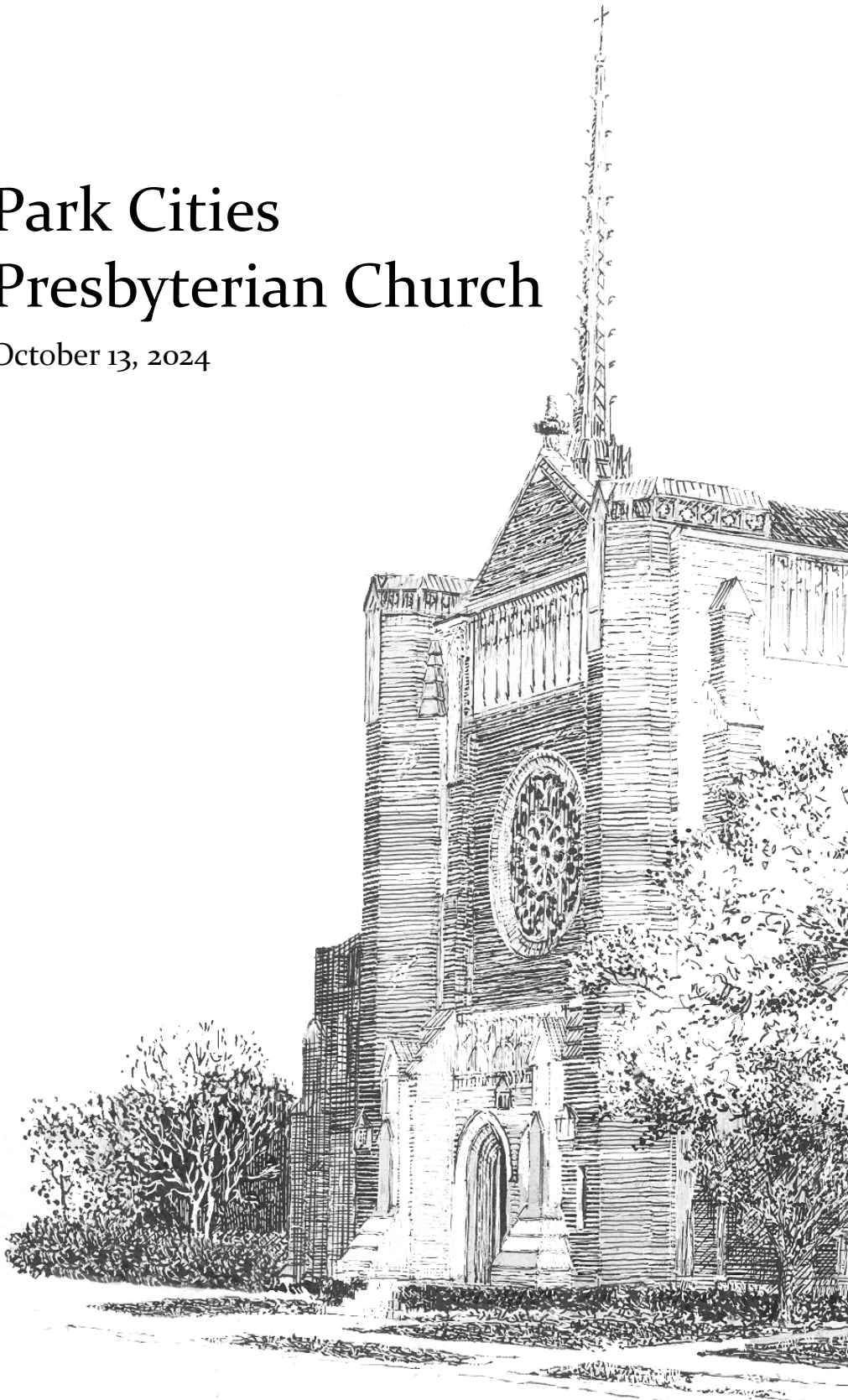


Park Cities Presbyterian Church

October 13, 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

October 13, 2024
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Mark Davis

*Call to Worship

Minister: The LORD is my light and my salvation;

People: Whom shall I fear?

Minister: The LORD is the strength of my life;

People: Of whom shall I be afraid?

Minister: For in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His pavilion;

People: In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.

Minister: I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait on the LORD;

People: Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the LORD!

Psalm 27:1, 5, 13-14 (NKJV)

*Hymn of Praise

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

Hymn No. 295 in the Trinity Hymnal



1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on His
2. Crown Him the Lord of love; be - hold His hands and
3. Crown Him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the
4. Crown Him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of



throne; hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all
side, rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in
grave, and rose vic - to - rious in the — strife for
time; Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing — spheres, in -



mu - sic but its own: a - wake, my soul, and sing of
beau - ty glo - ri - fied: no an - gel in the sky can
those He came to save; His glo - ries now we sing who
ef - fa - bly sub - lime: all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for



Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy
 ful - ly bear that sight, but down - ward bends His
 died and rose on high, who died, e - ter - nal
 Thou hast died for me: Thy praise and glo - ry



match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Confession of Faith**

The Rev. Tommy Overton

Minister: What is true faith?

