



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 17, 2019
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of Lent

*Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00
Dr. Pete Deison 9:30/11:00

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

People: ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Minister: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory
thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

People: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

Minister: The voice of the LORD is powerful;

People: the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Psalm 29.1, 3, 7, 4

*Hymn No. 296

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”
Stanzas: 1, 3, 5-6

CORONATION

*Prayer of Adoration

*Profession of Faith

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

We all believe in our hearts
and confess with our mouths
that there is a single and simple spiritual being,
whom we call God—
eternal, incomprehensible,
invisible, unchangeable,
infinite, almighty;
completely wise,
just, and good,
and the overflowing source of all good.

Belgic Confession, Article 1

*Hymn

“I Will Glory in My Redeemer”

Vikki Cook



I will glo-ry in _ my Re - deem-er Whose price-less blood
I will glo-ry in _ my Re - deem-er my life He bought,
I will glo-ry in _ my Re - deem-er Who car - ries me

has ran-somed me. Mine was the sin that drove the bit-ter nails
 my love He owns. I have no long-ings for a - noth - er
 on ea - gle's wings. He crowns my life with lov - ing kind - ness,

and hung Him on that — judg-ment tree. I will glo-ry in my Re-
 I'm sat - is - fied in — Him a - lone. I will glo-ry in my Re-
 His tri - umph song I'll — ev - er sing. I will glo-ry in my Re-

deem-er Who crushed the pow'r of sin and death; My on - ly
 deem-er His faith - ful - ness, my stand - ing place Though foes are
 deem-er Who waits for me at gates of gold And when He

Sav - ior be - fore the Ho - ly Judge, the Lamb who is my —
 might-y and rush up - on — me my feet are firm, held —
 calls me it will be par - a - dise His face for - ev - er —

right - eous - ness, the Lamb who is my — right - eous - ness.
 by His grace, my feet are firm held — by His grace.
 to be - hold, His face for - ev - er — to be - hold.

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

11:00

Thomas George Gresham III
 Charles Elliott Thicksten
 Remington Edward Templeton

Lydia Rose Golden
 Helen Patricia Gosselin

Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

Public Confession of Sin

Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD!
O Lord, hear my voice!
Let Your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
But with You there is forgiveness,
that You may be feared.
I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in His word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

Psalm 130.1-6

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

Musical Meditation “Lord God of Abraham” from *Elijah* *Felix Mendelssohn*
9:30/11:00 Will Hughes, Elijah

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

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

Musical Offering

8:00 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” *J. S. Bach*
Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

9:30/11:00 “Thanks Be to God” from *Elijah* *Felix Mendelssohn*
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director • Dr. Davy, organ
Winston Miller, The Youth (*Elijah’s servant*) • Will Hughes, Elijah

After God defeats the Prophets of Baal,
Elijah’s servant looks toward the sea for signs of rain.

Elijah: *Go up again, and still look toward the sea!*

The Youth: *Behold, a little cloud ariseth now from the waters: it is like a man’s hand! The heavens are black with clouds and with wind: the storm rushes louder and louder!*

Choir: *Thanks be to God for all His mercies!*

Elijah: *Thanks be to God! For He is gracious; and His mercy endureth forevermore!*

Thanks be to God! He laveth the thirsty land! The waters gather; they rush along; they are lifting their voices! The stormy billows are high, their fury is mighty. But the LORD is above them and Almighty. —based on Psalm 93:3, 4

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Psalm 130.7-8

People: **And also with you.**

*The Scripture Reading

I Kings 18.17-25, 29-40; James 1.5-8

- When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, "Is it you, you troubler of Israel?"*
- ¹⁸ *And he answered, "I have not troubled Israel, but you have, and your father's house, because you have abandoned the commandments of the LORD and followed the Baals.*
- ¹⁹ *Now therefore send and gather all Israel to me at Mount Carmel, and the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."*
- ²⁰ *So Ahab sent to all the people of Israel and gathered the prophets together at Mount Carmel.*
- ²¹ *And Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him." And the people did not answer him a word.*
- ²² *Then Elijah said to the people, "I, even I only, am left a prophet of the LORD, but Baal's prophets are 450 men.*
- ²³ *Let two bulls be given to us, and let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it in pieces and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. And I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood and put no fire to it.*
- ²⁴ *And you call upon the name of your god, and I will call upon the name of the LORD, and the God who answers by fire, He is God." And all the people answered, "It is well spoken."*
- ²⁵ *Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many, and call upon the name of your god, but put no fire to it."*
- ²⁹ *And as midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice. No one answered; no one paid attention.*
- ³⁰ *Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." And all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that had been thrown down.*
- ³¹ *Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD came, saying, "Israel shall be your name,"*
- ³² *and with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD. And he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two seahs of seed.*
- ³³ *And he put the wood in order and cut the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood. And he said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood."*
- ³⁴ *And he said, "Do it a second time." And they did it a second time. And he said, "Do it a third time." And they did it a third time.*
- ³⁵ *And the water ran around the altar and filled the trench also with water.*
- ³⁶ *And at the time of the offering of the oblation, Elijah the prophet came near and said, "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel, and that I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word.*
- ³⁷ *Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that You, O LORD, are God, and that You have turned their hearts back."*
- ³⁸ *Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.*
- ³⁹ *And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, "The LORD, He is God; the LORD, He is God."*
- ⁴⁰ *And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape." And they seized them. And Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon and slaughtered them there.*

James 1.5-8

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

The Sermon

“How Long Will You Waver?”

Mr. Williams 8:00
Dr. Deison 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**

“O Church, Arise”

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1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; hear the
2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to
3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the
4. So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give —



call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that
 rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the
 Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be -
 grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has gi - ven.
 wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - or.
 neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en!
 win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful.



With shield of faith and belt of Truth, we'll stand a -
 When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the
 And as the stone is rolled a - way and Christ e -
 As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing



gainst the de - vil's lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle
 out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for
 mer - ges from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues
 tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
 which He died, an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
 'til the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
 for the day when with Christ we stand in Glo - ry.

***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

“Toccata” from *Suite Gothique*
 Dr. Davy, organ

Léon Boëllmann

**Please stand if you are able.*

**If you need help regarding our Sunday Morning Community
 room locations, please go to the Information Center
 where someone will be happy to assist you.**

SERMON NOTES

I Kings 18.17-25, 29-40; James 1.5-8
“How Long Will You Waver?”

James 1.5-8

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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 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

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of March 17, 2019

Praise

Call to Worship: *(everyone together)*

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters. The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. Psalm 29.1, 3, 7, 4

“I Will Glory in My Redeemer” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page three.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 18.17-25, 29-40; James 1.5-8 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What did Elijah mean by the words: “How long will you limp (waver) between the two sides”? See 1 Kings 18.21
2. Why did the people not answer the question?
3. Elijah set up twelve stones for the altar he used. What was his purpose? See verses 30-32
4. What do we learn from Elijah’s prayer? See verse 36
5. Why were the prophets of Baal slain? See Deuteronomy 13.13-15 and 1 Kings 18.4, 13
6. When fire came from heaven, how did the people respond? Do you think it lasted? Why or why not?

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

Colossians 1.13-14

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.

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.