, entitle them?

**Prayer of Ordination and Installation**

Mr. John Bateman

**Pronouncement of Ordination and Installation**

Mr. Davis

**Right Hand of Fellowship**

**\*Hymn**

“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”

HENDON



Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to —  
Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treas - ure—



Thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in  
store. Take my self, and I will be ev - er on - ly,



cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
all for Thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

**Charge to the Congregation**

Mr. David Newman

**\*The Scripture Reading: John 1.6-13**

*There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.*

*<sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.*

*<sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.*

*<sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.*

*<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him.*

*<sup>11</sup> He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.*

*<sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God,*

*<sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*

**Sermon**

“Bearing Witness to the Light and the Birth of Belief”

Mr. Davis

*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**

**“God Has Spoken By the Prophets”**

*EBENEZER*

1. God has spo-ken by His proph-ets, spo-ken His un-  
2. God has spo-ken by Christ Je-sus, Christ the ev-er-  
3. God is speak-ing by His Spir-it, speak-ing to our  
chang-ing Word, each from age to age pro-claim-ing  
last-ing Son, bright-ness of the Fa-ther's glo-ry,  
hearts a-gain; in the age-less Word ex-pound-ing  
God, the one, the right-eous Lord. In the world's de-spair and  
with the Fa-ther ev-er one; spo-ken by the Word in-  
God's own mes-sage, now as then. Through the rise and fall of





tur - moil one firm an - chor holds us fast: God is King, His  
 car - nate, God of God, ere time was born; Light of Light, to  
 na - tions one sure faith yet stand - ing fast: God a - bides, His



throne e - ter - nal, God the First and God the Last.  
 earth de - scend - ing, Christ as God in hu - man form.  
 Word un - chang - ing, God the First and God the Last.

**\*The Benediction**

Minister: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God our Father,  
 who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through  
 grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work  
 and word. 2 Thessalonians. 2.16-17

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

**The Postlude**

8:00 "Allegro in B-flat" Giulio Taglietti  
 Mrs. Preston, organ

9:30/11:00 "Allegro" from *Concerto in C major* J. S. Bach  
 Dr. Davy, organ

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of  
 God and in memory of our son, Aaron Chapple Overton, on his birthday  
 from his loving parents, Mary and George Jackson.*

*The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the  
 marriage of Julia Krog to Michael Clevenger as they become one in Christ.*

**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**

John 1.6-13

“Bearing Witness to the Light and the Birth of Belief”

## 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. Who was John the Baptist? What was he sent to do?
2. What does it mean to bear witness?
3. List several things we learn about God's plan of redemption from this passage:
4. What are the two responses to the true light coming?
5. What does it mean when John says, "He gave the right to become children of God?" (1.12)
6. How does one become a child of God according to 1.13? What does this mean?
7. How are we called to bear witness to the light?

# Highlights

AUGUST 25, 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](https://pcpc.org/connect)

## Women's Kickoff: A Night of Worship & Prayer

*Tuesday, August 27*

7:00 P.M. | CHAPEL

Together we will dedicate our year to the Lord, pray for our church, city, and world, and seek to share the hope we have in Jesus, the Great I AM.

[pcpc.org/women](https://pcpc.org/women)

## Friday Fellowship

*Friday, September 6*

10:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL C

Join us for our first Senior Adult Friday Fellowship, Lunch with Rob Rucker. Hear the plans for the PCPC Senior Adult Ministry, spend time in the Word, and enjoy food & fellowship. Please register online.

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

## Helping Hands

*Saturday, September 7*

8:00 A.M. | OAK LAWN WEST

Be the hands and feet of Jesus and join the deacons and other volunteers to help single moms, widows/ers, and senior adults by doing odd jobs around their homes. Please register online.

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

## New Members Class

*September 8-October 27*

9:30 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Is the Lord calling you to be a member of PCPC? Our New Members Class gives you the opportunity to explore PCPC's beliefs and mission. Registration is open.

[pcpc.org/membership](https://pcpc.org/membership)

## Fall Bible Studies and Classes

*Launching September 9-13*

Join us as we abide in Christ and connect with one another at PCPC:

- GriefShare & DivorceCare
- Men's, Women's, & Couple's Bible Studies
- UNION (Pre-Marriage)
- Midweek Dinners & Vespers
- Youth Small Groups & Children's Choirs

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## Special Events

*Parent Intro Meeting for  
Communicant Classes*

SEPTEMBER 1 | 11:00 A.M.

*ESL Begins*

SEPTEMBER 4-5 | VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*First Friday/bEfriend*

SEPTEMBER 6 | 6:00 P.M. | PRESCHOOL AREA

*Middle School Fall Retreat*

OCTOBER 4-6 | REGISTER

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App with iOS or Android device where

you can give online (including setting up recurring gifts).

## GENERAL FUND

2024/2025 Operating Budget \$17,200,000

Jul 1, 2024-Aug 18, 2024 Budget \$1,849,721

Jul 1, 2024-Aug 18, 2024 Giving \$1,706,360

Budget Variance (\$143,361)