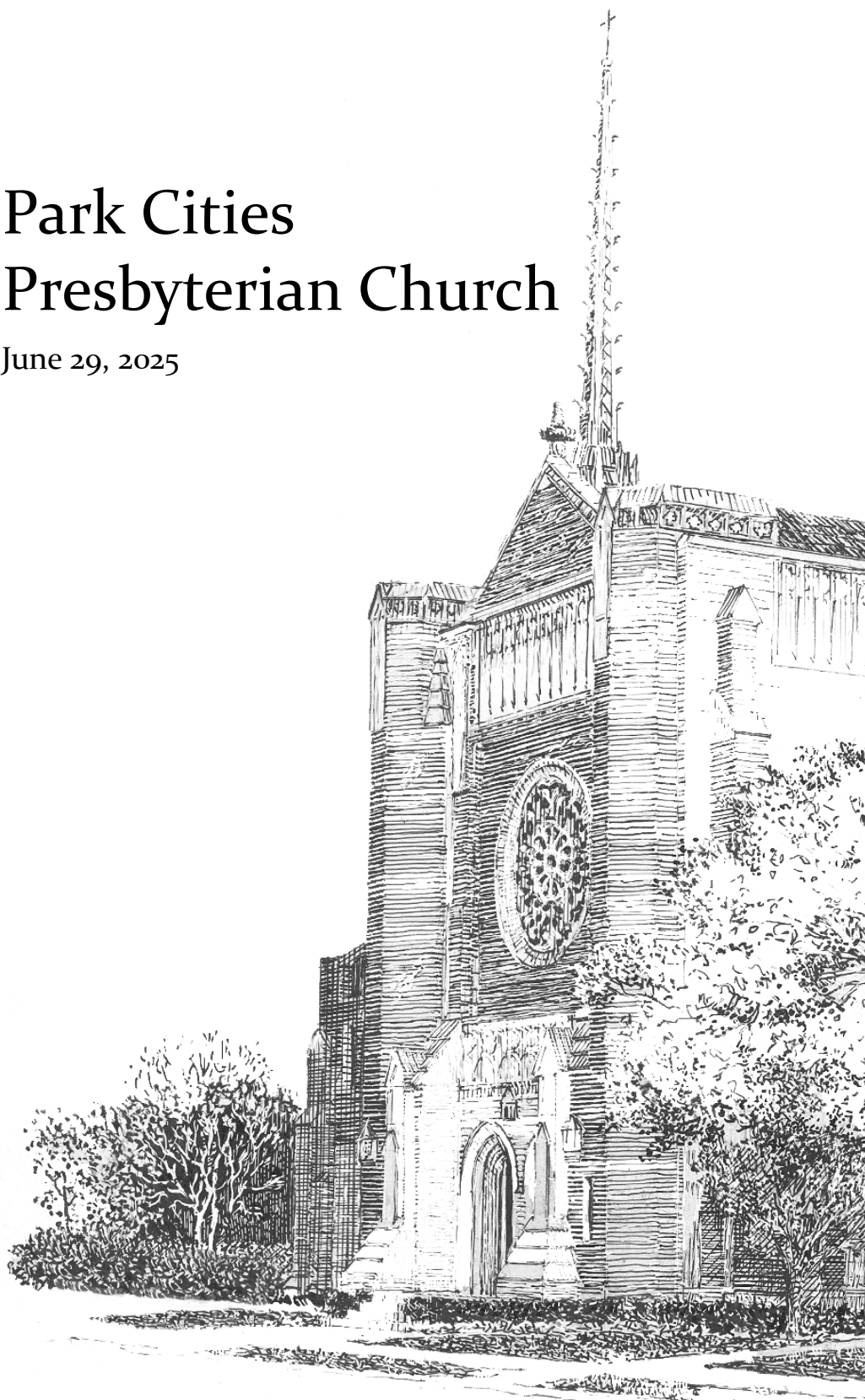


Park Cities Presbyterian Church

June 29, 2025



*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

June 29, 2025
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Tommy Overton 8:00
The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

The Prelude

8:00

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

REPTON

9:30/11:00

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

J. S. Bach/Myra Hess

*Call to Worship

Minister: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

People: **The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.**

Minister: Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself;

People: **for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.**

Minister: Your people shall all be righteous; they shall possess the land forever,

People: **the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, that I might be glorified.**

