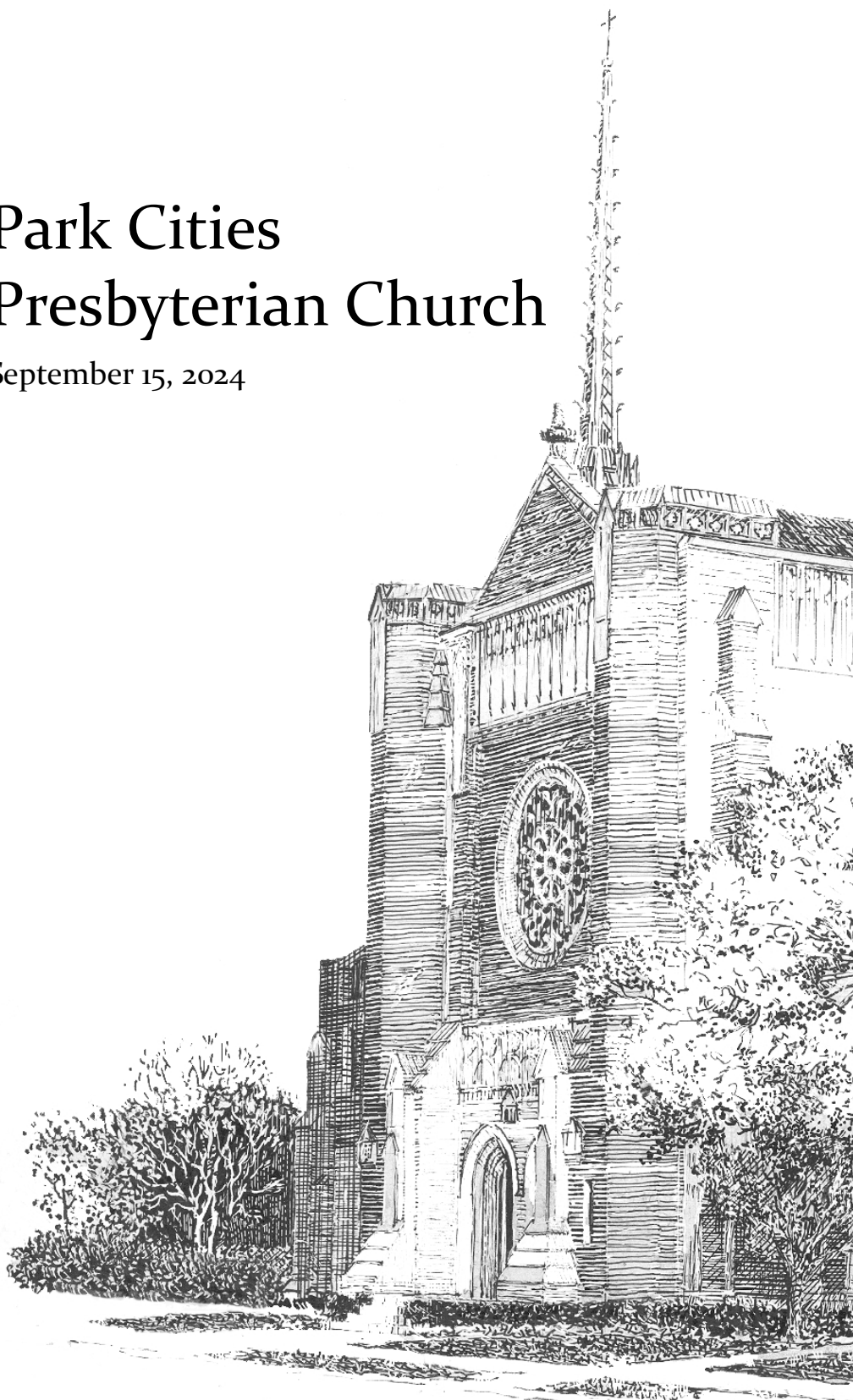


# Park Cities Presbyterian Church

September 15, 2024



*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.*

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 15, 2024  
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Mark Davis

