



*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

March 9, 2025

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 9, 2025
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Lent

Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. The practice of a forty-day preparation period began in the Christian church during the third and fourth centuries. The number forty carries biblical significance based on the forty years Israel spent in the wilderness and Jesus' forty-day fast in the wilderness.

As a period of preparation, Lent has historically included the instruction of persons for baptism and profession of faith; the calling back of those who have become estranged from the church; and efforts by all Christians to deepen their piety, devotion, and readiness to mark the death and resurrection of their Savior.

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Pete Hatton

***Call to Worship**

Minister: But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;

People: therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near.

Minister: Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

People: Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.

Minister: Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?

People: Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Isaiah 50.7-9



1. Christ tri - um - phant, ev - er reign - ing,
 2. Word in - car - nate, truth re - veal - ing,
 3. Suf - f'ring ser - vant, scorned ill - treat - ed,
 4. Priest - ly king, en - throned for - ev - er
 5. So, our hearts and voic - es rais - ing



Sa - vior, Mas - ter, King! Lord of heaven, our
 Son of man on earth: Power and maj - es -
 vic - tim cru - ci - fied! Death is through the
 high in heaven a - bove! Sin and death and
 through the a - ges long, cease - less - ly u -



lives sus - tain - ing, hear us as we sing.
 ty con - ceal - ing by Your hum - ble birth.
 cross de - feat - ed, sin - ners jus - ti - fied.
 hell shall nev - er sti - fle hymns of love.
 pon You gaz - ing, this shall be our song.



Yours the glo - ry and the crown, the



high re - nown, the e - ter - nal name.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Profession of Faith

The Rev. Tommy Overton

Minister: What do you understand by the word “suffered”?

People: That during His whole life on earth,
 but especially at the end,
 Christ sustained in body and soul
 the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race.
 This He did in order that,
 by His suffering as the only atoning sacrifice,
 He might deliver us, body and soul,
 from eternal condemnation,
 and gain for us
 God's grace,
 righteousness,
 and eternal life.

Heidelberg Catechism, No. 37

*Hymn

"The Power of the Cross"

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Stanzas: 1-2



1. O, to see the dawn of the dark - est day; Christ
2. O, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face, bear -
3. Now the day-light flees; Now the ground be - neath quakes
4. O, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for



on the road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
ing the awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
as its Ma - ker bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,
through Your suf - f'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death,



torn and beat-en, then nailed to a cross of wood.____
ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing Your blood-stained brow.____
dead are raised to life— "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.____
life is mine to live, won through Your self - less love!____

Refrain



(v1-3) This the pow'r ____ of the cross: ____ Christ be - came ____ sin for us. ____
(v4) This the pow'r ____ of the cross: ____ Son of God ____ slain for us. ____



Took the blame, ____ bore the wrath; We stand for-gi-ven at the cross.
What a love, ____ what a cost! We stand for-gi-ven at the cross.

Please be seated.

Preparation for Confession

9:30/11:00

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"
Elise Belk, oboe • Nathan Davy, piano

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Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Overton

Almighty God,

You despise nothing You have made,
and You forgive the sins of all who are penitent.

Create in us new and contrite hearts,
that, truly repenting of our sins
and acknowledging our brokenness,
we may obtain from You, the God of all mercy,
full pardon and forgiveness,
through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied; by His knowledge shall the righteous One, My servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities.

Isaiah 53.11

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

*Hymn

“The Power of the Cross”
Stanzas: 3-4

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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 in D Major”
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

Sergei Rachmaninoff

9:30/11:00

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”
Chancel Choir • Elise Belk, oboe
Nathan Davy, *organ* • Bryan Varenkamp, *conducting*

Faber/Bevan

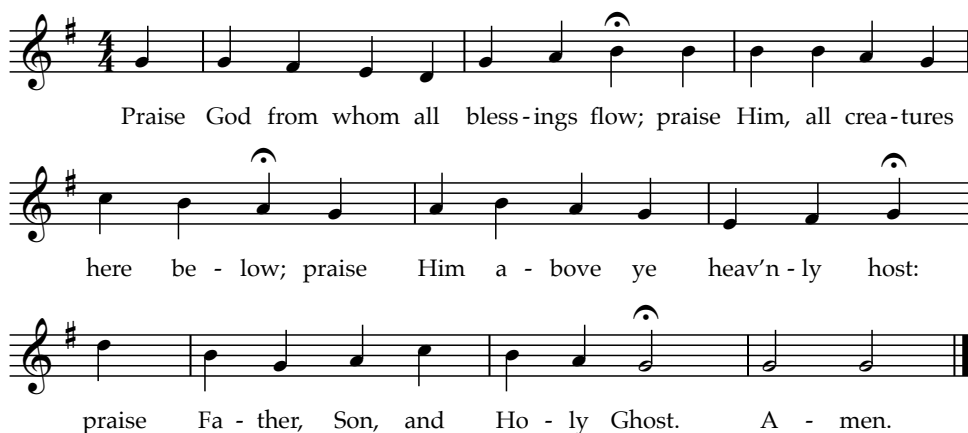
There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea; there’s a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good; there is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in His blood.

There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heav’n; there is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgment giv’n.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind; and the heart of the Eternal, is most wonderfully kind.

There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.



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 8.12-30

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

¹³ So the Pharisees said to Him, "You are bearing witness about Yourself; Your testimony is not true."

¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about Myself, My testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going."

¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one.

¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent Me.

¹⁷ In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true.

