



*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  
January 18, 2026

## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 18, 2026  
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

### Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Robert Rucker 8:00  
The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

### \*Call to Worship

Minister: Oh sing to the LORD a new song,

People: for He has done marvelous things!

Minister: His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

People: The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Minister: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

People: the world and those who dwell in it!

Minister: Let the rivers clap their hands;

People: let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD,

Minister: for He comes to judge the earth.

People: He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

Psalm 98:1-2, 7-9

### \*Hymn of Praise

"To God Be the Glory"

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Hymn No. 55 in the Trinity Hymnal



1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He has  
2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of  
3. Great things He has taught us, great things He has

done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
blood! to ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;  
done, and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for sin, and  
the vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves, that  
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be our

o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.  
mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.  
won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

*Refrain*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the  
 Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through  
 Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He has done!

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Pete Hatton

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
 Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;  
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

*Please be seated.*

**Musical Meditation**

9:30/11:00

**"What Wondrous Love Is This"**

Christopher Adkins, *cello*  
 Stephen Nielson, *piano*

*Southern Harmony*

arr. Kurt Kaiser

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 love in manifesting Yourself alive,  
 in showing Your sacred wounds,  
 that every fear might vanish,  
 and every doubt be removed.

Great was Your mercy in ascending to heaven  
 in being crowned and enthroned there to intercede for me,  
 there to help me in temptation,  
 there to open the eternal book,  
 there to receive me finally to Yourself.

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.

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

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!

### \*Hymn

### "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

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1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all  
 2. Be - hold the man u - pon the cross, my sin u - pon His  
 3. I will not boast in a - ny thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no



mea - sure, that He should give His on - ly Son to make a - shoul - ders; a - shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call out a - wis - dom; but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death and



wretch His trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss:  
mong the scoff - ers. It was my sin that held Him there  
re - sur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from His re - ward?



the Fa - ther turns His face a - way as wounds, which mar the  
un - til it was ac - com - plished; His dy - ing breath has  
I can-not give an an - swer, but this I know with



Cho - sen One, bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.  
brought me life: I know that it is fin - ished.  
all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

## Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Hatton

*In addition to giving via passed offering plates, you are also welcome  
to give online at [pcpc.org/give](http://pcpc.org/give) or text “give” to 214-833-7724.*

## Musical Offering

8:00                   “Allegro in D” from *Opus 7, No. 4*                   *William Felton*  
                          *Mary Preston, organ*

9:30/11:00           “Children of the Heavenly Father”                   *arr. Dan Forrest*  
                         *Chancel Choir*  
                         *Mr. Adkins, cello • Mr. Nielson, piano*  
                         *Nathan Davy, organ • Katie Haring, conductor*

*Children of the heavenly Father safely in His bosom gather; nestling bird nor  
star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.*

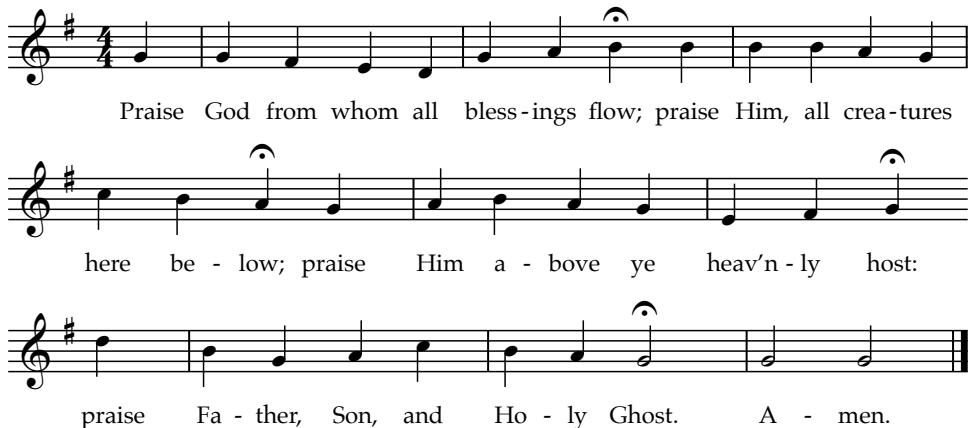
*God His own doth tend and nourish; in His holy courts they flourish; from all  
evil things He spares them; in His mighty arms He bears them.*

*Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord His children sever; unto them  
His grace He showeth, and their sorrows all He knoweth.*

*Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh; His the lov-  
ing purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.*

## \*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heav'n-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Amen.

