

Park Cities Presbyterian Church

August 2, 2026



*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 2, 2026
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Robert Rucker

Prelude

8:00 “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus” *EBENEZER*
Stephen Nielson, *piano* *arr. S. Nielson*

9:30/11:00 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” *arr. Dan Forrest*
Dr. Nathan Davy, J. Marty Cope, *piano*

* Call to Worship

Minister: Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre!

People: I will awake the dawn!

Minister: I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the peoples;

People: I will sing praises to You among the nations.

Minister: For Your steadfast love is great to the heavens,

People: Your faithfulness to the clouds.

Minister: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

People: Let Your glory be over all the earth!

Psalms 57:8–11

* Hymns of Praise

“Jesus Shall Reign”

DUKE STREET



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does
2. Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell
3. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns; the
4. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe -



his suc - ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
on His love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
pris - 'ner leaps to lose his chains, the wea - ry find e -
cu - liar hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
ter - nal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!



1. Praise the Lord: ye heav'ns a - dore Him; praise Him, an - gels,
2. Praise the Lord, for He is glo - rious; nev - er shall His
3. Wor - ship, hon - or, glo - ry, bless - ing, Lord, we of - fer



in the height; sun and moon, re - joice be - fore Him;
prom - ise fail: God hath made His saints vic - to - rious;
un - to Thee; young and old, Thy praise ex - press - ing,



praise Him all ye stars and light. Praise the Lord, for He hath spo - ken;
sin and death shall not pre - vail. Praise the God of our sal - va - tion;
in glad hom - age bend the knee. All the saints in heav'n a - dore Thee;



worlds His might - y voice o - beyed: laws which nev - er
hosts on high His pow'r pro - claim; heav'n and earth and
we would bow be - fore Thy throne: as Thine an - gels



shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance hath He made.
all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy His name.
serve be - fore Thee, so on earth Thy will be done.

* Prayer of Adoration

* Profession of Faith

8:00: Dr. Rucker

9:30/11:00: The Rev. Robby Higginbottom

He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.

For by Him all things were created,
in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible,
whether thrones
or dominions
or rulers
or authorities—

all things were created through Him and for Him.

And He is before all things,
and in Him all things hold together.

And He is the head of the body,
the Church.

He is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything He might be preeminent.

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of His cross.

Colossians 1:15-20

* Hymn

"Jesus Is Lord"

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8:00: all verses

9:30/11:00: verses 1-3



1. 'Je - sus is Lord,' the cry that ech - oes through cre - a - tion,
2. Je - sus is Lord, whose voice sus - tains the stars and plan - ets,
3. Je - sus is Lord, the tomb is glo - ri - ous - ly emp - ty,
4. 'Je - sus is Lord,' a shout of joy, a cry of an - guish



re - splen - dent pow'r, e - ter - nal Word, our Rock;
yet in His wis - dom laid a - side His crown;
not e - ven death could crush the King of love;
as He re - turns and ev - 'ry knee bows low;



the Son of God, the King whose glo - ry fills the hea - vens,
Je - sus the man who washed our feet, who bore our suf - f'ring
the price is paid, the chains are loosed and we're for - giv - en,
when ev - 'ry eye and ev - 'ry heart will see His glo - ry,



yet bids us come to taste this liv - ing bread.
be - came a curse to bring sal - va - tion's plan.
and we can run in - to the arms of God.
the Judge of all will take His chil - dren home.

Recognition of New Members

9:30/11:00

* Hymn

"Jesus Is Lord"

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9:30/11:00: verse 4

Public Confession of Sin

O Lord, no day of my life has passed
that has not proved me guilty of sin.
Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart;
praise has been often praiseless sound.
Lord Jesus, though my sins rise to heaven
Your merits soar above them.
I appeal from the throne of Your perfect justice
to Your throne of boundless grace.
Grant me to hear Your voice assuring me that I am
guilty of sin, but pardoned;
wandering, but found;
sinning, but cleansed.
Give me perpetual broken heartedness,
keep me always clinging to Your cross,
flood me every moment with descending grace.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?

Romans 8:31b-32

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

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

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

“Impromptu in G-flat Major”
Mr. Nielson, *piano*

Franz Schubert

9:30/11:00

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” *arr. Fernando Ortega*
Jenni Rasberry, *vocalist* · J. Marty Cope, *piano*

*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.

