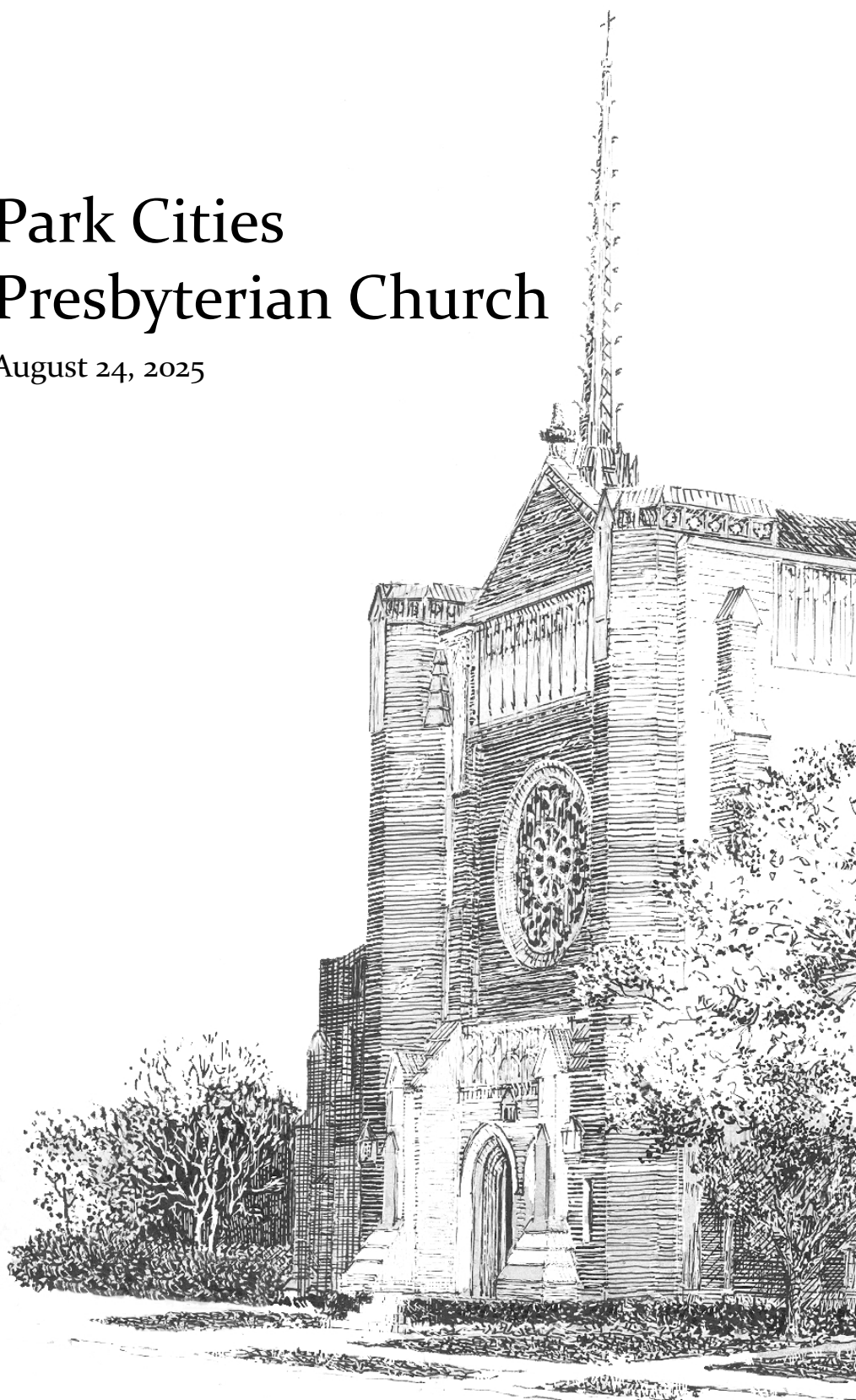


Park Cities Presbyterian Church

August 24, 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

August 24, 2025
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Mark Davis

*Call to Worship

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!

People: Come into His presence with singing!

Minister: Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us,
and we are His;

People: We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Minister: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

People: Give thanks to Him; bless His Name!

Minister: For the LORD is good;

**People: His steadfast love endures forever,
and His faithfulness to all generations.**

Psalm 100

*Hymn of Praise

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2. Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
3. Praise to the Lord, Who doth pros - per thy work and de -
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion; O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy
reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so
fend thee! Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here
dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion: all ye who hear, now to His
gent - ly sus - tain - eth: hast thou not seen how thy de -
dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men sound from His



tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
sires e'er have been grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?
might - y will do, if with His love He be - friend thee.
peo - ple a - gain: glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore Him!

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom

We confess and acknowledge one God alone,
to whom alone we must cleave,
whom alone we must serve,
whom only we must worship,
and in whom alone we put our trust.

Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,
incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;
one in substance and yet distinct in three Persons,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

By whom we confess and believe all things
in heaven and earth,
visible and invisible,
to have been created,
to be retained in their being,
and to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable providence
for such end as His eternal wisdom,
goodness, and justice have appointed,
and to the manifestation of His own glory. Amen.

The Scots Confession 1560, Article 1

Please be seated.

Musical Acclamation

“Sanctus” from *Requiem*

Gabriel Fauré

9:30/11:00

Chancel Choir • Lucas Aleman, *violin*

Stephen Nielson, *piano* • Nathan Davy, *organ* • J. Marty Cope, *conducting*

*Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

Holy, Lord God of hosts. Full are the heavens and the earth of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

**Our God, we praise You
that we have been brought out of the kingdom of darkness
into Your marvelous light.**

**May Your Spirit's perfect light
penetrate into every crevice of our beings,
making us more and more into the likeness
of our Savior Jesus,
in whom there is no darkness.**

**Lord, we lament how the shadows of darkness
linger in us causing us to sin,
keeping us from loving You
and one another as we ought.**

**We have often been fooled into thinking
that we have overcome a specific sin,
only to find that the roots remain deep and strong.**

**Our relationships are filled with stress:
grievances are not easily forgotten,
love for others does not always come
from a joyful and willing heart.**

**We long for purity of heart and mind,
of affection and will.**

**We long for Your Spirit to bear in us
the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.**

**Please grant this to us for Your glory
and for the good of Your Church and the world.**

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,
He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but
according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal
of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ
our Savior.

Titus 3:4-6

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



1. Ho - ly Spir - it, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will - ing
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, come a - bide with - in, may Your joy be seen in all I
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing life to all that God has



soul. Bring the pre - sence of the ris - en Lord to re -
do. Love e - nough to cov - er ev - ery sin in each
made. Show Your pow - er once a - gain on earth cause Your



new my heart and make me whole. Cause Your word to come a -
thought and deed and at - ti - tude: Kind - ness to the great - est
church to hun - ger for Your ways. May the fra - grance of our



live in me; give me faith for what I can - not see;
and the least, gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace.
prayers a - rise; lead us on the road to sac - ri - fice,



give me pas - sion for Your pur - i - ty; Ho - ly
Turn my striv - ings in - to words of grace; Breath of
that in u - ni - ty the face of Christ may be



Spir - it, breathe new life in me.
God, show Christ in all I do.
clear for all the world to see.

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

"Impromptu in G-flat Major"
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

Franz Schubert

9:30/11:00

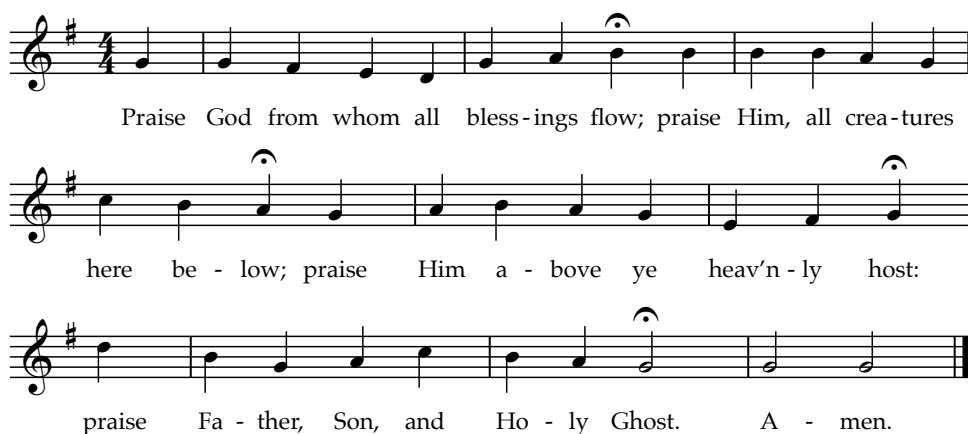
"Lux aeterna"
Lucas Aleman, *violin* • J. Marty Cope, *piano* • Nathan Davy, *organ*

Nadia Boulanger

*I am the resurrection and the life.
Whoever believes in Me, though he die,
yet shall he live. John 11.25*

*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



*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.*

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS

— 9:30/11:00 —

ELDERS:

Class of 2029:

Lance Haywood Gurley
David Alan Newman*
Greg Thomas Russell
Randy Wood*

DEACONS:

Thomas George Gresham, Jr.
Stephen James Hammer
Brad Barron Iles
Logun Wynn Stevenson

**Previously ordained (installation only)*

Explanation of Ordination and Installation

The Rev. Mark Davis

Ordination and Installation Questions

Questions to Officer Candidates:

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 Session 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 accept the office of ruling elder or deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all of the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity, and edification of the church?

Question to the Congregation:

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as ruling elders and deacons, as the case may be, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their respective offices, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this church, entitle them?

