



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MARCH 26, 2006
8:00, 9:30 AND 11:00 AM

*The Christian Year: Twelfth Sunday
after the Incarnation*

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.

Please turn off all communication devices.

*Please, no food or drinks in the sanctuary.
Thank you.*

Preparation for Worship

Mr. Brian Piper, *Piano*

Welcome

The Rev. Tim Tinsley 8:00
Mr. E.E. (Boots) Nowlin, *Ruling Elder* 9:30
Dr. Mark Fulmer, *Ruling Elder* 11:00

Introit 9:30 and 11:00

"How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place"

Sacks

Covenant Choir

from Psalm 84

Lynda Fray, *Director*; Robert McDonald, *Piano*

Call to Worship

The Rev. Joseph Ryan

Minister: Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens! Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

People: **Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp!**

Women and daughters:

Praise Him with tambourine and dance; praise Him with strings and pipes!

Men and sons:

Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!

All: **Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! (with a loud voice)**
PRaise THE LORD!

*Hymns of Adoration

No. 302
No. 100

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

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*Prayer of Adoration

Please be seated.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

O Lord, great God, whom we behold in awe and wonder, who has kept covenant and steadfast love with Your people from age to age: we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from Your commandments and ordinances. We have known in our hearts what is right, and yet we did wrong anyway. We have been fascinated by evil, delighted with pleasing ourselves, satisfying our desires, pampering ourselves with pleasures. O Lord, great God, have mercy on us according to Your steadfast love. We know You are a God who delights in goodness. Grant that we too might delight in goodness. These prayers we present to You, O Father, in the name of Jesus, the Lamb who was slain and yet lives forever more.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Comfort of the Gospel

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8.1-2

*The Greeting of Peace 9:30 and 11:00

Minister: Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Colossians 3.15

People: **And also with you.**

*Songs of Praise 9:30 and 11:00 "Jesus Is Our King"

POST GREEN

"Shout to the Lord"

Zscheck

Please be seated.

Two Words of Thanksgiving

Dr. Ryan
Mr. Tommy Bain, *Ruling Elder*

Prayer of Dedication

Eternal God, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, but Who graciously manifests Yourself to Your people who assemble in Your name: be present with us as we dedicate this house to Your glory. Be with us as we set it apart to Your service, for the offering to You of the sacrifices of prayer and praise, for the reading and preaching of Your Holy Word, for the celebration of Your Holy Sacraments, for the blessings of Your people in Your name, and for weddings and memorial services. Grant that this house may be a place of Your glory, so that all who seek Your presence here may behold Your everlasting light, and be satisfied with Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Here may the needy find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation, and the young be inspired. Amen.

Minister: Now unto Him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us; unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Prayer for Christ's Church and His World/Offertory

Mr. Tinsley 8:00
Dr. Pete Deison 9:30
The Rev. Bill Lamberth 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

Festival Brass

9:30 and 11:00

"My Eternal King"

Jane Marshall

The Chancel Choir, Deborah Waterman, *Director*

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby, nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally. Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace; for me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace. Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well? Not for the hope of winning heav'n, or of escaping hell; not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward; but as Thyself hast loved me, O ever loving Lord! E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing; solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

*Old Testament Reading

1 Chronicles 29.10-15, 20

Read responsively

Therefore David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: **"Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours. Yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as Head above all. Both**

riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all. In Your hand are power and might, and in Your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank You, our God, and praise Your glorious name.

“But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from You, and of Your own have we given You. **For we are strangers before You and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding.**

Then David said to all the assembly, “Bless the Lord your God.” **And all the assembly blessed the Lord, the God of their fathers, and bowed their heads and paid homage to the Lord and to the king.**

***The Scripture Reading**

selected verses from Psalm 27

The Morning Sermon

"Beautiful"

Dr. Ryan

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.

Psalm 27.4

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The Great Thanksgiving

Mr. Tinsley

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:

Please stand.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Please be seated.

The Words of Institution

The Communion

*Please come down the center aisle and form a line in front of the first row.
Return up the side aisle with your empty cup.*

During the Serving of Communion

During the bread, please sing

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

MORECAMBE

text: Horatius Bonar, 1855

During the cup

Please use the following Scripture for private meditation:

Hebrews 2.5-13

*Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere,
"What is man, that You are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that You care for him?
You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
You have crowned him with glory and honor,
putting everything in subjection under his feet."*

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

For it was fitting that He, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why He is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying,

*"I will tell of Your name to My brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing Your praise."*

*And again,
"I will put My trust in Him."*

*And again,
"Behold, I and the children God has given Me."*

☞ Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00 continue here ☞

***Closing Hymn**

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

***The Benediction**

Minister: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

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

**The Congregation stands.*

The flowers in our worship services this morning are given to the glory of God from the wedding of Elizabeth Ann Nienhueser and Robert Brandon Rutland in celebration of their marriage and union in Christ.

