



*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**

September 1, 2024

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 1, 2024  
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Paul Goebel

The Prelude

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”  
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

HOLY MANNA  
*arr. Nielson*

## \*Call to Worship

Minister: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

**People: and His greatness is unsearchable.**

Minister: One generation shall commend Your works to another,

**People: and shall declare Your mighty acts.**

Minister: On the glorious splendor of Your majesty,

**People: and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

Minister: They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds,

**People: and I will declare Your greatness.**

Minister: They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness

**People: and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.**

Psalm 145:3-7

## \*Hymn of Praise

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

GROSSER GOTT

1. Ho - ly God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, — we  
2. Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
3. Lo! the ap - os - tol - ic train join Your sa - cred  
4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore You; all on earth Your scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim  
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
Three we name You; while in es - sence on - ly One,

all in heav'n a - bove a - dore You. In - fi - nite — Your  
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
un - di - vid - ed God we claim You, and a - dor - ing

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is — Your reign.  
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord."  
set of sun, through the church the song goes on.  
bend the knee, while we sing this mys - ter - y.

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Confession of Faith**

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom

We believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God,  
Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son  
together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen. *The Nicene Creed, originally A.D. 325*



1. From the squalor of a borrowed stable, by the Spirit  
 2. King of heaven now the Friend of sinners, humble servant  
 3. Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal, He was lifted  
 4. Now He's standing in the place of honor, crowned with glory



and a virgin's faith; to the anguish and the shame of scandal  
 in the Father's hands, filled with power and the Holy Spirit,  
 on a cruel cross; He was punished for a world's transgressions,  
 on the highest throne, interceding for His own beloved



came the Savior of the human race! But the skies were filled  
 filled with mercy for the broken man. Yes, He walked my road  
 He was suffering to save the lost. He fights for breath,  
 till His Father calls to bring them home! Then the skies will part



with the praise of heav'n, shepherds listen as the angels tell of the  
 and He felt my pain, joys and sorrows that I know so well; yet His  
 He fights for me, loosing sinners from the pains of hell; and  
 as the trumpet sounds hope of heaven or the fear of hell; but the



Gift of God come down to man at the dawning of Emmanuel.  
 righteous steps give me hope again: I will follow my Emmanuel.  
 with a shout our souls are free: I will follow my Emmanuel.  
 Bride will run to her Lover's arms, giving glory to Emmanuel.

## Confession of Sin

Mr. Higginbottom

**Our God, we praise You**

**that we have been brought out of the kingdom of darkness  
 into Your marvelous light.**

**May Your Spirit's perfect light**

**penetrate into every crevice of our beings,  
 making us more and more into the likeness**

**of our Savior Jesus,**

**in whom there is no darkness.**

**Lord, we lament how the shadows of darkness**

**linger in us causing us to sin,**

**keeping us from loving You**

**and one another as we ought.**

**We have often been fooled into thinking  
that we have overcome a specific sin,  
only to find that the roots remain deep and strong.**  
**Our relationships are filled with stress:  
grievances are not easily forgotten,  
love for others does not always come  
from a joyful and willing heart.**  
**We long for purity of heart and mind,  
of affection and will.**  
**We long for Your Spirit to bear in us  
the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.**  
**Please grant this to us for Your glory  
and for the good of Your Church and the world.**

### **Private Confession**

### **Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel**

How precious is Your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings. They feast on the abundance of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your delights. For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light. Psalm 36.7-9

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



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.

### Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Higginbottom

*In addition to giving via passed offering plates, you are also welcome  
 to give online at [pccp.org/give](http://pccp.org/give) or text "give" to 214-833-7724.*

### Musical Offering

8:00

"Gabriel's Oboe"  
 Mr. Nielson, *piano*

*Ennio Morricone*

*God be in my head and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes and in my looking; God be in my mouth and in my speaking; God be in my heart and in my thinking; God be at mine end and at my departing.*

**\*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.

**\*The Scripture Reading: John 1.14-18**

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

<sup>15</sup> *(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because He was before me.'")*

<sup>16</sup> *For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.*

<sup>17</sup> *For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*

<sup>18</sup> *No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known.*

**Sermon**

"Grace in Place of Grace"

Mr. Goebel

*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**

“Amazing Grace!”

AMAZING GRACE



1. A - maz - ing grace how sweet the sound that  
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! \_\_\_\_\_ I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; \_\_\_\_\_ how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; \_\_\_\_\_ 'tis grace has brought me  
Word my hope se - cures; \_\_\_\_\_ He will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, \_\_\_\_\_ we've no less days to



now am found, was blind, but now I see. \_\_\_\_\_  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved! \_\_\_\_\_  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. \_\_\_\_\_  
por - tion be, as long as life en - dures. \_\_\_\_\_  
sing God's praise than when we've first be - gun! \_\_\_\_\_

**\*The Benediction**

Minister: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13.14

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

**The Postlude**

8:00 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” WESTMINSTER ABBEY  
Mr. Nielson, *piano*

9:30/11:00 “Prelude in E flat major” Camille Saint-Saëns  
Dr. Davy, *organ*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God.*

**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 1.14-18

“Grace in Place of Grace”

## 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 is the incarnation of Jesus Christ? Why can there be no Gospel without the incarnation?
2. The opening words of John 1.14 can be literally translated, "the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us." What was the tabernacle in the Old Testament? What does the tabernacle have to do with Jesus?
3. Read Exodus 33.18 and John 1.14. In what way is Jesus the fulfillment of Moses' prayer, "show me Your glory"?
4. Why does the incarnation make Jesus completely unique in all of history?
5. What is grace? How does the Bible tell one story of God's grace for His people?
6. How has God given us grace in place of grace through Jesus Christ?

# Highlights

SEPTEMBER 1, 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)



## 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 Adults Ministry, spend time in the Word, and enjoy food & fellowship. Register online.

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

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

## 2024 Fall Guide

Pick up a copy of the Fall Guide in the Grand Hall, scan this QR code, or download it online! Consider how the Lord is calling you to connect to, abide in, and extend Christ as part of PCPC.

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



## Ukrainian Churches

Thank you for continuing to support our ministry partners in Ukraine. Find out how you can pray, pack, and give.

[pcpc.org/crates-for-ukraine](http://pcpc.org/crates-for-ukraine)

## Special Events

*ESL Begins*

SEPTEMBER 4-5 | VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*First Friday/bEfriend*

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

*Communion Sunday*

SEPTEMBER 8 | 8:00 (CHAPEL), 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.

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## GENERAL FUND

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

Jul 1, 2024-Aug 25, 2024 Budget \$2,114,804

Jul 1, 2024-Aug 25, 2024 Giving \$1,811,548

Budget Variance (\$303,256)