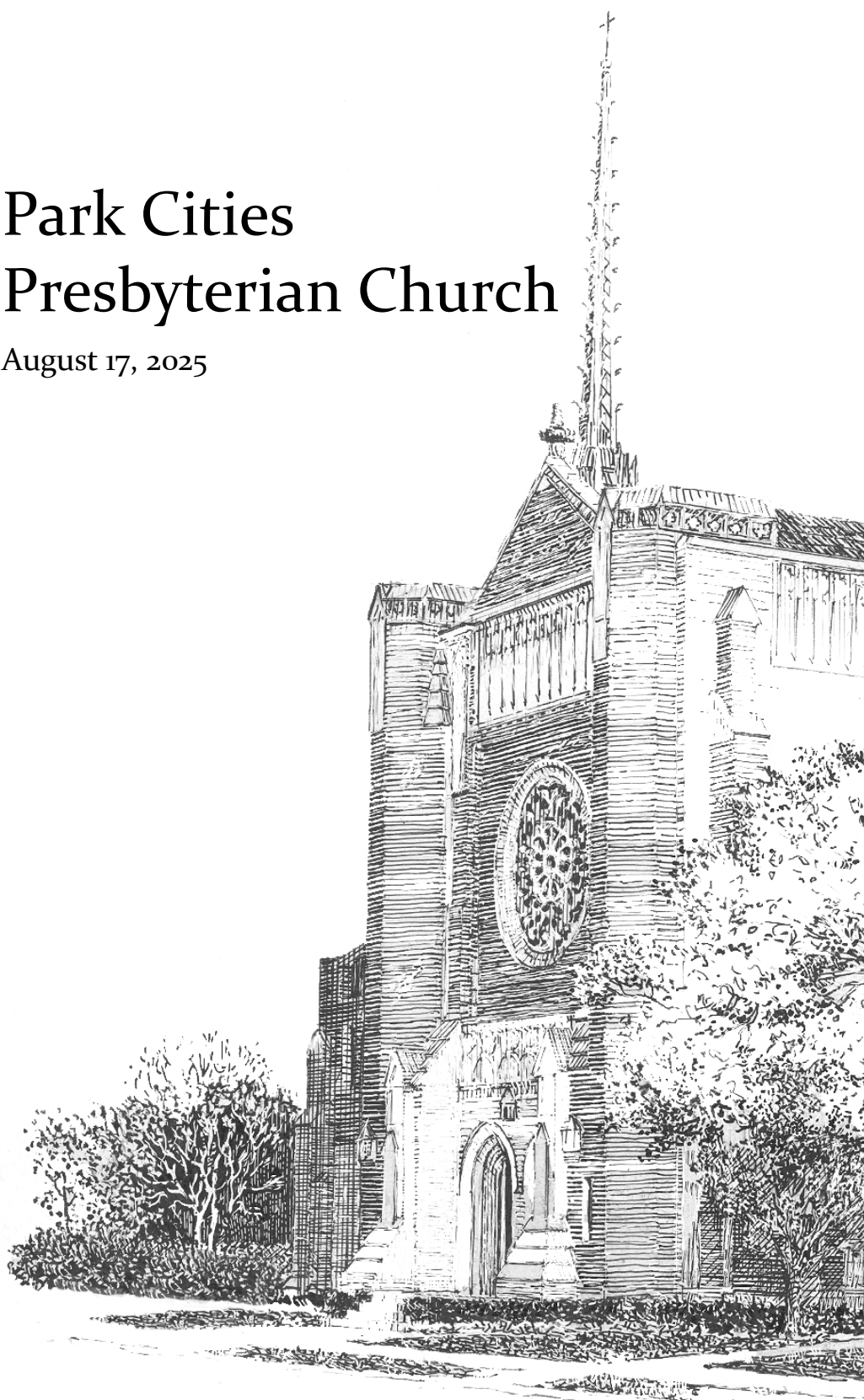


Park Cities Presbyterian Church

August 17, 2025



*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

August 17, 2025
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom

The Prelude

8:00 Meditation on “Let All Together Praise Our God” *J. S. Bach*
Mary Preston, *organ*

9:30/11:00 “Larghetto” from *Concerto in D Major* *J. S. Bach*
Cody McClarty, *trumpet* • Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

*Call to Worship

Minister: Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!