People: True faith is

not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true
 all that God has revealed to us in Scripture;
 it is also a wholehearted trust,
 which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the Gospel
 that God has freely granted,
 not only to others but to me also,
 forgiveness of sins,
 eternal righteousness,
 and salvation.

These are gifts of sheer grace,
 granted solely by Christ's merit.

Heidelberg Confession, Q. 21

*Hymn

“How Shall I Sing That Majesty”

COE FEN

8:00

Stanzas 1-4: congregation

9:30/11:00

Stanza 1: choir; Stanzas 2-4: congregation



1. How shall I sing that ma - jes - ty which an - gels
 2. Thy bright-ness un - to them ap - pears, whilst I Thy
 3. En - light - en with faith's light my heart, in - flame it
 4. How great a be - ing, Lord, is Thine, which doth all



do ad - mire? Let dust in dust and si - lence lie; sing,
 foot - steps trace; a sound of God comes to my ears; but
 with love's fire; then shall I sing and bear a part with
 be - ings keep! Thy know - ledge is the on - ly line to



sing, ye hea - v'nly choir. Thou - sands of thou - sands stand
 they be - hold Thy face. They sing be - cause Thou art
 that ce - les - tial choir. I shall, I fear, be dark
 sound so vast a deep: Thou art a sea with - out



a - round Thy throne, O God most high; — ten thou - sand
 their sun: Lord, send a beam on me; — for where heav'n
 and cold, with all my fire and light; — yet when Thou
 a shore, a sun with - out a sphere; — Thy time is



times ten thou - sand sound Thy praise; but who am I?
 is but once be - gun, there al - le - lu - ias be.
 dost ac - cept their gold, Lord, trea - sure up my mite.
 now and e - ver - more, Thy place is e - v'ry where.

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Overton

O Lord God, who inhabits eternity,
 the heavens declare Your glory,
 the earth Your riches,
 the universe is Your temple;

I thank You for Your riches given to me in Jesus:
 for the unclouded revelation of Him in Your Word,
 where I behold His person, character, grace, glory,
 humiliation, sufferings, death, and resurrection.

I come to You in the all-prevailing name of Jesus,
 with nothing of my own to plead,
 no works, no worthiness, no promises.

I am often straying, often knowingly opposing Your authority,
 often abusing Your goodness.

Subdue in me the love of sin,
 let me know the need of renovation as well as of forgiveness,
 in order to serve and enjoy You forever.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.

Titus 3:4-5

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

Musical Meditation

9:30/11:00

“Be Still, My Soul”
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

FINLANDIA
arr. S. Nielson

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Overton

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

“Prelude No. 5”
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

Sergei Rachmaninoff

“O Christ, we glorify You with music, for You are our God and we know none other than You.” -Solemn Vespers

9:30/11:00

“My God, Accept My Heart”
Chancel Choir
J. Marty Cope, *conducting*

Bridges/Helvey

My God, accept my heart this day, and make it always Thine, that I from Thee no more may stray, no more from Thee decline.

Before the cross of Him who died, behold, I prostrate fall; let every sin be crucified, and Christ be all in all.

Anoint me with Thy heav’nly grace, and seal me for Thine own; that I may see Thy glorious face, and worship near Thy throne.

Let every thought and work and word to Thee be ever giv’n: Then life shall be Thy service, Lord, and death the gate of heav’n.

All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son, all glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee, while endless ages run.

***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 2.23-3.15**

Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs that He was doing.

²⁴ *But Jesus on His part did not entrust Himself to them, because He knew all people*

²⁵ *and needed no one to bear witness about man, for He Himself knew what was in man.*

^{3:1} *Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.*

² *This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a Teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with Him."*

³ *Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God."*

⁴ *Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"*

⁵ *Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God.*

⁶ *That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

⁷ *Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'*

⁸ *The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."*

⁹ *Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?"*

¹⁰ *Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?"*

¹¹ *Truly, truly, I say to you, We speak of what We know, and bear witness to what We have seen, but you do not receive Our testimony.*

¹² *If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?*

¹³ *No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.*

¹⁴ *And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,*

¹⁵ *that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.*

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

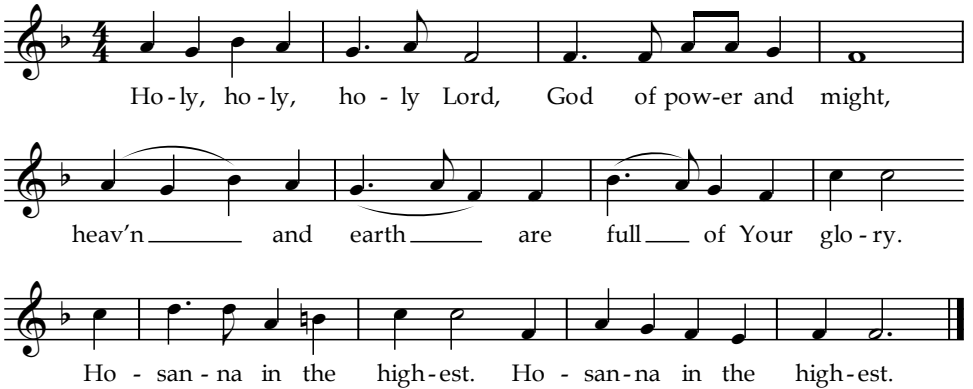
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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*The Lord's Table 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.