## Prelude

8:00

“Andante tranquillo in E-flat”  
Mary Preston, organ

Everett Titcomb

9:30/11:00

“Aria”

Paul Manz

## \*Call to Worship

Minister: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;

**People: sing praises to the Lord,**

Minister: To Him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;

**People: behold, He sends out His voice, His mighty voice.**

Minister: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel,

**People: and whose power is in the skies.**

Minister: Awesome is God from His sanctuary;

**People: the God of Israel—He is the one who gives power and  
strength to His people. Blessed be God!**

Psalm 68:32-35

## \*Hymn of Praise

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

TRINITY

Hymn No. 101 in the Trinity Hymnal



Come, Thou Al - might - y King, help us Thy  
Come, Thou In - car - nate Word, gird on Thy  
Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred  
To the great One in Three e - ter - nal



name to sing, help us to praise. Fa - ther, all  
might - y sword, our prayer at - tend. Come, and Thy  
wit - ness bear in this glad hour. Thou who al -  
prais - es be, hence ev - er - more. His sov - ereign



glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
peo - ple bless, and give Thy Word suc - cess:  
might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,  
maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,



come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.  
and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

### \*Prayer of Adoration

### \*Profession of Faith

The Rev. Sam Leopold

Minister. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**People:** That I belong—

**body and soul,**

**in life and in death—**

**not to myself,**

**but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,**

**who at the cost of His own blood**

**has fully paid for all my sins**

**and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;**

**that He protects me so well**

**that without the will of my Father in heaven**

**not a hair can fall from my head;**

**indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation.**

**Therefore, by His Holy Spirit,**

**He also assures me of eternal life,**

**and makes me wholeheartedly willing**

**and ready from now on to live for Him.**

*Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1*

**\*Hymn**

**“What Wondrous Love Is This”**

WONDEROUS LOVE

*Hymn No. 261 in the Trinity Hymnal*



1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what  
2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! — What won - drous love is  
God and to the Lamb, I will sing; — to God and to the  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; — and when from death I'm



this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!  
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

**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

Lydia Ann Foose  
Joanna Finley Foose  
Caleb Hays Foose  
Henry Paul Radel  
Wirt Adams Yerger V

11:00

Jane Adams Benefield  
Kent Harrison Benefield  
Molly Kathryn Benefield

## Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

### \*Hymn

“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

*JESUS LOVES ME*

9:30/11:00

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. Leopold

**O most great, most just and gracious God;  
You are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity,  
but You have promised mercy through Jesus Christ  
to all that repent and believe in Him.  
We confess that we have all sinned  
and come short of the glory of God.  
You have revealed Your wonderful love to us in Christ  
and offered us pardon and salvation in Him,  
but we have turned away.  
Have mercy on us, most merciful Father!  
In Your Son is our salvation,  
in Your promises our hope.  
Take us for Your children  
and give us the Spirit of Your Son.  
May we love You and share Your love with others,  
through Jesus Christ our only Savior.**

### Private Confession

### Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist;  
return to Me, for I have redeemed you. Isaiah 44.22

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

### Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Leopold

*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

“Allegro” from *Sonata I, BWV 525*  
Mrs. Preston, organ

J. S. Bach

9:30/11:00

“Saints Bound for Heaven”  
Chancel Choir

Traditional American  
arr. Mack Wilberg

*Our bondage it shall end by and by. From Egypt's yoke set free, hail the glorious jubilee, and to Canaan we'll return by and by.*

*Our deliverer He shall come by and by. And our sorrows have an end with our three-score years and ten, and vast glory crown the day by and by.*

*And when to Jordan's floods we are come, Jehovah rules the tide and the waters He'll divide and the ransomed host shall shout "We are come."*

*Then with all the happy throng we'll rejoice. Shouting glory to our King, till the vaults of heaven ring, and through all eternity we'll rejoice.*

