

**THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**

June 1, 2025

Park Cities Presbyterian Church

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

June 1, 2025  
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

## *The Ascension of Our Lord*

*Ascension marks the day on which Jesus went to the Mount of Olives with His disciples and ascended to heaven before their eyes (Acts 1.1-12). Though often overlooked, the ascension of Christ is filled with theological significance. Christ's ascension means that in heaven there is One who, knowing first-hand the experience of suffering and temptation, prays for us and perfects our prayers. The ascension is a witness and guarantee of our own bodily resurrection, as well as an invitation for us to set our hearts and minds "on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God" (Colossians 3.1-2) to rule over all things in heaven and throughout the universe (Ephesians 1.10, 20-23). Finally, the ascension of Jesus serves as the prelude to Pentecost, when the power of the risen Christ came upon all believers through the Holy Spirit. -The Worship Sourcebook*

### Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Sam Leopold

### The Prelude

8:00	"Fanfare for Worship" Stephen Nielson, <i>piano</i>	Stephen Nielson
9:30/11:00	"Allegro" from <i>Voluntary in D Minor</i> J. Marty Cope, <i>piano</i>	William Walond

### \*Call to Worship

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.**

Psalms 47.5-8

**\*Hymn of Praise** “Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord”  
*Hymn No. 292 in the Trinity Hymnal*

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1. Who shall as - cend the moun-tain of the Lord, to
2. One King a - lone, whose hands and heart are pure, one
3. He on - ly can as - cend to God's right hand who
4. Be - fore the clouds re - ceive the King on high, a
5. He shall as - cend the moun-tain of the Lord, the



search the mys - ter - y in heav - en stored, the knowl-edge  
 Ser - vant of the Lord with pur - pose sure, can en - ter  
 first came down as His high mer - cy planned; true God and  
 cross lifts up His form a - gainst the sky; the Fram - er  
 King of glo - ry, whose own blood out - poured paid that dear



of the Ho - ly One a - dored?	Al - le - lu - ia!
in that glo - ry to en - dure.	Al - le - lu - ia!
man has earth and heav - en spanned.	Al - le - lu - ia!
of the worlds has come to die.	Al - le - lu - ia!
price that mer - cy did af - ford.	Al - le - lu - ia!

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom

**We believe there is no condemnation**  
**for those who are in Christ Jesus;**  
**for we know that all things work together for good**  
**for those who love God,**  
**who are called according to His purpose.**  
**We are convinced that neither death, nor life,**  
**nor angels, nor rulers,**  
**nor things present, nor things to come,**  
**nor powers, nor height, nor depth,**  
**nor anything else in all creation,**  
**will be able to separate us from the love of God**  
**in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

from Romans 8.1, 28, 38-39

9:30/11:00

**2005 Short-Term Mission Trips**

Middle East—June 13-21

Middle School Mission Dallas—June 16-19

High School Senegal Trip—June 20-28

High School Colombia Trip—June 21-27

Germany Trip—June 23-30

Families Senegal Trip—June 27-July 5

Bahamas Trip—June 28-July 5

**Commissioning Prayer**

John Bateman, *Elder*

9:30/11:00

**\*Hymn**

“O Church, Arise”

*Townend/Getty*



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.

## Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Higginbottom

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, joy-filled 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

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](http://pcpc.org/give) or text "give" to 214-833-7724.*

## Musical Offering

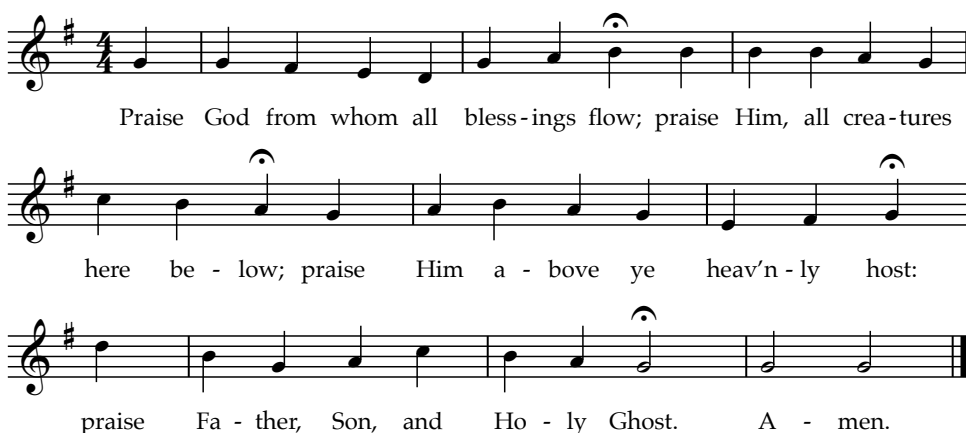
8:00 "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God" Kristyn and Keith Getty  
Mr. Nielson, piano

