



*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 16, 2025

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 16, 2025
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of Lent

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Pete Hatton

The Prelude

8:00 "O Praise Ye the Lord" *LAUDATE DOMINUM*
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

9:30/11:00 "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" *arr. Molly Ijames*
Lucas Aleman, *violin* • J. Marty Cope, *piano*

*Call to Worship

Minister: LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

Minister: Teach us to number our days

People: that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Minister: Return, O LORD! How long?

People: Have pity on Your servants!

Minister: Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,

People: that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Psalm 90.1-2, 12-14

*Hymn of Praise

"The God of Abraham Praise"

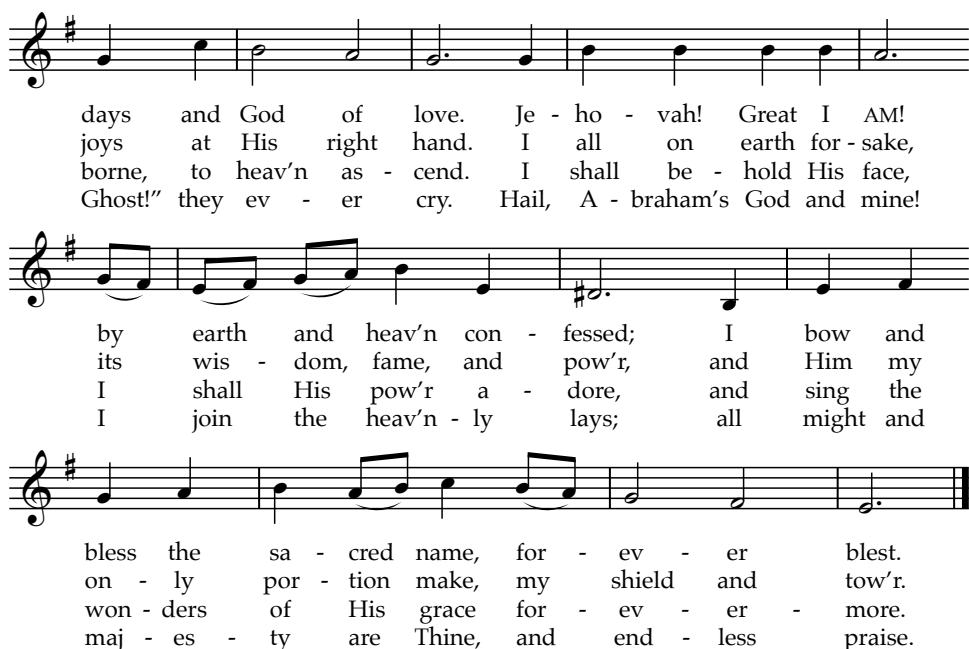
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1. The God of A - braham praise, Who reigns en -
2. The God of A - braham praise, at Whose su -
3. He by Him - self hath sworn, I on His
4. The whole tri - um - phant host gives thanks to



throned a - bove, An - cient of ev - er - last - ing
preme com - mand from earth I rise, and seek the
oath de - pend; I shall, on ea - gles' wings up -
God on high; "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



days and God of love. Je - ho - vah! Great I AM!
 joys at His right hand. I all on earth for - sake,
 borne, to heav'n as - cend. I shall be - hold His face,
 Ghost!" they ev - er cry. Hail, A - braham's God and mine!
 by earth and heav'n con - fessed; I bow and
 its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r, and Him my
 I shall His pow'r a - dore, and sing the
 I join the heav'n - ly lays; all might and
 bless the sa - cred name, for - ev - er blest.
 on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
 won - ders of His grace for - ev - er - more.
 maj - es - ty are Thine, and end - less praise.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Profession of Faith

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom

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



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.

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

11:00

Robert Boyce Durbin, Jr.
Peter Davis Vernon
John Robert Hodges

Harrison Scott Hellinghausen

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. Higginbottom

Blessed Lord Jesus,
before Your cross I bow
and see the heinousness of my sin.
Sin is my malady,
my monster,
my foe,
my viper.
It is born in my birth,
alive in my life,
strong in my character,
dominating my faculties,
following me as a shadow,
intermingling with every thought,
my chain that holds me captive in the empire of my soul.
Yet Your compassions yearn over me,
Your heart hastens to my rescue,
Your love endured my curse,
Your mercy bore my stripes.
Let me walk humbly in the lowest depths of humiliation,
bathed in Your blood,
tender of conscience,
triumphing gloriously as an heir of salvation.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light. Psalm 36.9

