



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 18, 2013

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

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.

We Prepare Our Hearts

"The LORD is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him."

Habakkuk 2.20

Preparation for Worship

"And Can It Be?"

arr. Joseph Linn

Men's Ensemble • Stephen Nielson, *piano*

Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00

The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

Minister: Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

People: **Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and His arm rules for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him.**

Minister: He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms; He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Isaiah 40.9-11

***Hymn of Adoration No. 164** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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***Prayer of Adoration**

Minister: Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

Women: Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD, or what man shows Him His counsel?

Men: Whom did He consult, and who made Him understand? Who taught Him the path of justice, and taught Him knowledge, and showed Him the way of understanding?

Minister: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

All: He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might He increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

*Song of Praise

"Shout to the Lord"

My Je-sus, my Sav-ior, Lord, there is none like You;— All of my days
— I want to praise— the won-ders of Your might-y love.
My com-fort, my shelt-er, to-wer of re-fuge and strength;
— let eve-ry breath,— all that I am,— nev-er cease to
wor-ship You. *Refrain* Shout to the Lord, all the earth;— let us sing
po-wer and maj-es-ty praise— to the King. Moun-tains bow down and the sea
— will roar at the sound— of Your name.— I sing for joy— at the work
— of Your hands; for-ev-er I'll love— You, for-ev-er I'll stand.
Noth-ing com-pares— to the prom-ise I have— in You.

9:30/11:00

Parental Vows

1. Do you acknowledge your child'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 child 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 the parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

9:30

11:00

Charles Justice Flack

Chapel Steel Carlson

Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

Hymn No. 229

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

9:30/11:00

Public Confession of Sin

O LORD OF GRACE,

The world is before me this day,
And I am weak and fearful,
But I look to Thee for strength;

If I venture forth alone I stumble and fall,
But on the Beloved’s arms I am firm as the eternal hills;

If left to the treachery of my heart I shall shame Thy name,
But if enlightened, guided, upheld by Thy Spirit,
I shall bring Thee glory.

Be Thou my arm to support,
My strength to stand,
My light to see,
My feet to run,
My shield to protect,
My sword to repel,
My sun to warm.

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Accept His worthiness for my unworthiness,
His sinlessness for my transgressions,
His purity for my uncleanness,
His sincerity for my guile,
His truth for my deceits,
His meekness for my pride,
His gentleness for my harshness,
His love for my enmity,
His fullness for my emptiness,
His faithfulness for my treachery,
His obedience for my lawlessness,
His glory for my shame,
His devotedness for my waywardness,
His holy life for my unchaste ways,
His righteousness for my dead works,
His death for my life.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Comfort of the Gospel

God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. Romans 5:8-9

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison 8:00
Mr. Baker 9:30
Mr. Goebel 11:00

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Meditation *"Come, Ye Disconsolate"* *arr. Terre Johnson*
Men's Ensemble • Mr. Nielson, piano

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish. Come to the mercy seat fervently kneel. Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish. Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, light of the starling, hope when all others die, fadeless and pure! Here speaks the Comforter tenderly saying, "Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure."

Here see the Bread of Life. See waters flowing forth from the throne of God, pure from above. Come to the feast of love; come ever knowing earth has no sorrow but heav'n can remove.

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: 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. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Colossians 1.19-20

People: **And also with you.**

The Service of Friendship

***Scripture Reading**

Galatians 5.22-23; Matthew 11.27-30

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

^{11.27} All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. ²⁸ Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

The Morning Sermon "Gentleness: Strength Under Control" Mr. Williams 8:00
Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

**Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please
continue at closing hymn on page six**

***The Great Thanksgiving 8:00 only**

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.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing 8:00**

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

The Communion 8:00

*Please come forward down the center aisle.
Partake of the elements upon receiving them from the elders.
Return to your seat with your empty cup via the side aisle.*

Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, continue here

***Closing Hymn**

"Power of the Cross"

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1. O, to see the dawn of the dark-est day; Christ on the
2. O, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face, bear - ing the
3. Now the day - light flees; Now the ground be - neath quakes as its
4. O, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for through Your



road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en,
awe - some weight of sin. Ev - ery bit - ter thought, ev - ery ev - il
Ma - ker bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to
suf - fering I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to



then nailed to a cross of wood. This the pow'r—
deed crown - ing Your blood - stained brow.
life "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.
live, won through Your self - less love!



— of the cross:— 1-3. Christ be - came sin for us.—
4. Son of God slain for us.—



— Took the blame, — bore the wrath; We
— What a love, — what a cost! We



stand for - giv - en at the cross.

***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.**

Postlude

Mr. Colin Howland, *organ*

**The congregation stands.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of our son, Aaron Chapple Overton, on his birthday by his loving parents, Mary and George Jackson.

The flowers in the narthex this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Jeanne Celeste Rogers and Robert Nathan Mowrey.

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

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.

SERMON NOTES

Galatians 5.22-23; Matthew 11.27-30

“Gentleness: Strength Under Control”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of August 18, 2013

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

"Power of the Cross" *(read or sing these words together)*

Please refer to the hymn on page six.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5.22-23; Matthew 11.27-30 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

Questions for Discussion *(may be answered in one worship time or spread over several times)*

1. What is gentleness?
2. What does it mean to be gentle?
3. Describe a time when someone has been gentle with you.
4. Think of a story about Jesus that shows His gentleness.
5. Why is it difficult to be gentle?
6. How can we become more gentle?

Questions for older children

1. Do you think the world admires gentleness? Explain.
2. How is gentleness a sign of strength and a lack of gentleness a sign of weakness?
3. Relate gentleness to the crucifixion of Christ.
4. Where do you struggle to be gentle?
5. How are we able to become more gentle?

Scripture Memory for August: *(memorize these verses of Scripture this month)*

Genesis 12.1-3

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Prayer

Prayer *(saying together)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.