**People: Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Minister: The Lord has taken away the judgments against you;
He has cleared away your enemies.

**People: The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.**

Minister: The Lord your God is in your midst,

People: a Mighty One who will save;

Minister: He will rejoice over you with gladness;
He will quiet you by His love;

People: He will exult over you with loud singing. Zephaniah 3.14-15, 17

***Hymn of Praise** “I Know That My Redeemer Lives—Glory, Hallelujah!” *SHOUT ON*
Hymn No. 281 in the Trinity Hymnal



1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives— glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
2. He lives, He lives, who once was dead— glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
3. He lives to bless me with His love— glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
4. He lives, all glo - ry to His name!— glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!



What com - fort this sweet sen - tence gives— glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
He lives, my ev - er - last - ing Head— glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
He lives to plead for me a - bove— glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
He lives, my Je - sus, still the same— glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

Refrain



Shout on, pray on, we're gain - ing ground— glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!



The dead's a - live and the lost is found— glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Tommy Overton

Minister: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

People: First, by His resurrection He has overcome death,
so that He might make us share
in the righteousness He obtained for us
by His death.

Second, by His power
we too are already raised
to a new life.

Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us
of our blessed resurrection.

Heidelberg Catechism, No. 45



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.

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

Houston Bradford Keene, Jr.

Samuel Garrett McClarty
John Henry Strand

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. Overton

O Divine Redeemer,
great was Your goodness in undertaking my redemption,
in consenting to be made sin for me,
in conquering all my foes.
Great was Your wisdom in devising this means of salvation;
bathe my soul in rich consolations of Your resurrection life.
O God, pardon all my sins,
known and unknown,
felt and unfelt,
confessed and not confessed,
remembered or forgotten.
Help me to be free from every wrong desire,
from everything contrary to Your mind.
Grant me more and more of the resurrection life:
may it rule me,
may I walk in its power,
and be strengthened through its influence.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

Psalms 103:10-12

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

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

Variations on “Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul”
Mrs. Preston, organ

Georg Boehm

9:30/11:00

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
Chancel Choir • Mr. McClarty, trumpet
Dr. Davy, organ • J. Marty Cope, conducting

arr. Gilbert Martin

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God. All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.
See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen.*

*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 20.1-18**

- Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.*
- ² *So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."*
- ³ *So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb.*
- ⁴ *Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.*
- ⁵ *And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in.*
- ⁶ *Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there,*
- ⁷ *and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself.*
- ⁸ *Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;*
- ⁹ *for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise from the dead.*
- ¹⁰ *Then the disciples went back to their homes.*
- ¹¹ *But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb.*
- ¹² *And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.*
- ¹³ *They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."*
- ¹⁴ *Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.*
- ¹⁵ *Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away."*
- ¹⁶ *Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to Him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).*
- ¹⁷ *Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to My God and your God.'"*
- ¹⁸ *Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that He had said these things to her.*

Sermon

"To the Doubting, the Failing, and the Grieving" Mr. Higginbottom

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!

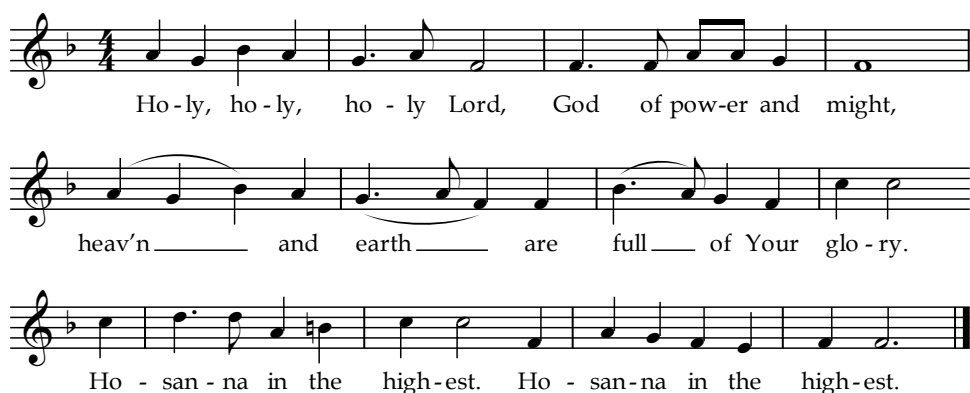
People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

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:**



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 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**

"The Day of Resurrection!"