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

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Higginbottom

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

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Mr. Nielson, piano

BREAK BREAD

arr. S. Nielson

9:30/11:00

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

arr. Gary Methany

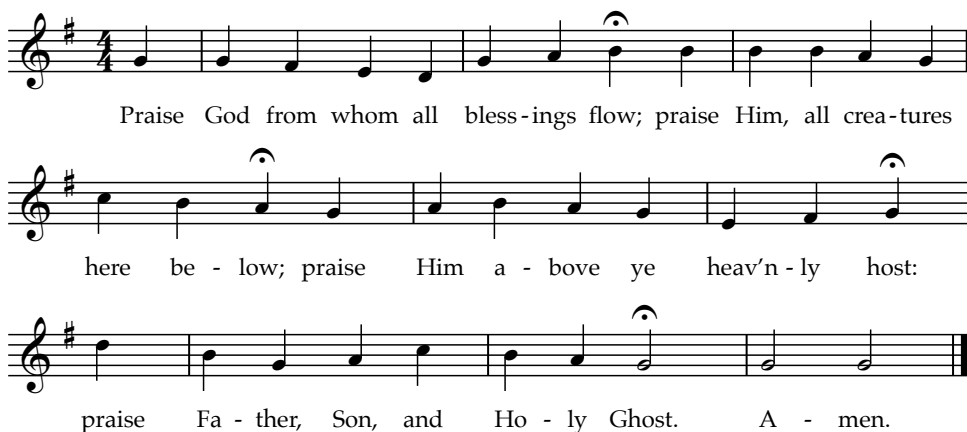
Chancel Choir • Mr. Aleman, violin

Mr. Nielson, piano • Mr. Cope, conducting

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended, that man to judge Thee hath in hate pretended? By foes derided, by Thine own rejected, O most afflicted. For me, kind Jesus, was Thine incarnation, Thy mortal sorrow, and Thy life's oblation; Thy death of anguish and Thy bitter passion, for my salvation. Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee? Alas my treason, Jesus, hath undone Thee! 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied Thee: I crucified Thee! Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay Thee, I do adore Thee, and will ever pray Thee, think on Thy pity and Thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

*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.

*Worship Explorers will not meet today,
and we encourage families to worship together.*

Zest Quests are available so your children can follow along with the sermon.

***The Scripture Reading: John 8.31-59**

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My Word, you are truly My disciples,
32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
33 They answered Him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that You say, 'You will become free?'"
34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.
35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever.
36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.
37 I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill Me because My word finds no place in you.
38 I speak of what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have heard from your father."
39 They answered Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did,
40 but now you seek to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did.
41 You are doing the works your father did." They said to Him, "We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God."
42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of My own accord, but He sent Me.
43 Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear My Word.
44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.
45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.
46 Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me?
47 Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."
48 The Jews answered Him, "Are we not right in saying that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?"
49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me.
50 Yet I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks it, and He is the judge.
51 Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My Word, he will never see death."
52 The Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet You say, 'If anyone keeps My Word, he will never taste death.'
53 Are You greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do You make Yourself out to be?"
54 Jesus answered, "If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.'
55 But you have not known Him. I know Him. If I were to say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know Him and I keep His Word.
56 Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see My day. He saw it and was glad."
57 So the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"
58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."
59 So they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

Sermon

"Dead Men Walking"

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!

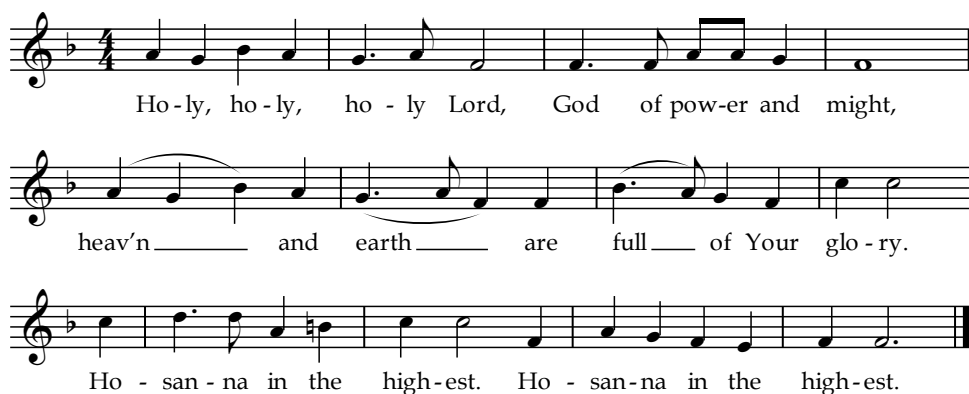
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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.

