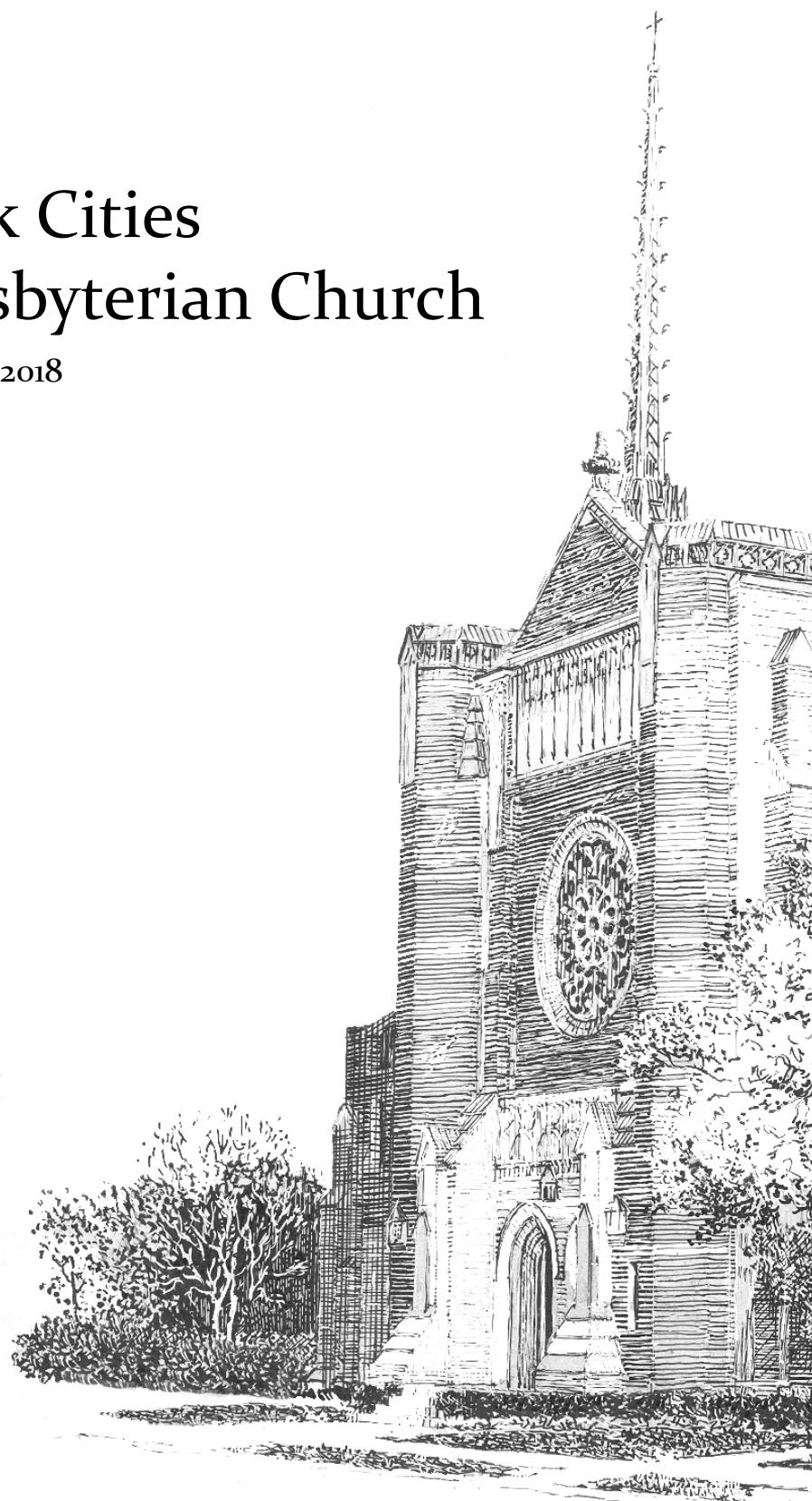


Park Cities Presbyterian Church

May 13, 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

May 13, 2018
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

The Ascension of Our Lord

Prelude

"Take My Life and Let It Be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee"
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

HENDON
arr. S. Nielson

Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00
The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

Minister: God has gone up with a shout,
People: The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
Minister: Sing praises to God, sing praises!
People: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
Minister: For God is the King of all the earth;
People: Sing praises with a psalm!
Minister: God reigns over the nations;
People: God sits on His holy throne.

Psalm 47:5-8

***Hymn No. 292** "Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord"

ENGELBERG

*Prayer of Adoration

*Profession of Faith

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 8:00
The Rev. Tommy Overton 9:30
The Rev. Bill Lamberth 11:00

We believe that we have no access to God
except through the one and only mediator and intercessor:
Jesus Christ the righteous.
He therefore was made man,
uniting together the divine and human natures,
so that we human beings might have access to the divine majesty.