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Mr. Bob McCamey

Pronouncement of Ordination and Installation

Mr. Davis

Right Hand of Fellowship

*Hymn

"Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"

HENDON

Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to —
 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treas - ure—

Thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 store. Take my self, and I will be ev - er on - ly,

cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 all for Thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

Charge to the Congregation

Mr. Jim Morris

***The Scripture Reading: John 20.19-31**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

²⁰ *When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.*

²¹ *Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you."*

²² *And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.*

²³ *If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."*

²⁴ *Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.*

²⁵ *So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe."*

²⁶ *Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."*

²⁷ *Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."*

²⁸ *Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!"*

²⁹ *Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*

³⁰ *Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;*

³¹ *but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.*

Sermon

"Blessed Belief"

Mr. Davis

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**

"Facing a Task Unfinished"

Houghton/Wesley/Getty



1. Fa - cing a task un - fin - ished, that drives us
2. Where oth - er lords be - side Thee hold their un -
3. We bear the torch that, flam - ing, fell from the
4. O Fa - ther who sus - tained them, O Spi - rit



to our knees. A need that, un - di - min - ished, re -
hin - dered sway; where for - ces that de - fied Thee, de -
hands of those who gave their lives pro - claim - ing that
who in - spired, Sav - ior, whose love con - strained them to



bukes our sloth - ful ease. We, who re - joice to
fy Thee still to - day. With none to heed their
Je - sus died and rose. Ours is the same com -
toil with zeal un - tired. From cow - ar - dice de -



know Thee, re - new be - fore Thy throne the so - lemnn
cry - ing for life, and love, and light, un - num - bered
mis - sion, the same glad mess - age ours; fired by the
fend us, from leth - ar - gy a - wake! Forth on Thine



pledge we owe Thee - to go and make Thee known.
souls are dy - ing and pass in - to the night.
same am - bi - tion, to Thee we yield our pow'rs.
er - rands send us to la - bor for Thy sake.



We go to all the world, His king - dom hope un - furled. No



oth - er name has power to save but Je - sus Christ the Lord.

***The Benediction**

Minister: Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

Book of Common Prayer, 1892 and the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship, 1902

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

The Postlude

8:00 “God of Grace and God of Glory” CWM RHONDDA
Mr. Nielson, *piano*

9:30/11:00 March Trionfale on “Now Thank We All Our God” *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*
Dr. Davy, *organ*

**Please stand if you are able.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God.
He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more,
neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the
former things have passed away. And He who was seated on the throne said,
“Behold, I am making all things new.” Revelation 21.4-5a

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in celebration
of the marriage of Olivia and William Barksdale.

SERMON NOTES

John 20.19-31
“Blessed Belief”

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 do you notice about how Jesus appears to His disciples?
2. Why does Jesus show them His hands and His side?
3. Why is He present with them? What does He tell them?
4. What is significant about John 20.21-23? How do they connect to what happens in the book of Acts and Pentecost?
5. What do you make of Thomas' doubt? Have you ever had doubts? Do you currently have doubts? What do you do with your doubts?
6. How does Jesus respond to Thomas' doubt?
7. What encouragement do you take from John 20.29?

Highlights

AUGUST 24, 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



Missionary Mailings & Luncheon

Today

12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us to hear from Taylor & Brett Rayl about Kingdom work in Japan while writing encouraging notes to our missionaries around the world. Lunch will be provided; donations appreciated.

Women's Night of Worship

Wednesday, August 27

7:00 P.M. | CHAPEL

We will pray for our church, our city, and the world, and we will glorify God through singing His praises.

pcpc.org/women

Men's Night of Worship

Thursday, August 28

7:30 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Join us for dinner in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. (registration required) and a time of worship and prayer in the Sanctuary (no registration).

pcpc.org/men

Communicants Class Parent Intro Meeting

Sunday, August 31

11:00 A.M. | CHAPEL

PCPC will offer classes for elementary, middle school, and high school students who are interested in full communing membership. The 6-week classes will begin September 7. Registration is open for the required parent meeting on August 31.

pcpc.org/worship/communicants

New Members Class

September 7–October 26

9:30 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Is the Lord calling you to be a member of PCPC? Our New Members Class gives you the opportunity to explore PCPC's beliefs and mission. Registration is open.

pcpc.org/membership



Fall Kickoff

Launching September 7-12

Join us as we abide in Christ and connect with one another at PCPC. Pick up or download a copy of the 2025 Fall Guide.

- Children's Choirs & Musikgarten
- Grief Support Group & DivorceCare
- Men's, Women's, & Couple's Bible Studies
- UNION (Pre-Marriage Class)
- Midweek, Wednesday Word & Table, & more
- Middle & High School Small Groups

pcpc.org/calendar



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Scan QR code for pcpc.org/give/, and read PCPC's biblical Principles of Stewardship.



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

GENERAL FUND

2025/2026 Operating Budget	\$17,500,000
Jul 1, 2025–Aug 17, 2025 Budget	\$1,689,769
Jul 1, 2025–Aug 17, 2025 Giving	\$2,443,071
Budget Variance	\$753,302