Isaiah 60.1, 19-21

*Hymn of Praise “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

LAUDA ANIMA

Hymn No. 76 in the Trinity Hymnal



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to His feet your
2. Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers
3. Fa - ther - like, He tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; you be - hold Him



tri - bute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; praise Him, still the same for - ev - er,
frame He knows; in His hands He gent - ly bears us,
it is gone; but while mor - tals rise and per - ish,
face to face; sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



who, like me, His praise should sing? Praise Him, praise Him,
slow to chide and swift to bless; praise Him, praise Him,
res - cues us from all our foes; praise Him, praise Him,
God en - dures un - chang - ing on. Praise Him, praise Him,
dwell - ers all in time and space, praise Him, praise Him,



praise Him, praise Him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
praise Him, praise Him, glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
praise Him, praise Him, wide - ly as His mer - cy goes.
praise Him, praise Him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
praise Him, praise Him, praise with us the God of grace.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Profession of Faith

The Rev. Dr. Pete Deison 8:00
The Rev. Tommy Overton 9:30/11:00

Minister: What is the chief end of man?

People: Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 1

Minister: How do you glorify God?

People: By loving Him and doing what He commands.

Children's Catechism, Q. 5

*Hymn

"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

ST. PETER



1. How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
2. It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole, and
3. Dear Name! the rock on which I build, my
4. Weak is the ef - fort of my heart, and



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes his sor - rows,
calms the trou - bled breast; 'tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing
cold my warm - est thought; but when I see Thee



heals his wounds, and drives a - way his fear.
hun - gry soul, and to the wea - ry rest.
trea - s'ry filled with bound - less stores of grace.
as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Public Confession of Sin

Dr. Deison 8:00
Mr. Overton 9:30/11:00

Father of all mercy,
I humbly confess that I have sinned against You
and am unworthy to be called Your child.
I have yielded to the sinful inclinations of my deceitful heart and,
in word and deed, have disobeyed Your holy commands.
Forgive me, O Lord,
and renew the power of the Holy Spirit in me,
that I may put off all the deeds of the flesh
and the works of darkness,
for the glory of Your Name,
by the power of Your Holy Spirit,
through Your Son, Jesus Christ,
in whom alone I trust for salvation.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Psalm 103:8-10

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

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison 8:00
Mr. Overton 9:30/11:00

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 “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” J. S. Bach/Myra Hess
Mr. Nielson, piano

9:30/11:00 “My God, My Portion, and My Love” Mack Wilberg
Chancel Choir • Stephen Nielson, piano • Nathan Davy, conducting

*My God, my Portion, and my Love, my everlasting All, I’ve none but Thee in heaven above, or on this earthly ball.
What empty things are all the skies, and this inferior clod! There’s nothing here deserves my joys, there’s nothing like my God.
In vain the bright, the burning sun scatters his feeble light; ‘tis Thy sweet beams create my noon; if Thou withdraw, ‘tis night.
Let all that dwell above the sky, and air, and earth, and seas, conspire to lift Thy glories high and speak Thine endless praise.
The whole creation join in one, to bless the sacred Name, of Him that sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb!*

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.

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ROBERT M. RUCKER
AS ASSISTANT PASTOR OF PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

9:30/11:00

Explanation of Ordination and Installation

The Rev. Mark Davis

The Ordination Questions

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will on your own initiative make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of Biblical polity?
4. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
5. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love of God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the gospel of His Son?
6. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
7. Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer?

The Installation Questions

1. Are you now willing to serve this congregation as an assistant pastor, agreeable to your declaration in accepting its call?
2. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in serving this congregation, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?
3. Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of an assistant pastor to this congregation, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the Gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?

Questions to the Session:

1. Do you, the men of the session of PCPC, continue to profess your readiness to receive Robert Rucker to be your assistant pastor?
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love?
3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
4. Do you engage to continue him, while he is your assistant pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

The Laying on of Hands and Ordination Prayer

Stephen Nielson, *Elder*

The Pronouncement and the Right Hand of Fellowship

Mr. Davis

Charge to the Session

John Bateman, *Elder*

*The Scripture Reading: John 15.1-11

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.

⁹ As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love.

¹⁰ If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

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!

