



Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 4, 2025
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

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Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Sam Leopold 8:00
The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

*Call to Worship

Minister: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

**People: His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation
for Him.**

Minister: The LORD has made known His salvation;

People: He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Minister: Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together
before the LORD, for He comes

People: to judge the earth.

Minister: He will judge the world with righteousness,

People: and the peoples with equity.

Psalm 98.1-2, 8-9

*Easter Hymn

"The Day of Resurrection!"

LANCASHIRE

Hymn No. 267 in the Trinity Hymnal



***Prayer of Adoration**

***Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom

Minister: This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be the people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Minister: Power, riches, wisdom and strength and honor, and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Minister: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: For the Lamb who was slain has begun to reign. Alleluia! This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Please be seated.

Musical Acclamation

“Let All the People Praise”

Boersma/Courtney

9:30/11:00

Carol, Chapel, Covenant, and Chancel Choirs

Dr. Hannah Clarke, Laura Benedict, Katie Haring, and J. Marty Cope, *directors*
Covenant Choir, *handbells* • Dr. Nathan Davy, *piano* • Mary Preston, *organ*

*Sing praise to the Father, sing praise to the Son, sing praise to the Spirit,
Our God, Three in One.*

Let all the people praise the name of the Lord.

*All voices and instruments praising together; the people are many,
the body is one.*

*In singing and dancing, in writing and painting; one in the Spirit, the old
and the young.*

*The Lord has been faithful to all generations, walking beside us through smoke
and through flame.*

*In sunshine and shadow, protecting, providing, in all times and seasons, ever
the same!*

*O God, our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal home!*

*All praise to the Father, sing praise to the Son, sing praise to the Spirit,
Our God Three in One.*

Let all the people praise the name of the Lord!

***Hymn**

“See the Destined Day Arise”
8:00, All Stanzas • 9:30/11:00, Stanzas 1-2

Fortunatus (c.530-600)
Merker



1. See the des - tined day a - rise! See a will - ing sac - ri - fice!
2. Who but Christ had dared to drain, steeped in gall, the cup of pain,
3. Ho - ly Je - sus, grant us grace in that sac - ri - fice to place



Je - sus, to re - deem our loss, hangs up - on the shame - ful cross;
and with ten - der bo - dy bear thorns, and nails, and pierc - ing spear?
all our trust for life re - newed, par - doned sin, and prom - ised good.



Je - sus, who but You could bear wrath so great and just - ice fair?
Slain for us, the wa - ter flowed, ming - led from Your side with blood;
Grant us grace to sing Your praise, 'round Your throne through end - less days,



Ev - ery pang and bit - ter throe, fin - ish - ing Your life of woe?
sign to all at - test - ing eyes of the fin - ished sac - ri - fice.
ev - er with the sons of light: “Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, might!”



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Lamb of God for sin - ners slain!



Ha - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus Christ, we praise Your name!

Recognition of Graduating High School Seniors

9:30/11:00

***Hymn**

“See the Destined Day Arise”
9:30/11:00, Stanza 3

Fortunatus (c.530-600)
Merker

Almighty God,
You have raised Jesus from the grave
and crowned Him Lord of all.
We confess that we have not always bowed before Him
or acknowledged His rule in our lives.
We have gone along with the way of the world
and failed to give Him glory.
Forgive us and raise us from sin,
that we may be Your faithful people,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world and is Head of the Church, His body. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

Then shall come to pass the saying that is written:
“Death is swallowed up in victory.”
“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
I Corinthians 15:54b-57