9:30/11:00 "Here Is Hope" from *Lamb of God* Rob Gardner  
Chancel Choir • Alicia Iwema, vocalist  
Nathan Davy, piano • J. Marty Cope, conducting

*He who healed our sorrows here was bruised and broken. He whose love no  
end knows, here was forsaken, left all alone.  
Here despair cries boldly claiming this its victory. Sweeter peace enfolds me:  
Hope did not die here but here was given. Here is Hope!  
He who was rejected, He knows well my longing. He, so long expected, carried  
our burdens, bore every sorrow. Here is Hope!  
Here is love unbounded, here is all compassion, here is mercy founded!  
Hope did not die here, but here was given; and ours is the victory. Here is Hope!*

## \*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Him, all crea-tures  
here be - low; praise Him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host:  
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Worship Explorers will resume on August 17 for our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students.  
This summer we invite your family to worship together.  
To help your little ones engage, Zest Quests are available  
for them to follow along with the sermon.*

## \*The Scripture Reading: John 13.1-16

Mr. Leopold 8:00  
Claire Kornfield 9:30  
PCPC Home Church Missionary with For the Nations  
Sue and Dick Senzig 11:00  
PCPC Home Church Missionaries with WARM/MTW

*Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come  
to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in  
the world, He loved them to the end.*

*<sup>2</sup> During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas  
Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him,*

*<sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that  
He had come from God and was going back to God,*

*<sup>4</sup> rose from supper. He laid aside His outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it  
around His waist.*

- <sup>5</sup> Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around Him.
- <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to Him, "Lord, do You wash my feet?"
- <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand."
- <sup>8</sup> Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with Me."
- <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"
- <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you."
- <sup>11</sup> For He knew who was to betray Him; that was why He said, "Not all of you are clean."
- <sup>12</sup> When He had washed their feet and put on His outer garments and resumed His place, He said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?"
- <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am.
- <sup>14</sup> If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.
- <sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.
- <sup>16</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

**Sermon**

"Washed, Prepared, and Sent"

Mr. Leopold

*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!

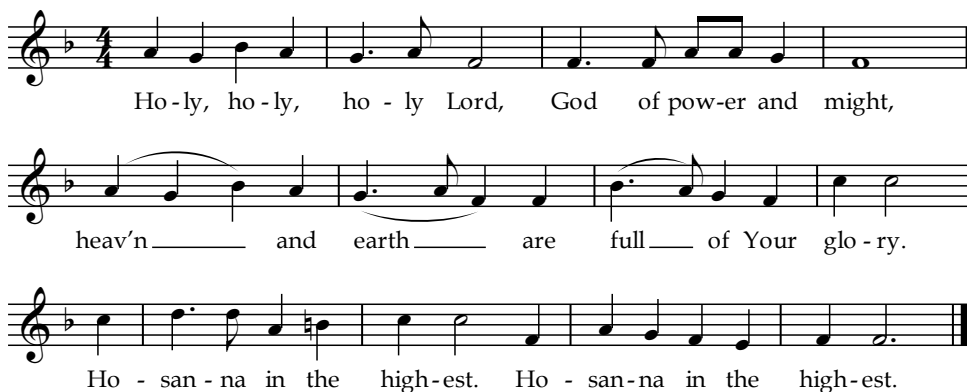
**People:** **We lift them up to the Lord!**

**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**

**“Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning”**

*GUITING POWER*



1. Christ tri - um - phant, ev - er reign - ing,  
2. Word in - car - nate, truth re - veal - ing,  
3. Suf - f'ring ser - vant, scorned ill - treat - ed,  
4. Priest - ly king, en - throned for - ev - er  
5. So, our hearts and voic - es rais - ing



Sa - vior, Mas - ter, King! Lord of heaven, our  
Son of man on earth: Power and maj - es -  
vic - tim cru - ci - fied! Death is through the  
high in heaven a - bove! Sin and death and  
through the a - ges long, cease - less - ly u -



lives sus - tain - ing, hear us as we sing.  
ty con - ceal - ing by Your hum - ble birth.  
cross de - feat - ed, sin - ners jus - ti - fied.  
hell shall nev - er sti - fle hymns of love.  
pon You gaz - ing, this shall be our song.