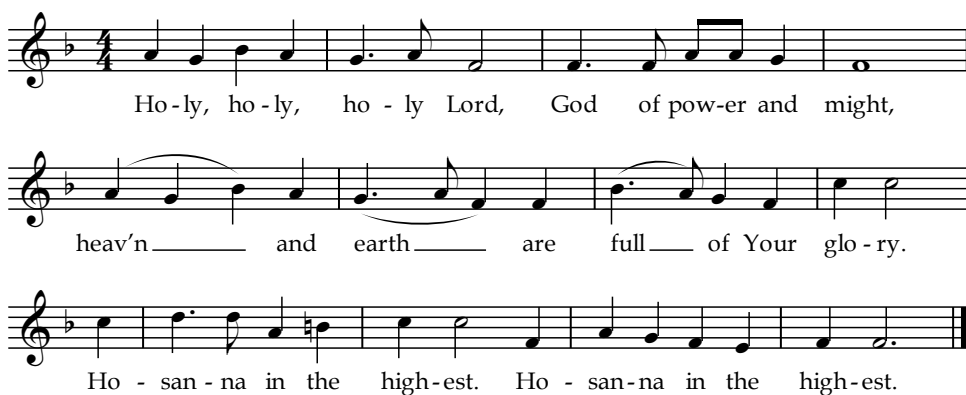
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

HYFRYDOL



1. Love di - vine all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heav'n to
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all Thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all Thy
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in Thee in - her - it, let us
 life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be: Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, Thou art all com -
 find the prom - ised rest; Take a - way the love of
 more Thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways
 ly re - stored in Thee; Changed from glo - ry in - to



pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it
 sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of
 bless - ing, serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove; Pray, and
 glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place, Till we



us with Thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 faith, as its Be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 praise Thee, with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 cast our crowns be - fore Thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

***The Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. Robert Rucker

Minister: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
 fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

Postlude

8:00

“Thine Be the Glory”
 Mr. Nielson, *piano*

MACCABAEUS

9:30/11:00

Toccata on “Festal Song”
(Rise Up, Ye Men of God)
Dr. Davy, *organ*

arr. Robert Hebble

**Please stand if you are able.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God
and in memory of the bride’s father, Richard Paul “Rick” Swanson, Jr.*



**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

John 15.1-11
“Abide in Me”

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 does the word “abide” mean? How many times does Jesus use this word in this passage?
2. What is the Old Testament connection to the “vine” imagery?
3. What does this passage teach us about our union with Christ?
4. What role does the Father play in this illustration given by Jesus?
5. What is the “fruit” Jesus is talking about?
6. According to this passage, what are we incapable of doing apart from Christ? What does this mean?
7. What does John 15.8 teach us about true discipleship?
8. What does John 15.11 teach us about joy for the believer?

Highlights

JUNE 29, 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



Young Adult Pickleball

Wednesday, July 2

7:00 P.M. | WILLIAMS PARK

Enjoy a few casual games of pickleball and great popsicles while connecting with new and old friends in our ministry.

pcpc.org/events

The Walk

Wednesdays from July 9-30

6:45 P.M. | CLASSROOM 12 (LOWER LEVEL)

Walk with us on a 4-week journey into Ephesians 4. We will meet weekly for large group teaching, followed by small group discussions.

pcpc.org/events

60+ Summer Bible Conference

Fridays from July 11–August 1

11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Take a deep dive into the rich historical background and powerful context behind John 16-18. Discover the incredible details that will illuminate some of Jesus' final words. Register online.

pcpc.org/events

Project Workday

Saturday, August 9

8:30 A.M. | WEST DALLAS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Looking for a service project to kickoff the school year? Join City Missions for our yearly back-to-school service project. Volunteers of all ages are needed to clean, help with teacher projects, pray, and perform other tasks.

pcpc.org/events

Pray for Mission Trips

Germany Trip (June 23-30), Families Senegal Trip (June 27-July 5), and Bahamas Trip (June 28-July 5). Please lift up each team to the Lord in prayer!

pcpc.org/short-term

Podcasts

Subscribe to PCPC Podcasts for weekly sermons and High School teaching. Find them on Spotify or your favorite online platform by searching "PCPC."

Special Events

Elementary, Middle, & High School

NOT MEETING AT 11:00 A.M. ON SUNDAY, JULY 6

Mommy & Me Co-Op Day Camp

TUESDAY, JULY 29-THURSDAY, JULY 31 | PCPC

Middle School Ranger's Game

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6 | 1:30 P.M.

pcpc.org/calendar



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Download the PCPC App with iOS or Android device to give online (including setting up recurring gifts).

GENERAL FUND

2024/2025 Operating Budget	\$17,200,000
Jul 1, 2024–June 22, 2025 Budget	\$16,942,987
Jul 1, 2024–June 22, 2025 Giving	\$16,444,630
Budget Variance	(\$498,356)