

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 23, 2025

#### Order for the Worship of God

March 23, 2025 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

#### Third Sunday of Lent

#### Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Sam Leopold 8:00 The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

#### \*Call to Worship

Minister:	Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
	who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
People:	who gives breath to the people on it
	and spirit to those who walk in it:
Minister:	"I am the LORD; I have called You in righteousness;
	I will take You by the hand and keep You;
People:	I will give You as a covenant for the people,
	a light for the nations,
Minister:	to open the eyes that are blind,
People:	to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
	from the prison those who sit in darkness."

Isaiah 42.5-7

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#### \*Hymn of Praise "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Hymn No. 164 in the Trinity Hymnal

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God and earth a • sin - ner's foul - est hearts re Sav - ior	- broad ears, clean;	the      'tis      His      the	tri - umph hon - ors life, and blood a hum - ble leap, ye	of health,	His Thy and for be - for	grace! name. peace. me. lieve. joy.

\*Hymn

*Profession of Faith	The Rev. Tommy Overton 8:00 The Rev. Sam Leopold 9:30/11:00
If our Gospel is veiled, it is veiled	to those who are perishing.
In their case, the god of this world	
has blinded the minds of the u	
to keep them from seeing the lig	ght of the Gospel of the glory of Christ,
who is the image of God.	
For what we proclaim is not oursel	lves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord,	
with ourselves as Your servants	for Jesus' sake.
For God, who said, "Let light shine	
has shone in our hearts to give t	

of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

"Be Thou My Vision"

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

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Ο Be Thou my vi - sion, Lord of my heart; Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou word; my true Be Thou my bat - tle shield, sword for fight; my need not, Rich - es man's Ι\_ nor emp - ty praise, of \_ High King heav - en, my vic to - ry won, ð naught all else that Thou be to me, save art with Thee T ev er and Thou with me, Lord; my dig - ni - ty, in - her - i - tance, be Thou light, my Thou my de Thou al mine now and ways; Ι may heav - en's joys, Ο bright heav'n's Sun! reach Thou my best\_ thought\_ by day or by night, Thou Fa Thy my great ther, Ι true son;\_ Thou my soul's shel ter, Thou my high tow'r;\_ Thou and Thou on ly, first in heart, \_ my Heart of\_ own heart, what - ev be fall, \_ my\_ er pres - ence wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy light. my dwell - ing, Thou in me and with Thee one. Ι raise Thou me heav'n - ward, 0\_ Pow'r Pow'r. of my High King of heav my trea - sure Thou art. en, still by my vi sion, 0\_\_\_ Rul er of all.

#### Becoming a Communing Member and Coming to the Lord's Table for the First Time 9:30/11:00

Sophia Ruth Bailey Thomas Garrison Bailey Louisa Claudette Ballard William Miller Bebee Blake Tyler Beeson Ava Grace Benbow Caroline Elise Benbow **Blakely Hays Boone** Cannon Luke Bozman Sophie Eva Bozman James Bennett Brewer Mary Binns Brewer Lewis Cadell Brown Elizabeth Joy Burns Caroline Emery Cardwell Channing Lane Cardwell Charlotte Waltz Cardwell Ace Alexander Carlson Chapel Steel Carlson Pamela Faith Carlson Genevieve Abigail Cope **Cooper Elyse Denton** Laird Turner Dickerson Harley Thomas Eckert Grovenor Michael Edson Carlyle Jean Fetter Avery Adams Fitzenhagen Harper Lute Glaser Greer Rose Grissen Catherine Jean Hale Penelope Joy Hammer Vitalia Grace Hammer Mary Margaret Harlow

Lucy Carroll Hunt Owen Hassler Isom Allison Elaine John Cameron Paige John Mary Hicks Mason **Case William Messer** Elliott William Micek Elizabeth Grace Morrison Madeline Bailey Moss McCoy Catherine Moss Gracelyn Hope Nix Catherine Ross Reeder Ellis Hudson Rhodes Jack Putnam Rugg Henry Hamilton Schardt Ellie Christine Schulze Laurence Levi Shore Elizabeth Adair Slates Sutton James Spillman Mallory Reed Squibb Layla Elizabeth Steward Iane Ann Stockton Henry Wingfield Swanger **Duncan Arthur Swope** Nora Jane Thompson Elle Gray Tiffany Daniel Robert Turner Catherine Marie Webster Hadley Grace Westerburg Elle Caroline Whatley Hobbs Baylor Whatley Elizabeth Louise Wilson William Reid Wilson

#### Sacrament of Baptism

#### 9:30

Blakely Hays Boone Hobbs Baylor Whatley Louisa Claudette Ballard Harper Lute Glaser Vitalia Grace Hammer Laurence Levi Shore

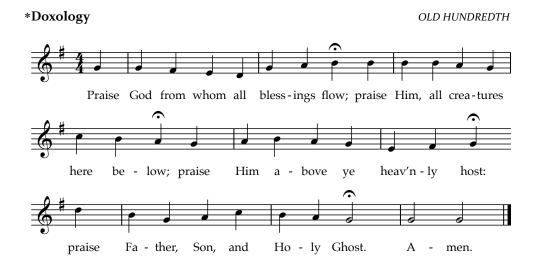
#### 11:00

William Miller Bebee Laird Turner Dickerson 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	"Here I Am, Lord" Mr. Nielson <i>, pian</i> o	Daniel Schutte				
9:30/11:00	"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"	Traditional Spiritual arr. Rollo Dilworth				
Chancel	Choir • Chris McGuire, saxophone • John	n Adams, <i>bass</i>				
Steve Barnes, drums • Nathan Davy, piano • J. Marty Cope, conducting						

I want Jesus to walk with me all along this pilgrim journey. Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. In my sorrows, Lord, won't You walk with me. When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me. When the shades of life are falling, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.