Yours the glo - ry and the crown, the



high re - nown, the e - ter - nal name.

**\*The Benediction**

Minister: Now may Yahweh, the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, who never faints or grows weary, may this God increase and renew your strength so that you can go on walking faithfully, whether in the light or in darkness. Amen.

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



## Postlude

8:00

“God Is Here”  
Mr. Nielson, *piano*

*ABBOT'S LEIGH*

9:30/11:00

“Fanfare”  
Dr. Davy, *organ*

*Jacques Lemmens*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God.*

**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 13.1-16  
“Washed, Prepared, and Sent”

## 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. What is significant about the setting of John 13 regarding the timing, location, and individuals involved?
2. Read Exodus 30.17-21. What is the purpose of washing in preparing for the Passover?
3. Who does Judas represent? What does it mean to betray Jesus the way Judas did?
4. Who does Peter represent? What does it mean to refuse to be washed the way Peter did?
5. Read Luke 22.24-30. Who does the group of the disciples as a whole represent? How does Luke's Gospel give us context as to what Jesus was trying to teach the disciples by washing their feet?
6. Of the three characters in our narrative, which part of their brokenness are you most tempted to fall back into?
7. How does Jesus washing the disciples' feet give you hope as He is preparing you for your own part of being His disciple?

# Highlights

JUNE 1, 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](https://pcpc.org/connect)



## Middle School Trampoline Park

*Wednesday, June 4*

6:00 P.M. | ALTITUDE TRAMPOLINE PARK

We rented out Altitude Trampoline Park! Come join us for a fun night with friends. Pizza provided. Register today!

[pcpc.org/events](https://pcpc.org/events)

## Summer RUF

*Wednesdays, June 4–July 30*

7:30 P.M. | PCPC CHAPEL

Calling all college students who are in Dallas for the summer! Gather together for a weekly large group Bible study and fellowship with RUF campus ministers from around the area.

[pcpc.org/events](https://pcpc.org/events)

## Missionary Luncheon

*Sunday, June 8*

12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Hear about the Kingdom work of Nancy and Derek Tu who recently answered God's call to Taiwan to work with Christ College Taipei, where Derek will focus on Bible teaching and leadership development. Lunch will be provided, donations appreciated.

[pcpc.org/events](https://pcpc.org/events)

## Men's Night of Worship

*Thursday, June 12*

6:30 P.M. | CHAPEL

Come together for a time of worship through song and prayer. At the end of another ministry season, we'll celebrate what the Lord has done among us and pray for His blessing and guidance in the months ahead.

[pcpc.org/men](https://pcpc.org/men)

## Men's Summer Bible Study

*Tuesdays from June 10–July 15*

Men, gather at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings as we seek God's wisdom to do good work for His glory. Register online.

[pcpc.org/men](https://pcpc.org/men)

## Women's Summer Book Study

*Wednesdays from June 11–July 23*

Join PCPC Women's Ministry at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays this summer as we read Dane Ortlund's *The Heart of Jesus* together.

[pcpc.org/women](https://pcpc.org/women)

## Special Events

*H.S. The Gathering*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4 | 7:15 P.M.

*Communion Sunday*

JUNE 8 | 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 A.M.

*Ladies Coffee with Kathy L.*

*& Other PCPC Missionaries*

MONDAY, JUNE 23 | 10:00 A.M.

[pcpc.org/events](https://pcpc.org/events)



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## GENERAL FUND

2024/2025 Operating Budget \$17,200,000

Jul 1, 2024–May 25, 2025 Budget \$15,914,933

Jul 1, 2024–May 25, 2025 Giving \$15,489,323

Budget Variance (\$425,610)