—from *Belgic Confession*, Art. 26

Hymn*"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"**

Townend

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all
2. Be - hold the man u - pon the cross, my sin u - pon His
3. I will not boast in a - ny thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no

mea - sure, that He should give His on - ly Son to make a - shoul - ders; a - shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call out a - wis - dom; but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death and

wretch His trea - sure. How great the pain of sear-ing loss: mong the scot - fers. It was my sin that held Him there re - sur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from His re - ward?

the Fa - ther turns His face a - way as wounds, which mar the un - til it was ac - com - plished; His dy - ing breath has I can - not give an an - swer, but this I know with

Cho - sen One, bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry. brought me life: I know that it is fin - ished. all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

The Sacrament of Baptism

9:30/11:00

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

Louise Frances Killgore
Andrew Michael McWay, Jr.
Rose Marie Wilson
Tatum Leigh Wimmer

11:00

Lucas Clyde Cole
Jackson Travis Cole
Houston Ryan Cole
Samuel Nelson Cothran
Matthew Merrill Zugaro

Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

Public Confession of Sin

**Great was Your mercy in ascending to heaven
in being crowned and enthroned there to intercede for me,
there to help me in temptation,
there to open the eternal book,
there to receive me finally to Yourself.**
**Great was Your wisdom in devising this means of salvation;
bathe my soul in rich consolations of Your resurrection life.**
**O God, pardon all my sins,
known and unknown,
felt and unfelt,
confessed and not confessed,
remembered or forgotten.**
**Help me to be a holy, happy person,
free from every wrong desire,
from everything contrary to Your mind.**
**Grant me more and more of the resurrection life:
may it rule me, may I walk in its power,
and be strengthened through its influence.**

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. I Corinthians 6:14

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Lamberth 8:00
Mr. Overton 9:30
Mr. Lamberth 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

“Prelude, Op. 23, No. 4”
Mr. Nielson, piano

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Chancel Choir • Dr. Nathan Davy, conductor • J. Marty Cope, organ
Awake, awake! Let every heart in loudest praise adore the great eternal Lord of all, who reigns forevermore.
He paints the orient sky of morn, He gives the flower its hue, and gently o'er its fragrant leaves He drops the pearly dew.
Sons and daughters of the King, let your endless praises ring: Christ the Lord is risen on high; He lives, no more to die.
Awake, exalt His glorious name; and on this holy day, rejoicing in the house of prayer, your grateful homage pay.
As over the earth the genial sun a radiant luster throws. So in the bosom where He dwells the light of mercy glows.
How sweet when human voices join to sing His pardoning love, while angels waft the joyful strain, to purer worlds above.

*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 Scripture Reading

Acts 20.17-35

Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him.
¹⁸ And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia,
¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews;
²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house,
²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
²² And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there,
²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me.
²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.
²⁵ And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again.
²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all,
²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.
²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood.
²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;
³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.
³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears.
³² And now I command you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.
³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.
³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me.
³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

The Sermon

“The Radical Calling of
Everyday Disciple-Making”

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

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. 585 “Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”
Stanzas: 1-3, 5, 6**

HENDON

*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

8:00 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" ODE TO JOY
Mr. Nielson, piano Beethoven/arr. S. Nielson

9:30/11:00 "Allegro" from *Concerto in C major* J. S. Bach
Dr. Davy, organ

*Please stand if you are able.

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of our daughter, Alexandra, on her first Mother's Day and in celebration of our first grandchild, Carver Caroline Easley, by Elizabeth and Ernie Figari.

Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!

Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ 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 20.17-35

“The Radical Calling of Everyday Disciple-Making”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of May 13, 2018

Praise

Call to Worship (*everyone together*)

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.

Psalm 47:5-8

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” (*read or sing these words together*)

Please see the hymn on page three.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Acts 20:17-35 (*one person read the Scripture aloud*)

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

1. What is the Great Commission? What does it mean to make disciples?
2. What are the essential elements of the Gospel message?
3. Is there anyone in your life that needs to hear the good news of Jesus Christ?
4. What is your story of rescue? How would you share that story with others?
5. How does God use suffering for our good and the good of others?
6. According to 1 Corinthians, what is evangelism without love?
7. What does the Cross teach us about the cost of making disciples?

Scripture Memory for May (*memorize this passage of Scripture this month*)

Psalm 52:8-9 (NLT)

But I am like an olive tree, thriving in the house of God. I will always trust in God’s unfailing love.⁹ I will praise You forever, O God, for what You have done. I will trust in Your good name in the presence of Your faithful people.

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.