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 9.1-7

As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth.

- <sup>2</sup> And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"
- <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.
- <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.
- <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."
- <sup>6</sup> Having said these things, He spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then He anointed the man's eyes with the mud
- <sup>7</sup> and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

Sermon

"I Was Blind, Now I See"

Mr. Leopold 8:00 Mr. Goebel 9:30/11:00

#### **Public Confession of Sin**

We do not presume to come to this Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in Your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy,
so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table,
but You are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink His blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body,
and our souls washed through His most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

#### **Private Confession**

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

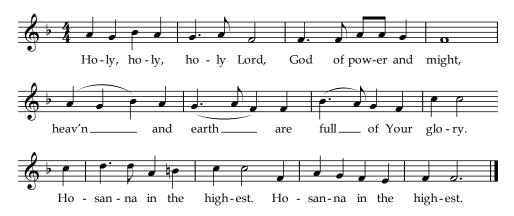
And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him. Colossians 2.13-15

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

#### **\*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.
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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:



**Communion Prayer** 

**\*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.

(Worshipers 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. During the serving of Communion



"Deep River" Instrumental Ensemble Traditional Spiritual arr. Larry Shackley

#### "Amazing Grace!" \*Closing Hymn AMAZING GRACE 1. A how sweet the sound that ing grace maz -2. Thro' and Ι man dan gers, toils, snares, y -3. The Lord me, His has prom - ised to good we've 4. When been there bright ten thou sand years, Ι saved а wretch like me! \_ once was lost, but have al read come; \_\_\_\_ 'tis grace has brought me - y Word my hope se cures; \_\_\_\_ He will. my shield and shin ing as the we've no less days to sun, \_

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#### **\*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

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" Mr. Nielson, *piano* 

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

9:30/11:00

"Toccata" Dr. Davy, organ Gaston Belier

\*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 wedding of Ann Regent Wagner and Ronald Martin Weber III.

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

Caroline Elaine Toledo Thomas "Tom" H. Chiles Douglas "Doug" H. Rogers Gloria Cunningham

# 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 9.1-7 "I Was Blind, Now I See"

#### **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 the Gospels, the healing of the blind is the most recorded type of miracle that Jesus performed. Why? What do these miracles show us about Jesus? What do these miracles show us about ourselves?
- 2. Read John 9.3. What does Jesus' response to His disciples teach us about the goodness and sovereignty of God?
- 3. Why did Jesus use mud to heal the eyes of the blind man?
- 4. In what way was the blind man still blind even after Jesus restored his sight? How do we suffer from this same kind of spiritual blindness?
- 5. What blinds you from seeing Jesus most clearly?
- 6. Read Hebrews 11.1. What does faith have to do with seeing?
- 7. What was the second and even greater miracle that Jesus performed for the blind man? (See John 9.35-38) Have you received this miracle? Why or why not?

# Highlights

# MARCH 23, 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 26 12:00-12:30 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Prepare for Holy Week and Easter as you enjoy this 30-minute concert featuring Christopher Jacobson, Church of the Incarnation, Dallas. pcpc.org/holyweek

# Smart Giving Workshop

Thursday, March 27

7:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL | PCA FOUNDATION This workshop brings experienced gift strategist, Tim Townsend, to discuss estate planning concepts and tools and to show participants how to maximize giving for Kingdom impact by employing tax efficient giving strategies. Registration closes today. pcpc.org/events

# Helping Hands

Saturday, March 29 8:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. | OAK LAWN WEST

Volunteer to help single moms, senior adults, and widows/ers by doing odd jobs around their homes. pcpc.org/events

# Special Events at PCPC

Young Adult Two-Stepping THURSDAY, MAR. 27 | 7:00 P.M. Second Wind for the Second Half FRIDAY, MAR. 28 | 6:00 P.M. | STEPHANIE HUBACH Church in the City Luncheon SUNDAY, MAR. 30 | 12:30 P.M. | STEPHANIE HUBACH

St. John's Choir SUNDAY, APR. 6 | 7:00 P.M.

Holv Week

**APRIL 13-20** pcpc.org/events



### Parish Prayer Meetings

#### Today

This afternoon at 4:00 p.m., we'll have parish prayer meetings in different homes around the city. Come and join your PCPC neighbors as we cry out to the Lord together.

Children are welcome! We've prepared a prayer guide. Find your parish on the map and get more information. pcpc.org/parish



# Congregational Meeting

The Session has approved a Congregational Meeting next Sunday, March 30, during the 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. services, to elect new deacons and the class of 2029 elders. Candidates have successfully completed training classes and have been approved by the Session. Candidate profiles are 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

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# GENERAL FUND

2024/2025 Operating Budget Jul 1, 2024-Mar 16, 2025 Budget \$13,067,552 Jul 1, 2024-Mar 16, 2025 Giving \$13,090,658 **Budget Variance** 

\$17,200,000 \$23,106