(Worshippers at 8:00, please continue at the closing hymn.)

The Lord's Table 9:30/11:00

Please come forward to receive the elements as directed by an usher. Partake of each when served, returning to your seat with your empty cup.

The bread being served is gluten free.

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP



1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my -
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fil Thy
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to Thy
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids



self in Thee; let the wa - ter and the blood,
 law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know,
 cross I cling; na - ked, come to Thee for dress;
 close in death, when I soar to worlds un - known,



from Thy riv - en side which flowed, be of sin the
 could my tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could
 help - less, look to Thee for grace; foul, I to the
 see Thee on Thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,



dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and — pow'r.
 not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
 Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I — die.
 cleft for me, let me hide my - self in — Thee.

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” BWV 727
Mr. Copé, organ

J. S. Bach

*Closing Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

Hymn No. 263 in the Trinity Hymnal



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim,



Fine

'till all the world — a - dore — His sa - cred name.



1. Come, breth - ren fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
 2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4. Thy king - dom come, that earth's de - spair may cease
 5. For Thy blest cross which doth for us a - tone,



our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 the hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
 as Thou hast prom - ised, draw men un - to Thee.
 be - neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.
 cre - a - tion's prais - es rise be - fore Thy throne.

***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 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *EIN' FESTE BURG*
 Mr. Nielson, *piano*

9:30/11:00 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" *arr. Michael Burkhardt*
 Mr. Cope, *organ*

**Please stand if you are able.*

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

Members of PCPC who have joined the Church Triumphant since our last Communion service:

Delia "DeeDee" Kiehn
 Arlo Floyd Buller
 Edward Ray McDow, Jr.
 Carolyn Williams Marks

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 2.23-3.15
“Being Born Again”

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. Why would Jesus not “entrust Himself to them” as recorded in John 2.24?
2. Who was Nicodemus?
3. Why do you think he came to Jesus by night?
4. Unpack the conversation between Nicodemus and Jesus. What was Jesus ultimately saying? Why was this difficult for Nicodemus to comprehend?
5. What are some of the theological themes framed in this passage?
6. What does it mean to be “born again”?
7. What is significant about water, the Spirit, and wind in this text?
8. Why did Jesus refer to Moses and the serpent in 3.14-15?
9. Have you been “born again”?

Highlights

OCTOBER 13, 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

The Bridge

Tuesday, October 15

6:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for an evening with women of all ages. We will gather for food and fellowship and then hear from PCPC member Catherine Russell. Charge is \$5. No reservation is required.

pcpc.org/women

State Fair Day

Thursday, October 17

9:15 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

PCPC 60+ community, let's have a great day at the fair! Park your car in the PCPC Oak Lawn West parking lot and board the vans at 9:15 a.m. Bring a friend, and please register online to reserve a seat on the van.

pcpc.org/events

Young Adult Solitude Saturday

Saturday, October 19

8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. | GRAND HALL

Join us for a quiet morning of solitude, contemplation, and prayer. A light breakfast and coffee will be provided. No registration required.

pcpc.org/events

Serve with PCPC Kids

Would you prayerfully consider serving as a Children's Ministry Volunteer on Sunday mornings? Our classrooms are full of young worshippers, ages 3 months - 5th grade, that need to be fed with God's Word and cared for by the body of Christ.

pcpc.org/volunteer



Tenebrae Concert

Sunday, November 10

7:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

PCPC welcomes the UK's award-winning vocal ensemble Tenebrae! Tenebrae has earned international acclaim for its interpretations of choral music ranging from the Renaissance to contemporary masterpieces. A paid ticket is required.

pcpcconcerts.org

Special Events

Global Prayer

OCTOBER 19 | 9:00 A.M. | THE MOXLEY HOME

Tim Martin Ordination Service

OCTOBER 20 | 5:00 P.M. | CHAPEL

Mission Trip Showcase

OCTOBER 27 | 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. | GRAND HALL

Grandparenting Luncheon

NOVEMBER 3 | 12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

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GENERAL FUND

2024/2025 Operating Budget	\$17,200,000
Jul 1, 2024–Oct 6, 2024 Budget	\$3,448,881
Jul 1, 2024–Oct 6, 2024 Giving	\$3,068,509
Budget Variance	(\$380,372)