## \*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: John 1.22-34

*So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?”*

<sup>23</sup> *He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”*

<sup>24</sup> *(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.)*

<sup>25</sup> *They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”*

<sup>26</sup> *John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know,*

<sup>27</sup> *even He who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.”*

- <sup>28</sup> *These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.*
- <sup>29</sup> *The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*
- <sup>30</sup> *This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who ranks before me, because He was before me.'*
- <sup>31</sup> *I myself did not know Him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel."*
- <sup>32</sup> *And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Him.*
- <sup>33</sup> *I myself did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'*
- <sup>34</sup> *And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."*

Sermon

"The Best Man"

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:**



**\*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**                      **“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”**                      *WHAT A SAVIOR*  
*Hymn No. 246 in the Trinity Hymnal*



1. Man of Sor - rows! what a name for the  
2. Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my  
3. Guilt - y, vile, and help - less, we; spot - less  
4. Lift - ed up was He to die, "It is  
5. When He comes, our glo - rious King, all His



Son of God, who came ru - ined sin - ners  
place con - demned He stood, sealed my par - don  
Lamb of God was He; full a - tone - ment!  
fin - ished!" was His cry; now in heav'n ex -  
ran - somed home to bring, then a - new this



to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
with His blood: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
song we'll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!

**\*The Benediction**

Minister: Now 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

“Toccata and Fugue in C”  
Mrs. Preston

*J. G. Walther*

9:30/11:00

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”  
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

*James Biery*

*\*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.**

### **Senior Pastor**

The Rev. Mark Davis

### **Session**

John Bateman

Doug Chesnut

The Rev. Mark Davis,

*Moderator*

Jack Denman, Jr.

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Jim Morris, Jr.,

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Rick Owens

Kirk Pogoloff

Dave Reichert

Whit Roberts

Dennis Roossien

John Ward

**SERMON NOTES**

John 1.22-34

“The Best Man”

## 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 does John the Baptist declare himself to be, and what does this reveal about his identity and character?
2. How does John the Baptist's testimony distinguish him from Jesus?
3. What is John the Baptist communicating when he describes the difference between his baptizing with water and Jesus baptizing with the Holy Spirit?
4. Why is John's statement, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world," so powerful? Take time to unpack the significance of this statement.
5. What is meant in John 1.33 that the "Spirit remained on Him?"
6. Why does John give us these details early in his gospel?

# Highlights

SEPTEMBER 15, 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 Bible Studies

PCPC Women's theme this year is "Declare," and our Bible studies occur Tuesday through Thursday at a variety of locations and times. Register online and join this week!

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

## Men's Bible Study

7:00 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for our fall Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study. We are studying the book of Ecclesiastes. Register online.

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

## 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 extent Christ as part of PCPC.



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

## Young Adult Pickleball

Thursday, September 26

7:00 P.M. | WILLIAMS PARK

Enjoy a few casual games of pickleball and great popsicles while connecting with new and old friends in our ministry!

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

## Second Grade Bibles

Sunday, October 6

8:30 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

All second graders are invited to a special breakfast and to receive a Bible during worship. If you register by September 27, we will have your child's Bible engraved.

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

## Mazzoni Duo Concert

Sunday, September 29

7:00 P.M. | CAMBRIDGE HALL (LEVEL TWO)

Jennifer and Matt Mazzoni have been creating music as a dynamic flute and piano ensemble for 15 years. Together they present a blend of classical music and hymns. Dessert reception to follow. No tickets required.

[pcpcconcerts.org](https://pcpcconcerts.org)

## Special Events

Global Prayer

SEPTEMBER 21 | 9:00 A.M. | THE RIDLEY HOME

Missionary Mailings

SEPTEMBER 22 | 12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Gathering (High School)

SEPTEMBER 25 | 7:15 P.M.

Rooted Conference (Parents of Youth)

OCTOBER 24-26 | PCPC

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

Jul 1, 2024–Sept 08, 2024 Budget \$2,526,471

Jul 1, 2024–Sept 08, 2024 Giving \$2,182,572

Budget Variance (\$343,900)