



## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 11, 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.*

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### Preparation for Worship

#### Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00  
The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

**Minister:** May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in His works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!

**People:** **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the LORD.**

Psalm 104.31-34

#### \*Hymn No. 55

"To God Be the Glory"

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#### \*Prayer of Adoration

#### \*Confession of Faith

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00  
Dr. Julian Russell 9:30  
Dr. Joseph "Skip" Ryan 11:00

**Minister:** What is sanctification?

**People:** Sanctification is a work of God's grace, whereby they whom God hath, before the foundation of the world, chosen to be holy, are in time, through the powerful operation of His Spirit applying the death and resurrection of Christ unto them, renewed in their whole man after the image of God; having the seeds of repentance unto life, and all other saving graces, put into their hearts, and those graces so stirred up, increased, and strengthened, as that they more and more die unto sin, and rise unto newness of life.

Larger Catechism, Question 75

### The Sacrament of Baptism

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

Helen Elizabeth Bell  
 Jane Elisabeth Haig  
 Robert Finn Thompson  
 Reid McCoy Williams

Mack Philip Morrow

### Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

### Song of Sanctification

“Spirit of the Living God”

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9:30/11:00

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God,  
 fall fresh on me. Break me! Melt me! Mold me!  
 Fill me! Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

### Public Confession of Sin

Eternal and merciful God, You have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and You have set us on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from Your way; we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what

we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of Your grace symbolized in baptism, O God, we praise You and give You thanks that You forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with You, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

## Private Confession

## Words of Assurance and Comfort of the Gospel

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:4-7

## Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison 8:00

Dr. Russell 9:30

Dr. Ryan 11:00

## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

## Musical Meditation

8:00

Colin Howland, *organ*

9:30/11:00

“Joy to the Heart”  
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, *director*

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*Look there! the Christ, our Brother, comes resplendent from the gallows tree and what He brings in His hurt hands is life on life for you and me.*

*Joy! Joy! Joy to the heart all praise to Christ the victor. Joy! Joy! Joy to the heart all praise to Christ our Savior.*

*Good Jesus Christ, inside His pain looked down Golgotha’s stony slope and let the blood flow from His flesh to fill the springs of living hope.*

*The perfect Christ, our Brother, died in darkest hurt upon the tree to offer us the worlds of light that live inside the Trinity.*

## \*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: We are the body of Christ; in one Spirit we were all baptized in one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

## The Service of Friendship

## Recognition of Children’s Ministry Volunteers

9:30/11:00

**\*The Scripture Reading**

1 Thessalonians 4.1-8

*Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. <sup>2</sup> For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. <sup>3</sup> For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup> that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, <sup>5</sup> not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; <sup>6</sup> that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. <sup>7</sup> For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. <sup>8</sup> Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives His Holy Spirit to you.*

**The Sermon**

“More and More”

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

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

**\*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. 498 "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"**

*HYFRYDOL*

Stanzas: 1, 2, 4, and 5

**\*Benediction**

**Minister:** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5.23

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

**Postlude**

*"Tuba Tune"  
Mr. Howland, organ*

*Lang*

*\*The congregation stands.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my mom, Martha White Farris, by Elizabeth Farris Figari.*

*Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"*

*John 11.25-26*

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# SERMON NOTES

1 Thessalonians 4.1-8

“More and More”

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## 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.**

## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of May 11, 2014

### Praise

#### **Call to Worship** *(everyone together)*

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

#### **“Spirit of the Living God”** *(read or sing these words together)*

Please refer to the hymn on page two.

### Hearing and Learning God’s Word

#### **Scripture Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 4.1-8 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. According to verse three, what is the will of God?
2. How does God reveal His will to us?
3. What is sanctification?
4. How are God’s people sanctified? What is the role of the Holy Spirit? What is our role?
5. What does it mean to regard God’s instruction and what does it mean to disregard God’s instruction?
6. If we disregard His instruction, who are we rejecting?

#### **Questions for older children**

1. Why do you think that Paul uses the phrase “more and more”?
2. How have you seen God’s sanctifying work in your life lately?
3. How does the cross and resurrection of Jesus effect our sanctification?

#### **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.