



## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 10, 2019  
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

*First Sunday of Lent*

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### Prelude

“Prelude No. 4, Opus 34”  
J. Marty Cope, *piano*

*Dmitri Shostakovich*

*During the Prelude, please join in silent preparation  
of heart and mind to worship our God.*

### \*Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00  
The Rev. Matt Fray 9:30/11:00

Minister: O LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger,

**People: nor discipline me in Your wrath!**

Minister: For Your arrows have sunk into me,

**People: and Your hand has come down on me.**

Minister: There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation;

**People: there is no health in my bones because of my sin.**

Minister: Do not forsake me, O LORD!

**People: O my God, be not far from me!**

Minister: Make haste to help me,

**People: O Lord, my salvation!**

Psalm 38.1-3, 21-22

### \*Hymn No. 38

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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### \*Prayer of Adoration

### \*Profession of Faith

Dr. Mark Fulmer 8:00  
The Rev. Bill Lamberth 9:30/11:00

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed

**\*Hymn No. 500**

**“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”**

*NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP*

### **Public Confession of Sin**

**Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to Your steadfast love;  
according to Your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against You, You only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in Your sight,  
so that You may be justified in Your words  
and blameless in Your judgment.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that You have broken rejoice.  
Hide Your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.**

Psalm 51:1-4, 7-9

### **Private Confession**

### **Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel**

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14

### **Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer**

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

### **Musical Offering**

8:00

“Aria”  
Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

*Craig Phillips*

*Help, LORD! Wilt Thou quite destroy us? The harvest now is over,  
 the summer days are gone, and yet no power cometh to help us!  
 Will then the LORD be no more God in Zion?* Jeremiah 8.20, 19

Elijah’s story begins with judgments and miracles, designed to awaken that disobedient and obstinate generation of God’s people that had deeply corrupted themselves. Here, the people of Israel respond to the judgment of a waterless land, crying to God for mercy.  
 —based on Matthew Henry’s commentary

### \*The Greeting of Peace

**Minister:** Now in Christ Jesus, we who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ, for He Himself is our peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Ephesians 2.13-14

**People:** **And also with you.**

### \*The Scripture Reading

1 Kings 17.1-24; Luke 4.25-26

Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.”

<sup>2</sup> And the word of the LORD came to him:

<sup>3</sup> “Depart from here and turn eastward and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan.

<sup>4</sup> You shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.”

<sup>5</sup> So he went and did according to the word of the LORD. He went and lived by the brook Cherith that is east of the Jordan.

<sup>6</sup> And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

<sup>7</sup> And after a while the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

<sup>8</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to him,

<sup>9</sup> “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.”

<sup>10</sup> So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.”

<sup>11</sup> And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.”

<sup>12</sup> And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.”

<sup>13</sup> And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son.

<sup>14</sup> For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, “The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.””

<sup>15</sup> And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days.

<sup>16</sup> The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that He spoke by Elijah.

<sup>17</sup> After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him.

<sup>18</sup> And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!”

<sup>19</sup> And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed.

- <sup>20</sup> And he cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?”
- <sup>21</sup> Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child’s life come into him again.”
- <sup>22</sup> And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived.
- <sup>23</sup> And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.”
- <sup>24</sup> And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

Luke 4.25-26

*But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land,*

<sup>26</sup> *and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.*

**The Sermon**

“God’s Grace for the Low”

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Fray 9:30/11:00

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

**\*Words of Assurance and The Great Thanksgiving**

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:**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of Your Glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Communion 8:00**

*The bread being served at Communion is gluten-free.*

*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**

“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 scof - 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 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**

“Fugue in A minor”  
Dr. Davy, organ

*J. S. Bach*

*\*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.**

## SERMON NOTES

1 Kings 17.1-24; Luke 4.25-26  
“God’s Grace for the Low”

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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 men and women at the front and back of the sanctuary to meet and pray with you—in complete confidence.

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*

# Sunday Morning Communities

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

CHILDREN - 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

**NURSERY** (birth-age 2)

Visitors, please check in at red desk **A**

**PRE-SCHOOL** (age 3-K)

Visitors, please check in at red desk **B**

**ELEMENTARY** (Grades 1-4)

Visitors, please check in at red desk **C**

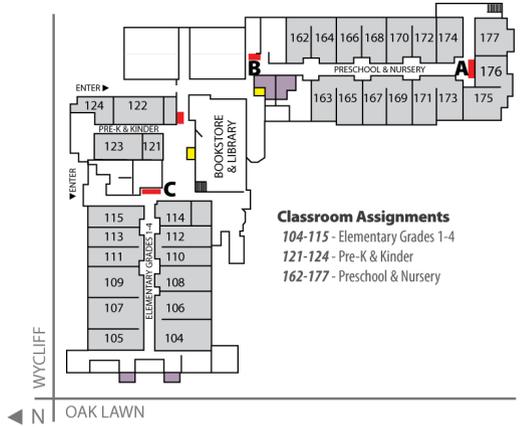
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YOUTH - 11:00 a.m.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL** (Grades 5-8)

Room 302/304

**HIGH SCHOOL** (Grades 9-12)

Room 301



A nursing mothers' room with livestream of the worship service is on the lower level beneath the Narthex.

## Adult Communities

CONNECT WITH A GROUP TO KNOW, GROW & GO

### Early Morning

#### GO GROUP

Singles & couples  
Room 305 (8:00)

#### KOINONIA

Room 303 (8:15)

### 9:30 a.m.

#### BELIEVERS' FELLOWSHIP

Empty nesters & singles  
Oak Lawn West

#### CORNERSTONE

Young & newly marrieds, 20s & 30s  
Room 261

#### GOOD NEWS

Room 259

#### GOOD SHEPHERD'S FELLOWSHIP

Couples, singles & families  
Room 263

#### VERITAS

Couples & singles  
Room 262

#### WOMEN OF GRACE

Room 303 (2nd & 3rd Sundays only)

### 11:00 a.m.

#### AMBASSADORS

College, singles, marrieds & starter families  
Room 261

#### COVENANT

Empty nesters & singles  
Chapel

#### KALEO

Singles & young families  
Room 263

#### LAO PRESBYTERIAN FELLOWSHIP

Oak Lawn West

#### NEW CREATIONS

Couples & singles  
Room 262

#### SHEPHERDS OF SOULS

Multigenerational class  
Room 300

#### THE WELL

Parents of middle & upper school students  
Room 260

#### VINEYARD

Couples & singles  
Oak Lawn West

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