Personal Prayer and Counsel

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor . . . rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality." Romans 12.10, 12, 13

We want so much to come alongside you in brotherly love and hospitality by your allowing us to be in prayer for your salvation or any need you may have. Please join us in the Parlor (north of Fellowship Hall) following the worship service where our Elders and prayer leaders are available and eager to meet with you and pray with you in complete confidence.

SANCTUARY/ORGAN COMMITTEE

Nancy Best and Stephen Nielson, *Co-Chair*

David Stocker, *Architect*

Skip Ryan, Colin Howland, Tom Chiles

Susan Nowlin, Joan Smith

Advisory: Mary Bush, Tracy Taylor, Joel Robuck, Brett Boaz

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

PASTORS

Joseph (Skip) Ryan, *Senior Minister*

Pete Deison, *Disciplemaking*

Tim Tinsley, *Disciplemaking and Evangelism*

Rob Allen, *Administration*

Ron Williams, *60+ Community and Pastoral Care*

Mark Davis, *Youth and Family*

Bill Lamberth, *Families with Children*

Patrick Lafferty, *20+ Community*

Psalm 100

A Psalm for giving thanks

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name! For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

How do we best approach our entry into our beautiful, newly renovated sanctuary? The Old Testament words for sanctuary define a place set apart for the worship of God. God Himself gives clear and detailed instructions about how the tabernacle and the other subsequent places of worship should be built. Every single element of those worship spaces points symbolically to some attribute of God or to the specific redemptive relationship which He has with His people. The central characteristic of these places of worship, however, is that God Himself would be present there with His people. For example, in Exodus 25:22 God tells Moses that it is “there I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony, I will speak with you about all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel.” So we see in the Bible that it is not the place of worship but the presence of God with His people that characterizes the worship of God’s people. In the call to worship which we have at the beginning of our services each week, it is God Himself who calls us and constitutes our assembly as a sacred gathering. God calls us out of our sin and misery so we can meet with Him as His children, to commune with Him, to be loved by Him, to hear His Word, to offer Him sacrifices of praise. By coming into His presence *at His bidding* we are changed. We know this is possible only because of the work of our Great Mediator and High Priest, Jesus Christ, who the apostle John says “became flesh and dwelt, (*that is tabernacled*) among us” (John 1.14).

The Sanctuary/Organ Committee has been at work for seven years to make our sanctuary the best room it can be for worshipping God, recognizing all along that without the Lord’s presence among us, all of this is for naught. The goals of this committee have been stated as providing “an acoustically excellent environment for both the Word and music, a first-rate organ to enrich worship as never before, creation of a greater sense of intimacy for all participants, and visual attributes harmonious with our theological tradition as well as the architectural integrity of the building.” In other words, the changes in the room have all been made so that our new sanctuary may serve our congregation’s worship. Improvements have been made to the acoustics so congregational singing can be as unified, blended, harmonious and loud as possible! An organ is being built to accompany those praises with a myriad of colors and dynamics, rivaling those of a symphony orchestra. Visually the room has been “warmed up” to maximize the intimacy of this large room, but also has been filled with reminders of who the Lord is and what we are to be about in this place. Take note of the wheat on the pulpit symbolizing seed of the Word falling on good soil. Notice the three distinct towers in the front organ case signifying that our worship is done in the Name and power of the Trinity. Take a good, long look at the new communion table when it arrives; notice the vines symbolizing Christ being the vine and we the branches. All of the improvements to the room, from the beautiful new organ, to the detail on the front of the pulpit, to the quieter air-handling system intend to focus our attention on the One who is altogether lovely. Though the new organ and detail of the room are beautiful, like all other art made with human hands, indeed creation itself, the impression they make on our eyes, ears and emotions are only to remind us that our Savior and God is of an infinite beauty beyond our reckoning. In other words, if a *portion* of your heart is stirred as you look at and hear the sights and sounds of our “new sanctuary,” may you be moved by the power of the Spirit who works in us to worship the Father, Son and Holy Spirit with *all* your heart, mind, soul, and strength. To God alone be glory!