LANCASHIRE

Hymn No. 267 in the Trinity Hymnal



1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3. Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin;



the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;
let the round world keep tri - umph, and all that is there - in;



From death to life e - ter - nal, from this world to the sky,
and lis - tening to His ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
in - vis - i - ble and vis - i - ble, their notes let all things blend,



our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
His own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord hath ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

***The Benediction**

Minister: Now may the Savior, who died and rose and who reigns, grant you joy in the midst of labor, peace in the midst of troubles, hope in the midst of despair, and faithfulness in the midst of temptation.

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Postlude

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| 8:00 | “Allegro” from <i>Concerto, Opus 7, No. 4</i> Mrs. Preston, <i>organ</i> | <i>William Feltron</i> |
| 9:30/11:00 | “Carillon de Westminster” Dr. Davy, <i>organ</i> | <i>Louis Vierne</i> |

**Please stand if you are able.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Fran Kerlin on the fifth anniversary of her homegoing from her husband and loving family.

*We welcome the Chancel Choir back to worship this morning.
Rehearsals resume this Wednesday, August 20.
New members are welcome—for more information:
Laura.Benedict@pcpc.org.*



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 20.1-18

“To the Doubting, the Failing, and the Grieving”

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. What evidence did God provide for the resurrection?
(Consider this text and other biblical and historical evidence.)
2. What are the arguments that Christ did not rise again? How strong are these arguments?
3. Like Peter and John, have we run to the empty tomb to consider the evidence? If not, what stops us from doing so?
4. Peter and the other disciples had failed Jesus in His darkest hour. How do we see God's grace to them in v. 17?
5. Why was Mary Magdalene weeping? How does Jesus respond to her? (vv. 11-16)
6. When are we tempted to feel like Mary felt? (Jesus is gone. All hope is lost.) How does Jesus respond to us in these moments?
7. How is the resurrection cosmic? How is it personal? Is it both for us?
8. What word is the risen Christ speaking to us in all our doubts, failures, and griefs?

Highlights

AUGUST 17, 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



New Members Class

September 7-October 26

9:30 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Is the Lord calling you to be a member of PCPC? Our New Members Class gives you the opportunity to explore PCPC's beliefs and mission. Registration is open.

pcpc.org/events

RUF-I Welcome Night

Friday, August 22

6:00 P.M. | HOME OF THE WOODWARDS

Practice biblical hospitality by enjoying dinner and welcoming new international students at SMU. Please RSVP online.

pcpc.org/events

Officer Installation

Sunday, August 24

9:30 & 11:00 A.M. | SANCTUARY

The full slate of officers elected at the March 30 Congregational Meeting will be installed and/or ordained as follows: Office of Elders, Class of 2029—*Lance Gurley, David Newman, Greg Russell, and Randy Wood*; New Class of Deacons—*Thomas Gresham, Jr., Stephen Hammer, Brad Iles, and Logun Stevenson*.

Communicants Class Parent Intro Meeting

Sundays, August 24 or 31

11:00 A.M. | CHAPEL

PCPC will offer classes for children, middle school, and high school who are interested in full communing membership. The 6-week classes will begin September 7 at new times. A parent must register and attend an intro meeting on August 24 or 31.

pcpc.org/worship/communicants

Missionary Luncheon & Mailings

Sunday, August 24

12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for lunch to hear from Taylor & Brett Rayl about Kingdom work in Japan while writing encouraging notes to our missionaries around the world. Lunch will be provided; donations appreciated.

pcpc.org/events

Special Events

Young Adult Pool Party

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20 | 7:00 P.M.

Women's Night of Worship

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 | 7:00 P.M. | CHAPEL

Men's Night of Worship

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28 | 7:30 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Parent Equipping: Grief & Trauma

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 | 6:30 P.M. | MEZZ B

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PCPC's biblical Principles
of Stewardship.



Download the PCPC App with iOS or
Android device to give online (including
setting up recurring gifts).

GENERAL FUND

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| 2025/2026 Operating Budget | \$17,500,000 |
| Jul 1, 2025–Aug 10, 2025 Budget | \$1,487,220 |
| Jul 1, 2025–Aug 10, 2025 Giving | \$2,213,515 |
| Budget Variance | \$726,295 |