



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 23, 2014

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

"The Father's Love"

Lole

9:30/11:00

High School Ensemble Trebles • Covenant Choir
Lynda Fray, *director* • Colin Howland, *organ*

Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00

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

Minister: The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His Kingdom rules over all.

People: **Bless the LORD, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His word!**

Minister: Bless the LORD, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will!

People: **Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

Psalm 103.19-22

***Hymn No. 165**

"Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

LYONS

***Prayer of Adoration**

All: And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28.18-20

Minister: How is the word of God to be preached by those that are called thereunto?

All: They that are called to labor in the ministry of the word, are to preach sound doctrine, diligently, in season and out of season; plainly, not in the enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit, and of power; faithfully, making known the whole counsel of God; wisely, applying themselves to the necessities and capacities of the hearers; zealously, with fervent love to God and the souls of His people; sincerely, aiming at His glory, and their conversion, edification, and salvation. Larger Catechism, Q. 159

***Hymn of Praise No. 451** "The Sending, Lord, Springs from Thy Yearning Heart" ENGELBERG

Public Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of Your holy name.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Comfort of the Gospel

I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Psalm 32.5

The Sacrament of Baptism 11:00

Ian Laird Bridgeman

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Lamberth 8:00
Dr. Russell 9:30/11:00

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Meditation

8:00

Colin Howland, *organ*

9:30/11:00

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, *director*

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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.

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: And He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Ephesians 2.17-18

People: **And also with you.**

The Service of Friendship

If you are seated on the left end of the pew, please take the Service of Friendship pad, fill out the information and pass it down. When it arrives at the other end of the pew, pass it back, taking note of those who are seated in your row.

THE ORDINATION TO THE MINISTRY OF THE GOSPEL

LEE GREGORY BRIDGEMAN

9:30

BRETT ROBERT RAYL

11:00

Explanation of Ordination

Mr. Davis

***The Scripture Reading**

1 Thessalonians 2.1-12

For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. ² But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. ³ For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, ⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵ For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. ⁶ Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷ But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸ So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. ⁹ For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. ¹¹ For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹² we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

The Sermon and Charge “Aiming for His Glory”

Mr. Williams 8:00
Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

— Worshipers at 8:00 am, please continue on page six. —

The Ordination Questions 9:30/11:00

Mr. Davis

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will on your own initiative make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of Biblical polity?
4. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
5. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?

6. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
7. Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer?

The Laying on of Hands and Ordination Prayer

Mr. John Bateman
PCPC Elder

The Pronouncement and the Right Hand of Fellowship

Mr. Davis

**THE COMMISSIONING OF TAYLOR AND BRETT RAYL
FOR MISSIONARY SERVICE**

11:00

Commissioning Questions

Mr. Jerry Gibson
Senior Director of Missions and Church Planting

1. Have you been compelled, as far as you know your own heart, to seek missionary service from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?
2. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truth of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
3. Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a missionary, whether personal or relative, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before those whom you serve?
4. Are you willing to accept commissioning as a missionary of Park Cities Presbyterian Church as your home church and, therefore, are you willing to submit to the counsel, direction and authority of PCPC?
5. Do you, relying upon God for strength, promise to discharge the duties God shall set before you through your mission agency and through PCPC?

Question to the Congregation:

Do you, the people of this congregation, promise, as the Lord leads and enables you, to pray for Taylor and Brett Rayl, and to encourage and support them in their labors, recognizing them as PCPC's ambassadors to Japan?

The Commissioning Prayer

Dr. Russell

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

***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 No. 263

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

*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. Howland, *organ*

*The congregation stands.

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Laney and Karl Koenig by their grandchildren, Owen and Margaret Koenig.

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the third anniversary of the sobriety of our daughter, Amanda Overton, and the beginning of her journey with God by Mary and George Jackson.

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

1 Thessalonians 2.1-12

“Aiming for His Glory”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of March 23, 2014

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His Kingdom rules over all. Bless the LORD, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His word!

“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” *(read or sing these words together)*

Then let us adore, and give Him His right,
All glory and power and wisdom and might.
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2.1-12 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. Describe what was different about our worship service today.
2. What does it mean to be ordained for gospel ministry?
3. Read 1 Thessalonians 2.1-12 and answer the following questions:
Where did they find their boldness? (v 2)
What does it mean that *they were entrusted with the gospel*? (v 4)
As they preached, who did they desire to please? (v 4)
What did they desire to share with the people (v 8)
Describe how they cared for the people (vs 7-8)

Questions for older children

1. What phrases from 2.1-12 stand out to you?
2. What was Paul's motivation in proclaiming the gospel?
3. What encourages you about the heart and mind of Paul in this passage?
4. Though the “charge” today was given to men being ordained for gospel ministry, how is this passage important for all of us?

Scripture Memory for March: *(memorize this verse of Scripture this month)*

1 Thessalonians 5.16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

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.