¹⁸ I am the One who bears witness about Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness about Me."

¹⁹ They said to Him therefore, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father. If you knew Me, you would know My Father also."

²⁰ These words He spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; but no one arrested Him, because His hour had not yet come.

²¹ So He said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek Me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come."

²² So the Jews said, "Will He kill Himself, since He says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?"

²³ He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world."

²⁴ I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am He you will die in your sins."

- ²⁵ So they said to Him, “Who are You?” Jesus said to them, “Just what I have been telling you from the beginning.
- ²⁶ I have much to say about you and much to judge, but He who sent Me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from Him.”
- ²⁷ They did not understand that He had been speaking to them about the Father.
- ²⁸ So Jesus said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing on My own authority, but speak just as the Father taught Me.
- ²⁹ And He who sent Me is with Me. He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.”
- ³⁰ As He was saying these things, many believed in Him.

Sermon

“Light Exposing Darkness”

Mr. Hatton

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!

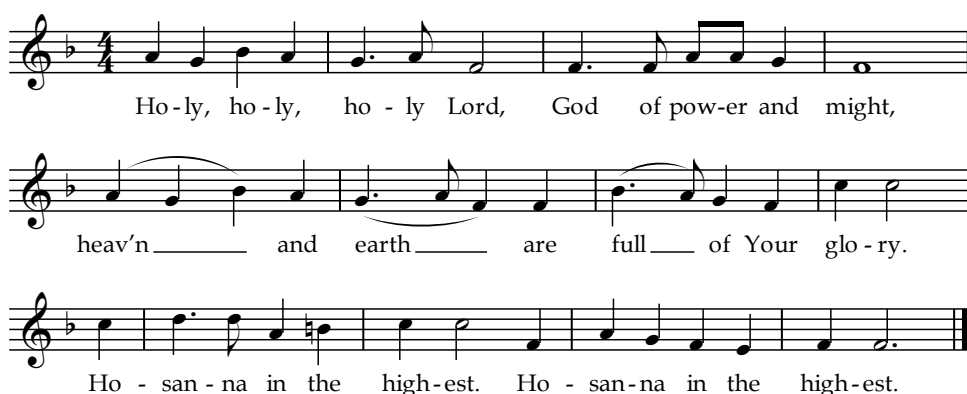
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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** "Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise"
Hymn No. 38 in the Trinity Hymnal

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1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great Name we praise.
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

***The Benediction**

Minister: 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.**

Postlude

8:00

“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”
Mr. Nielson, *piano*

HENDON

9:30/11:00

“Toccata in B minor”
Dr. Davy, *organ*

Eugene Gigout

**Please stand if you are able.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Virginia Bentley and Matthew Anthony.

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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Jim Morris, Jr.,
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Rick Owens
Kirk Pogoloff
Dave Reichert
Whit Roberts
Dennis Roossien
John Ward

SERMON NOTES

John 8.12-30
“Light Exposing Darkness”

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. In claiming to be the light of the world, what is Jesus exposing about this world?
2. Because we have a distorted view of ourselves, how do people today determine truth?
3. According to Jesus, who are the only two fathers to which every human can be related?
4. How does Jesus describe the family resemblance of each father?
5. What is the eternal destiny of those related to Satan? What is the eternal destiny of those related to God?
6. According to John 8.28, how will people know that Jesus is God?

Highlights

MARCH 9, 2025

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

Lenten Organ Series

Wednesday, March 12

12:00-12:30 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Prepare for Holy Week and Easter as you enjoy this 30-minute concert featuring PCPC's organist, Nathan Davy.

pcpc.org/holyweek

Work as Mission Breakfast

Friday, March 21

7:30 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Can you live boldly for Christ in the competitive, high-stakes world of business? Join us for the relaunch of PCPC's workplace ministry, where Bob Doll, President, CEO & CIO of Crossmark Global Investments, Inc., will share his firsthand experience. Register online.

pcpc.org/work-as-mission

Smart-Giving Workshop

Thursday, March 27

7:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Provided by the PCA Foundation, this event brings an experienced gift strategist to discuss estate planning concepts and tools and to show participants how to maximize giving for Kingdom impact by employing tax efficient giving strategies.

pcpc.org/events

Men's Golf Scramble

Friday, March 28

7:00 A.M. | CEDAR CREST GOLF COURSE

Enjoy a time of fellowship with the men of PCPC. Whether you're an experienced golfer or just looking to connect, this will be a relaxed time to build friendships. Register by March 14.

pcpc.org/men



Congregational Meeting

The Session of PCPC has approved a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 30, during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services, for the purpose of electing new deacons and the Class of 2029 elders. The officer candidates have successfully completed training classes and have been approved by the Session. Candidate profiles available in the Grand Hall or online. Officer recommendations for the next class of 2030 can be submitted March 30–April 30.

pcpc.org/events

Special Events at PCPC

Middle School Boys Open Gym

FRIDAY, MAR. 21 | 5:00 P.M.

YA Two Stepping Night

THURSDAY, MAR. 27 | 7:00 P.M.

Helping Hands

SATURDAY, MAR. 29 | 8:00 A.M.

pcpc.org/calendar



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App with iOS or Android device where

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GENERAL FUND

2024/2025 Operating Budget	\$17,200,000
Jul 1, 2024–Mar 2, 2025 Budget	\$12,612,157
Jul 1, 2024–Mar 2, 2025 Giving	\$12,471,108
Budget Variance	(\$141,049)