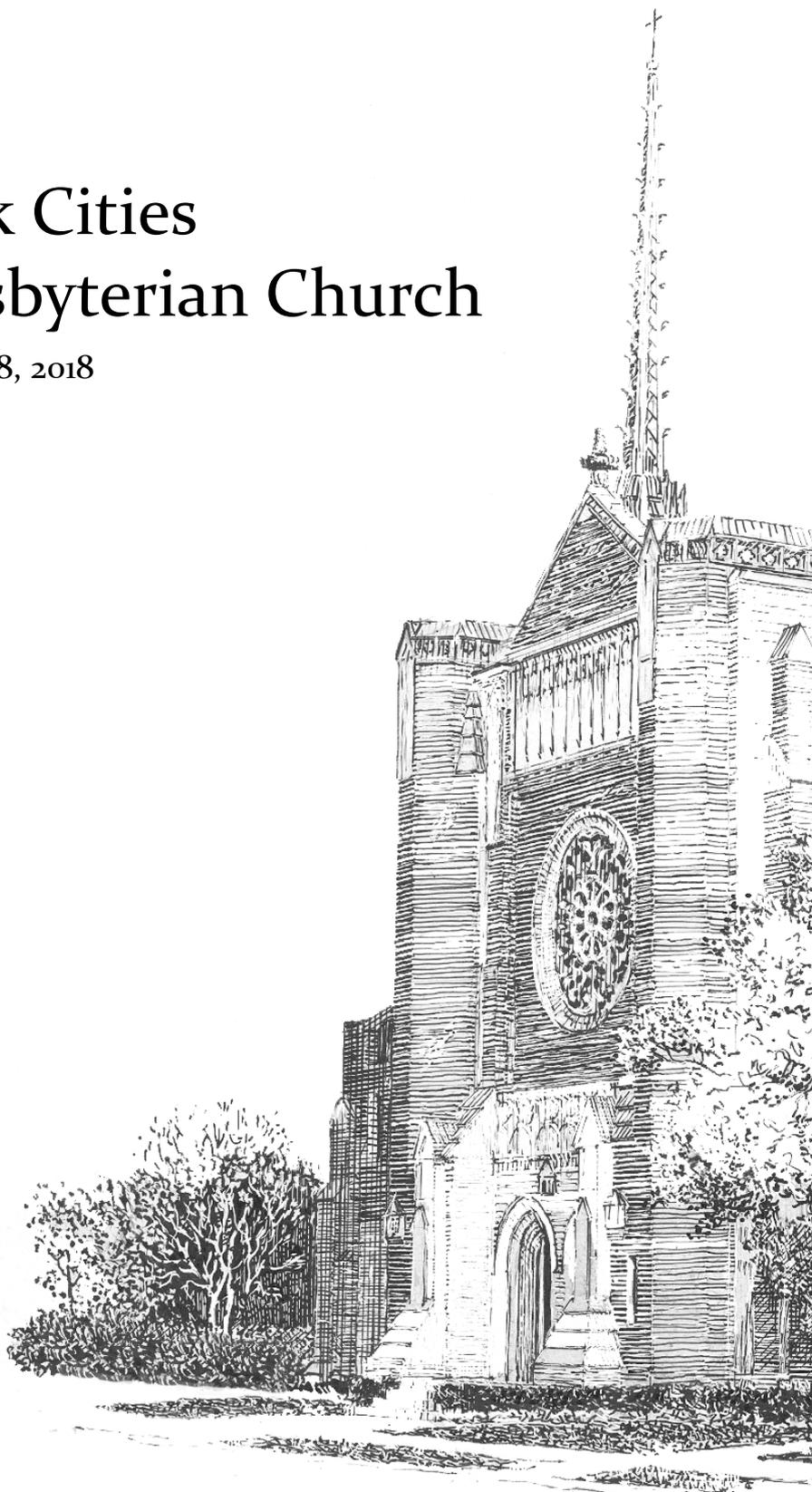


Park Cities Presbyterian Church

March 18, 2018



*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.*



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 18, 2018
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Prelude

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

arr. Diane Bish

Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00
The Rev. Chad Scruggs 9:30/11:00

Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever!