*** The Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:7-16**

- ⁷ *But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.*
- ⁸ *Therefore it says, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men."*
- ⁹ *(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower regions, the earth?)*
- ¹⁰ *He who descended is the One who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)*
- ¹¹ *And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,*
- ¹² *to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,*
- ¹³ *until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,*
- ¹⁴ *so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.*
- ¹⁵ *Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the Head, into Christ,*
- ¹⁶ *from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*

Sermon

"Grace to Mature, Grace to Secure"

Dr. Rucker

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!

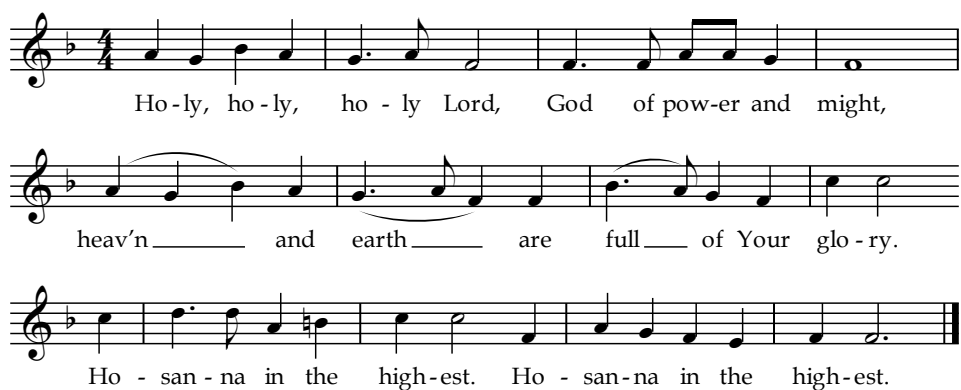
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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:**



Minister: Holy and Gracious God,

**People: We do not come to Your Table trusting in our righteousness,
but resting in Your abundant grace and rich mercy.
Help us, O Holy Spirit, to earnestly examine
our repentance, love, and new obedience,
that we may partake worthily. Amen.**

*** The Words of Institution 8:00**

*** 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.

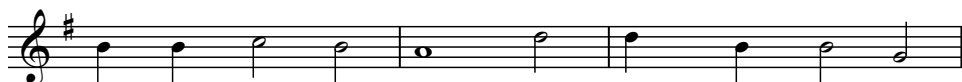
* **Closing Hymn**

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
- 3. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, He
5. He speaks, and lis - t'ning to His voice, new
6. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your



- great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
- sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
- bids our sor - rows cease, 'tis mu - sic in the
- sets the pris - 'ner free; His blood can make the
- life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful, bro - ken
- loos - ened tongues em - ploy; ye blind, be - hold your



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

* **Benediction**

Minister: Now may the God who has loved you with an everlasting love
and has brought you into the bonds of an everlasting covenant,
support you all the days with everlasting arms until the day when
He places everlasting joy upon your heads.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

Postlude

8:00

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
Mr. Nielson, *piano*

CWM RHONDDA

9:30/11:00

“Peal” on Darwall’s 148th
Dr. Davy, *organ*

James Biery

* *Please stand if you are able.*

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in memory of Jayne Bjork, who was PCPC’s longest serving staff member and “mother” to the Music & Arts and Worship ministries. Her life reflected the sweet grace and glory of her Savior.

“The joy of the LORD is your strength.”

Nehemiah 8:10b

SERMON NOTES

Ephesians 4:7-16

“Grace to Mature, Grace to Secure”

EPHESIANS SUMMARY

Abiding in Christ transforms our understanding of heaven and earth, the Trinity, the Church, and how we live in community, in relationships, and at home.

Chapter 1

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| 1.3-4 | Chosen in Christ |
| 1.5-6 | Predestined for adoption |
| 1.7-8 | Riches of grace: redemption and forgiveness |
| 1.9 | Revealed plan for the Church in mission |
| 1.10-12 | Promised reunion of heaven and earth |
| 1.13-14 | Holy Spirit seals, guarantees our inheritance |
| 1.15-23 | First prayer |

Doctrine

Chapter 2

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| 2.1-7 | Spiritually dead without Christ |
| 2.8-10 | Salvation by grace through faith |
| 2.11-22 | All believers everywhere included in the Church |

Chapter 3

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| 3.1-13 | Covenant history points to extending the Kingdom |
| 3.14-21 | Second prayer |

Chapter 4

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| 4.1-6 | Grace for unity |
| 4.7-10 | Grace for diversity and growth |
| 4.11-12 | Grace to equip |
| 4.13 | Grace to mature |
| 4.14 | Grace to secure |