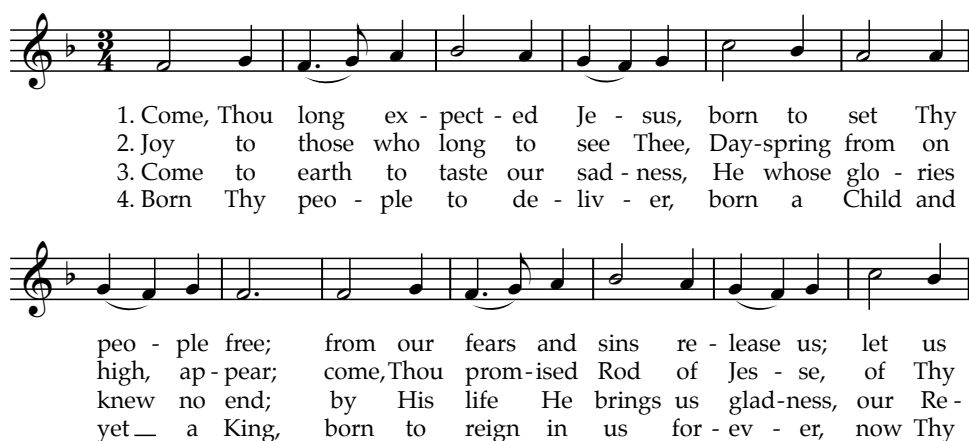
You will be served by your elders, and we will all partake together when so instructed by the pastor.

(The bread being served is gluten free.)

***Closing Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"**

HYFRYDOL

Hymn No. 196 in the Trinity Hymnal



find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion,
 birth we long to hear! O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing
 deem - er, Shepherd, Friend; Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber,
 gra - cious King - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it

hope of all the earth Thou art, dear De - sire of
 news, glad ti - dings of a birth: "Go to Him, your
 born with - in a cat - tle stall; this the e - ver -
 rule in all our hearts a - lone; by Thine all suf -

ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
 last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
 fi - cient mer - it, raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

*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

"Arise, My Soul, Arise"
 Mr. Nielson, *piano*

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9:30/11:00

"The God of Abraham Praise"
 Mr. Cope, *organ*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

**Please stand if you are able.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the fourteenth anniversary of the sobriety of our daughter Amanda Garcia and the beginning of her journey with God by Mary and George Jackson.

**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 8.31-59
“Dead Men Walking”

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. If sin had a scale, where would you rank pride?
2. What does Jesus say we are enslaved to and from what do we need to be set free?
3. Why are we so obsessed with self-improvement?
4. Who does Jesus call "sons of Satan"?
5. What is the only thing that frees us?
6. If "I AM" must be the one to act to save us, what should this produce in us?

Highlights

MARCH 16, 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 with others in our church family, 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 19

12:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Prepare for Holy Week and Easter as you enjoy this 30-minute concert featuring Yoonmi Lim, organist at Highland Park Presbyterian Church.

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. Please register online.

pcpc.org/work-as-mission

Parish Prayer Meetings

Sunday, March 23

4:00 P.M.

Next Sunday, we will have parish prayer meetings in different homes around the city. Join your neighbors for this opportunity to pray for one another, our church, and the world. Visit our website to find your parish on the map and get more information about a prayer meeting near you.

pcpc.org/parish



VBS Registration

Start shaping up and mark your calendars to spend June 3-6 at VBS Boot Camp. Registration opens March 19 for adult volunteers and their children. General registration opens April 7.

pcpc.org/vbs

Church in the City Luncheon

Friday, March 30

12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for lunch after church as we consider disability from a Christian worldview. Stephanie Hubach, Research Fellow in Disability Ministries at Covenant Theological Seminary, will share how the Gospel should inform the way we think about and respond to disability. Registration is appreciated but not required.

pcpc.org/events

Special Events at PCPC

Communion Sunday

SUNDAY, MAR. 23

Second Wind for the Second Half

FRIDAY, MAR. 28 | 6:00 P.M.

Helping Hands

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

M.S. Boys 3v3 Basketball

SATURDAY, MAR. 29 | 9:00 A.M.

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2024/2025 Operating Budget	\$17,200,000
Jul 1, 2024–Mar 9, 2025 Budget	\$12,839,855
Jul 1, 2024–Mar 9, 2025 Giving	\$12,880,903
Budget Variance	\$41,048