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

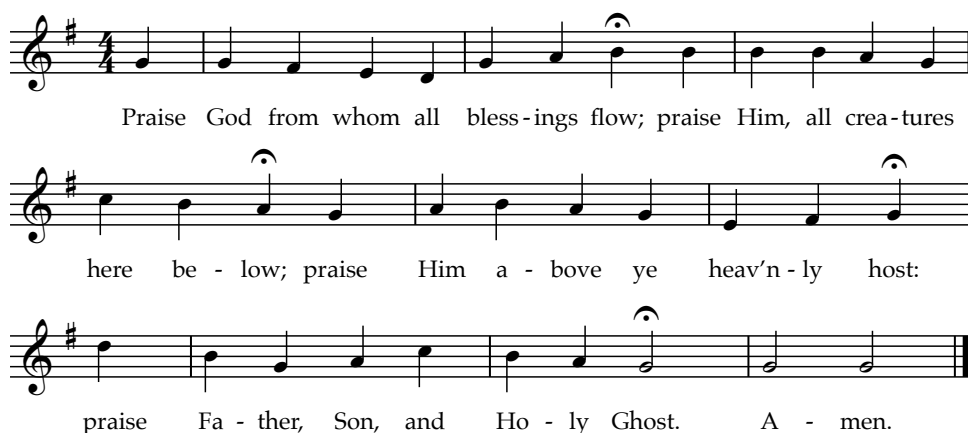
Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Higginbottom

*In addition to giving via passed offering plates, you are also welcome
to give online at pcpc.org/give or text “give” to 214-833-7724.*

Musical Offering

8:00	“Meditation” Stephen Nielson, <i>piano</i>	Gabriel Fauré
9:30/11:00	“Prelude on NICAIA” Nathan Davy, <i>piano</i> • J. Marty Cope, <i>organ</i>	Sandra Achterberg



During the 9:30 service, 1st and 2nd graders may exit at this time using the doors at the front-right of the Sanctuary to meet their teachers for Worship Explorers. **Children must be checked-in and have a nametag.** A check-in kiosk is available in the hallway outside the Sanctuary doors.

*The Scripture Reading: John 11.41-54

Mr. Leopold 8:00

Emma Ruth Ball and Lleyton Horan 9:30

Helen Hickman and Henry Iles 11:00

So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.

⁴² I knew that You always hear Me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that You sent Me."

⁴³ When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out."

⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what He did, believed in Him,

⁴⁶ but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

⁴⁷ So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this Man performs many signs.

⁴⁸ If we let Him go on like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."

⁴⁹ But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all.

⁵⁰ Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one Man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish."

⁵¹ He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation,

⁵² and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.

⁵³ So from that day on they made plans to put Him to death.

⁵⁴ Jesus therefore no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there to the region near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim, and there He stayed with the disciples.

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!

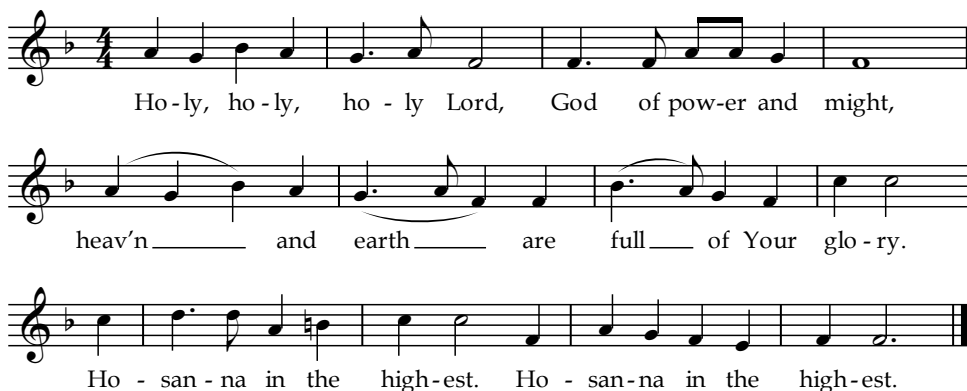
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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:



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

Communion 8:00

*Please remain seated.
You will be served by your elders, and we will all partake
together when so instructed by the pastor.
(The bread being served is gluten free.)*

***Closing Hymn** “Man of Sorrows! What a Name” *HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!*
Hymn No. 246 in the Trinity Hymnal



1. Man of Sor - rows! what a name for the
 2. Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my
 3. Guilt - y, vile, and help - less, we; spot - less
 4. Lift - ed up was He to die, “It is
 5. When He comes, our glo - rious King, all His



Son of God, who came ru - ined sin - ners
 place con - demned He stood, sealed my par - don
 Lamb of God was He; full a - tone - ment!
 fin - ished!” was His cry; now in heav’n ex -
 ran - somed home to bring, then a - new this



to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 with His blood: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 song we’ll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!