*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.*

## Extending Christ's Kingdom: Sanctity of Life

Dr. Lori Bautista

9:30/11:00

Neonatologist, Embrace Grace Leadership Team

## \*The Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:3

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.*

## Sermon

“Blessed”

Mr. Rucker 8:00

Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

*Worshipers 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****“O God Beyond All Praising”**

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*Hymn No. 660 in the Trinity Hymnal*

1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship You to-day  
 2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,  
 and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;  
 that we who know Your fa-vor may serve You as our King;  
 for we can on-ly won-der at ev-ery gift You send,  
 and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,  
 at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:  
 we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless You still:  
 we lift our hearts be-fore You and wait up-on Your word,  
 to mar-vel at Your beau-ty and glo-ry in Your ways,  
 we hon-or and a-dore You our great and might-y Lord.  
 and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

**\*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

“Concerto in F”  
 Mrs. Preston, organ

Tomaso Albinoni

9:30/11:00

“Trumpet Tune in D”  
 Dr. Davy, organ

David Johnson

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*Celebrating the Sanctity of Human Life, the flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God by friends of the Thrive Women's Clinic in honor of the babies saved and the men and women who came into a relationship with Christ in 2025 through this ministry.*

*The red flowers represent the 170 babies who were saved from the tragedy of abortion, and the white flowers represent the 37 new believers who have come into a relationship with Christ through this ministry.*

**Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.**

### **Senior Pastor**

The Rev. Mark Davis

### **Session**

John Bateman	Ben Moffitt
The Rev. Mark Davis, <i>Moderator</i>	Jim Morris, Jr., <i>Clerk</i>
Jack Denman, Jr.	David Newman
Don Dillahunt	Rick Owens
The Rev. Paul Goebel, <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Kirk Pogoloff
Lance Gurley	Dennis Roossien
Houston Hunt	Greg Russell
Tim Jeffress	John Ward
Bob McCamey	Randy Wood

## SERMON NOTES

Ephesians 1.3  
“Blessed”

## 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 does the word “Blessed” mean?
2. How are we able to speak blessings to God?
3. What is the relationship between our blessing God and the blessings He has given us?
4. What is the location of these blessings?
5. What does Paul mean by “the heavenly places”?
6. How do we obtain this blessing?
7. How does Ephesians 1:3 inform our worship of God?
8. How should this verse shape and reshape your vision of worship?

# Highlights

JANUARY 18, 2026

## 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](http://pcpc.org/connect)



## Adkins & Nielson Concerts

### Tonight

5:00 & 7:00 P.M. | CAMBRIDGE HALL (LEVEL TWO)  
DSO principal cellist Christopher Adkins and Steinway Artist Stephen Nielson are joined by operatic baritone Donnie Ray Albert to present an exquisite evening of chamber music. No tickets are required.  
[pcpcconcerts.org](http://pcpcconcerts.org)

## Men's Night of Worship

### Thursday, Jan. 22

We look forward to welcoming our friends from the Men of Nehemiah. Join us for dinner in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. (register by Jan. 20) and a time of worship and prayer at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary (no registration required).

[pcpc.org/men](http://pcpc.org/men)

## WinterGrace

### Saturday–Sunday, Jan. 31–Feb. 1

Don't miss PCPC's annual on-campus retreat themed "God's Grace in Our Fellowship". All ages will participate in fellowship, worship, and teaching with guest speaker David Gibson and musician Sandra McCracken. Breakout sessions will feature Kelly Kapic, Mark McDowell, Sandra McCracken, and others. Get free tickets today for Saturday's Sandra McCracken concert!

[pcpc.org/wintergrace](http://pcpc.org/wintergrace)



## PCPC Kids Volunteers

We have great opportunities in the Children's Ministry for you to serve our nursery and preschoolers on Sunday mornings!

[pcpc.org/kids](http://pcpc.org/kids)

## Spring Bible Studies & Classes

Register for studies and classes as we abide in Christ and connect with one another:

- Care & Counseling Groups
- Children's Choirs
- Men, Women, & Couple's Bible Studies
- Middle & High School Small Groups
- Wednesday Word & Table and Midweek Dinner
- UNION Pre-Marriage Class (begins in February)

[pcpc.org/events](http://pcpc.org/events)



## Special Events

### *Men's Solitude Saturday*

SATURDAY, JAN. 24 | 9:00 A.M. | GRAND HALL

### *RUF-International Spice Night*

FRIDAY, JAN. 30 | 6:00 P.M.

### *60+ Community Friday Fellowship: Valentine's Day Party*

FRIDAY, FEB. 6 | 11:30 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

[pcpc.org/calendar](http://pcpc.org/calendar)

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

## GENERAL FUND

2025/2026 Operating Budget	\$17,500,000
Jul 1, 2025–Jan 11, 2026 Budget	\$10,755,811
Jul 1, 2025–Jan 11, 2026 Giving	\$13,600,939
Budget Variance	\$2,845,128