Minister: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

People: whom He has redeemed from trouble

Minister: and gathered in from the lands,

**People: from the east and from the west, from the north and from
the south.**

Psalm 107:1-3

*Hymn of Praise No. 296 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”
Stanzas: 1, 4-6

CORONATION

*Prayer of Adoration

*Profession of Faith

The Rev. Matt Fray 8:00
Mr. Scruggs 9:30/11:00

**I believe that the Son of God
through His Spirit and Word,
out of the entire human race,
from the beginning of the world to its end,
gathers, protects, and preserves for Himself
a community chosen for eternal life
and united in true faith.**

**And of this community I am and always will be
a living member.**

from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54



When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



When the tempt-er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



I could nev-er keep my hold through life's fear-ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;
Raised with Him to end-less life, He will hold me fast



for my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast. —
bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. —
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! —

Refrain



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



for my Sav-ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

The Sacrament of Baptism

9:30

Parental Vows

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

9:30

Petra Amelie Hilkemann
Ann Margaret Murphy
Mae Bradford Williams
John Stanley Lestock

Prayer for the Families

9:30

*Hymn No. 131

9:30 only

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Stanzas: 1, 5

TRYGGARE KAN

Public Confession of Sin

O Almighty Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
we confess that we have sinned against You
in thought, word, and deed.
Have mercy upon us, O God,
after Your great goodness;
according to the multitude of Your mercies,
do away our offences
and cleanse us from our sins;
for Jesus Christ’s sake. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Fray 8:00
Mr. Scruggs 9:30/11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

“Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured”
Dr. Davy, organ

arr. Max Reger

*Behold the Lamb of God, the Lamb for sinners slain;
A perfect sacrifice for all, He died, but lives again.*

*Behold the Lamb of God, behold His hands, His side.
The Son of God, the sinless Lamb, for me was crucified.*

*He lives—let Heaven rejoice, and earth her honors bring,
To Him the everlasting God, the great, eternal King.*

*Oh, strike your harps of gold, ye ransomed host above.
He who bought you with His blood, and saved you by His love.*

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: Look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
The peace of the Lord be with you always. Hebrews 12.2

People: **And also with you.**

*The Scripture Reading

Acts 10.30-43

- ³⁰ And Cornelius said, "Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing
- ³¹ and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God.
- ³² Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.'
- ³³ So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord."
- ³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality,
- ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him.
- ³⁶ As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all),
- ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed:
- ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.
- ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree,
- ⁴⁰ but God raised Him on the third day and made Him to appear,
- ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead.
- ⁴² And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the One appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.
- ⁴³ To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name."

The Sermon

“God Is the Author of World Missions
(or Joy to the World)”

Mr. Williams 8:00

Dr. Dan Doriani 9:30/11:00

*Professor of Theology,
Covenant Theological Seminary*

Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00,
please continue at the closing hymn.

***The Great Thanksgiving 8:00**

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.

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

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.*

***Closing Hymn No. 195 “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”**

ANTIOCH

*The Benediction

Minister: Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations for ever and ever!
Ephesians 3.20-21

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

Postlude

“Allegro Di Molto”
Dr. Davy, organ

Johannes Brahms

**Please stand if you are able.*

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

MINISTERS

The members of this church family who, in serving their Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, extend His Kingdom in Dallas and to the world.



Welcome to Park Cities Presbyterian Church. We are glad you joined us today.

We want to come alongside you in hospitality and prayer. At the conclusion of our services, there are people at the front of the sanctuary to meet and pray with you. You may also call our 24/7 prayer line: 214-224-2680 or email your request to our pastors at: pastorsprayer@pcpc.org.

If you are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, you are loved. For support, please speak with us or call Thrive Women's Clinic at 214-343-9263 or Kari Stainback at 214-224-2738.

“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

SERMON NOTES

Acts 10.30-43

“God Is the Author of World Missions (or Joy to the World)”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of March 18, 2018

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble and
gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and
from the south.

Psalm 107:1-3

“He Will Hold Me Fast” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page three.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Acts 10.30-43 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. How could Peter forget that the gospel is for Jews and Gentiles? How does God remind Peter of the scope of the gospel? How do we forget and how does the Lord remind us?
2. Summarize the attitude of Cornelius, visible in his ability to gather family and friends (10.24) and in his comments to Peter in 10.33? What can we learn from Cornelius?
3. How could Peter say that he now understands that “God shows no partiality”? How could he forget the gospel? How do we forget the gospel? How do we remember it?

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

Acts 4.32-33

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

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.