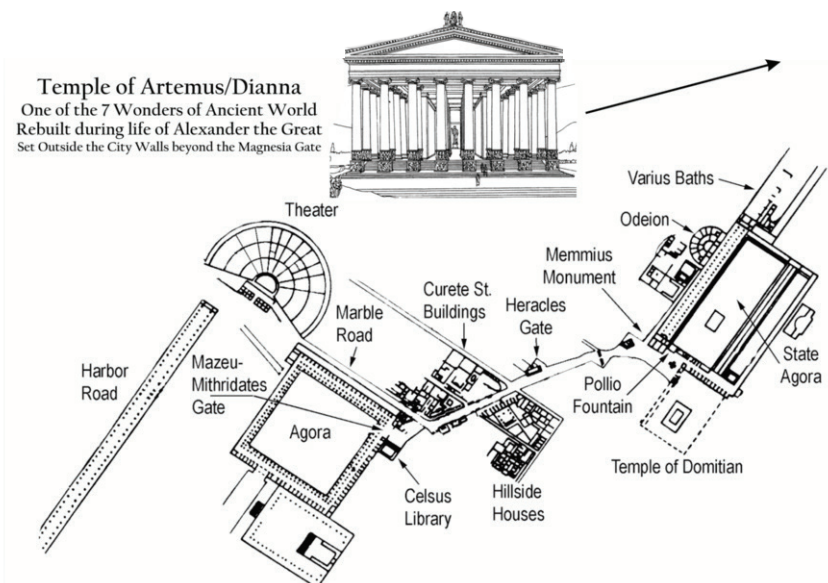
Grace Given

Chapters 4-6

Grace-filled living in community, relationships, and in the home.

Living Life
as a Believer

MAP OF EPHESUS



Population c. 150,000 +/-

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. Review Christ's gifts to the Church. Explain why spiritual growth is meant to happen together as a church, rather than just on our own?
2. What's the difference between unity rooted in the gospel and manufactured by shared feelings and preferences?
3. If Christ is both the goal we are reaching for and the strength that gets us there, what does that tell us about how sanctification actually works?
4. How does preaching, the Sacraments, prayer, and being part of a church keep people anchored instead of drifting?
5. What are some teachings or trends today that might count as "winds of doctrine"? How does seeing the Bible as one connected story of redemption help Christians recognize bad teaching when they run into it?
6. How can a church hold firm convictions while still treating each other with humility?
7. This passage treats maturity as something Christ is actively building in His church. Where does your church community help you grow more like Christ?
8. What's one practical thing you could do this week to help someone else grow spiritually?

Highlights

AUGUST 2, 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.



Serve Saturday: Project Workday

Saturday, August 8

8:30 A.M. | WEST DALLAS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Volunteers of all ages will clean, help with teacher projects, pray, and perform other tasks for our back-to-school service project. Please list the names and ages of everyone attending when you sign up.

pcpc.org/events

Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir for adults sings weekly at our 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services, concerts, and special services. Please join us for rehearsals on Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. beginning August 19.

pcpc.org/music/choirs

South Asia Global Worker Spotlight

Wednesday, August 19

7:30 P.M. | HOME OF THE BATEMANS

Please join us for an evening dessert as we introduce newly supported global workers and hear about their Kingdom work in South & Southeast Asia. No registration required.

pcpc.org/events

Special Events

The Gathering (High School)

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 5 | 7:15 P.M. | THE LOFT

Young Adult Pool Party

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19 | 7:00 P.M.

Communicant Class

Required Parent Meeting

SUNDAYS, AUG. 23 OR 30 | 11:00 A.M.

Men's Night of Worship

THURSDAY, AUG. 27 | 6:30 P.M.

pcpc.org/calendar



Fall Kickoff

Launching September 13-18

Join us as we abide in Christ and connect with one another at PCPC. Registration is open for many of our fall classes and studies!

- Choirs for preschool through adults
- Grief Support Group, Alongside, DivorceCare, & SLAM
- Men's, Women's, & Couple's Bible Studies
- Wednesday Word & Table, Midweek Dinner, & Midweek Classes
- Middle & High School Small Groups
- UNION (Pre-Marriage Class)

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New Members Class

September 13–November 1

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/membership

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Scan QR code for pcpc.org/give/, and read 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

2026/2027 Operating Budget	\$18,300,000
Jul 1, 2026–Jul 26, 2026 Budget	\$1,214,039
Jul 1, 2026–Jul 26, 2026 Giving	\$1,082,943
Budget Variance	(\$131,096)