



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 4, 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

9:30/11:00

"Tune My Heart to Sing God's Praise!"

arr. Larson

High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir
Stephen Nielson, *piano* • Lynda Fray, *director*

Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00

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

Minister: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

People: **For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor?**

Minister: Or who has given a gift to Him that He might be repaid?

People: **For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

Romans 11.33-36

***Hymn of Adoration**

“Alleluia, Alleluia”

ODE TO JOY



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise;
2. Christ is ris - en, Christ the first fruits of the ho - ly har - vest field,
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;



sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise:
which will all its full a - bun - dance at His sec - ond com - ing yield:
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior, who has won the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic - tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore Him wave,
al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty.



Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
ri - pened by His glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia to the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Confession of Faith**

Dr. Julian Russell 8:00
The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30
The Rev. Chad Scruggs 11:00

Minister: How was Christ exalted in His resurrection?

People: **Christ was exalted in His resurrection, in that, not having seen corruption in death (of which it was not possible for Him to be held), and having the very same body in which He suffered... He rose again from the dead the third day by His own power; whereby He declared Himself to be the Son of God, to have satisfied divine justice, to have vanquished death, and him that had the power of it, and to be Lord of quick and dead: all which He did as a public person, the head of His church, for their justification, quickening in grace, support against enemies, and to assure them of their resurrection from the dead at the last day.**

Larger Catechism, Question 52

***Hymn No. 302**

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

MADRID

Reception of New Members

9:30/11:00

Sacrament of Baptism

11:00

Lattana (Bee) Woods

Musical Meditation

9:30/11:00 "Lamb of Glory/Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" arr. Nielson/Young
Stephen Nielson, *piano* • Colin Howland, *organ*

Public Confession of Sin

O God of unsearchable greatness, You have anchored me securely in Your grace and love. But why am I so easily harassed by doubt, fear, worry and disbelief? Why does my soul never seem to be able to enter Your peace? Is it because the waves and storms in my life are beyond measure? Or is it because I focus on what I lack and want? O Lord, I have searched my heart and I am silenced by the many comforts and blessings You have graciously granted me. I confess the source of lack of peace and restlessness is from within, not without. I expect a trouble-free life—a life You never promised Your children; and I want to be in control of my circumstances—an ability no creature can ever attain. Lord, help me to surrender—surrender my unrealistic expectations, and surrender myself to You. In my trials and temptations, grant my soul Your peace and Your rest. Amen.

Private Confession

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Russell 8:00
Mr. Goebel 9:30
Mr. Scruggs 11:00

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Meditation

8:00

Colin Howland, *organ*

9:30/11:00

"Christ, Our Passover"
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, *director*

MacFarlane

Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ, being raised from the dead dieth no more: death hath no more dominion over Him. For in that He died, He died unto sin once, but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God, likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ is risen, is risen from the dead and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

*The Greeting of Peace

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.**

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.

Recognition of Graduating Seniors

9:30/11:00

*The Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 2.17-3.13 Mr. Williams 8:00
Austin Reichert, Elise McClure 9:30
Micah Bires, Grace Sloan 11:00

^{2.17} But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face, ¹⁸ because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us. ¹⁹ For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at His coming? Is it not you? ²⁰ For you are our glory and joy.

^{3.1} Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we were willing to be left behind at Athens alone, ² and we sent Timothy, our brother and God’s coworker in the gospel of Christ, to establish and exhort you in your faith, ³ that no one be moved by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are destined for this. ⁴ For when we were with you, we kept telling you beforehand that we were to suffer affliction, just as it has come to pass, and just as you know. ⁵ For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain. ⁶ But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you—⁷ for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. ⁸ For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. ⁹ For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰ as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹ Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³ so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

The Sermon “Relationships, Report Cards and Readiness” 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 No. 100

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

NICAEA

*Benediction

Minister: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints. 1 Thessalonians 3.12-13

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.

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3.22

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.

Senior Pastor

The Rev. Mark Davis

Session/Associate Pastor

Tommy Bain	Pat Hamner	Dan Stewart
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The Rev. Tommy Overton	

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Jeff Barber

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*(Elders not currently on the Session but
active in ministry at Park Cities Presbyterian Church)*

John Bateman	Mark Fulmer	Stephen Nielson
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David Burgher	John Harper	Bobby Payne
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Bill Farrell	Mike McMahon	Arthur Wood
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David Franklin	Pat Moore	

SERMON NOTES

1 Thessalonians 2.17-3.13

“Relationships, Report Cards and Readiness”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of May 4, 2014

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor? Or who has given a gift to Him that He might be repaid? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen. Romans 11.33-36

“Alleluia, Alleluia” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please refer to the hymn on page two.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2.17-3.13 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. Look at the last verse in chapter 3 of Thessalonians. What is Paul’s prayer?
2. Describe how Paul feels about the people he is writing to.
3. List two or three reasons why he sent Timothy to the people.
4. What is a report card? Why do teachers send out report cards? What does Timothy’s report say about the people Paul is writing to?
5. How are we established in our faith?

Questions for older children

1. Summarize what Paul desires in these verses.
2. What can you learn from these verses about the way God establishes our faith?
3. Who are the people in your life seeking to establish your faith?
4. What is significant about the end of Paul’s prayer?

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

Lamentations 3.22-26

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in Him.” The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

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.