***The Benediction**

Minister: Now may the Savior who has abolished death, come to you in your sorrows, stay by your side in the darkness, carry you through your distresses, and give you joy in the morning. *Dale Ralph Davis*

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

8:00 “O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us” *SPIRITUS VITAE*
 Mr. Nielson, *piano*

9:30/11:00 “Fugue in D major, BWV 532” *J. S. Bach*
 Dr. Davy, *organ*

**Please stand if you are able.*

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lynda Fray, who during her two decades of ministry as Director of Children's and Youth Choirs, faithfully labored to plant the Word of God deeply in the hearts of PCPC's covenant children by Hannah and Stephen Clarke.

"...and from morn to set of sun, through the Church the song goes on."

*The image on the cover was created by illustrator Stephen Crofts.
This iteration of his artwork was commissioned by PCPC.*



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

*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.*

SERMON NOTES

John 11.41-54
“A Dead Man Is Alive”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions help us engage with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service, and may be useful during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship.

1. How did those present at the raising of Lazarus respond? Why do you think they responded the way they did?
2. What two things were the religious leaders concerned about losing? How might this be true of us today?
3. Who was Caiaphas?
4. What is significant about all that Caiaphas said? How does this reveal who is really in charge of all that is taking place?
5. Was there more than one resurrection as Lazarus walked out? What does this mean?
6. What is your response to the raising of Lazarus?

Highlights

MAY 4, 2025

What's Next?

We have friendly faces waiting to help you connect to Christ and one another at PCPC just as you exit the front of the Sanctuary. Look for the Connect banner on your way to the Grand Hall. We would also love to help you abide in and extend Christ. You can find out more at the Information Center in the Grand Hall. Download the free PCPC mobile app to explore more.



Connection Card

Thanks for joining us today! If you are new or looking to connect with others in our church family, please scan the QR code and fill out our Connection Card, so we can know you were here and help you connect.

pcpc.org/connect

Anxiety & Assurance

Wednesdays from May 7-28
PCPC Women will spend 4 weeks examining God's transforming care, presence, and power in our lives when it comes to anxiety. Join our Early Morning Bible Study at 7:00 a.m. in Classroom 9 (Lower Level) or Maymester at 10:00 a.m. in the Loft (Level Two). No cost, no registration required.

pcpc.org/women

Faith & Work 101

Wednesdays from May 7-28

6:30 P.M. | MEZZANINE A (LEVEL TWO)

Is the workplace the primary place God has sent you to extend His Kingdom? Join us as we talk about the theology of work and how we, as a church, can better equip you as a missionary in your workplace. Dinner will be provided. Please register to attend.

pcpc.org/events

Renaissance Feast

Friday, May 9

6:00 P.M. | GRAND HALL

Journey back 400 years with feasting, dancing, period musicians, and costumed entertainers. Renaissance attire is welcome but optional. Tickets are available (\$25).

pcpcconcerts.org

Family Camp

Enjoy fun, fellowship, and family at Sky Ranch Family Camp the week of July 20-26 at Ute Trail in Colorado. Senior Pastor Mark Davis will lead the week. One and two bedroom cabins are available, as long as they last. Bible study, horseback riding, ropes course, hiking, and more.

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Promotion Sunday

On May 18, we will promote our children to the next grade level in their Sunday Morning Communities. Please note your child's nametag for their new classroom beginning that day. Subscribe to our Kids, Middle School, or High School e-newsletters at pcpc.org/newsletters/.
pcpc.org/calendar

Vacation Bible School

Invite a neighbor or friend to participate in VBS Boot Camp from June 3-6 at PCPC. Space is filling up!

pcpc.org/vbs

Special Events

Preschool Song & Story

FRIDAY, MAY 16 | 10:00 A.M. | KIDS CHAPEL

Mommy & Me Co-Op Day Camp

MAY 27-29 | 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Sky Ranch Launch Camp

JUNE 9-13 & JUNE 16-20 | PCPC

pcpc.org/events



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GENERAL FUND

2024/2025 Operating Budget	\$17,200,000
Jul 1, 2024–Apr 27, 2025 Budget	\$14,846,086
Jul 1, 2024–Apr 27, 2025 Giving	\$14,680,138
Budget Variance	(\$165,948)