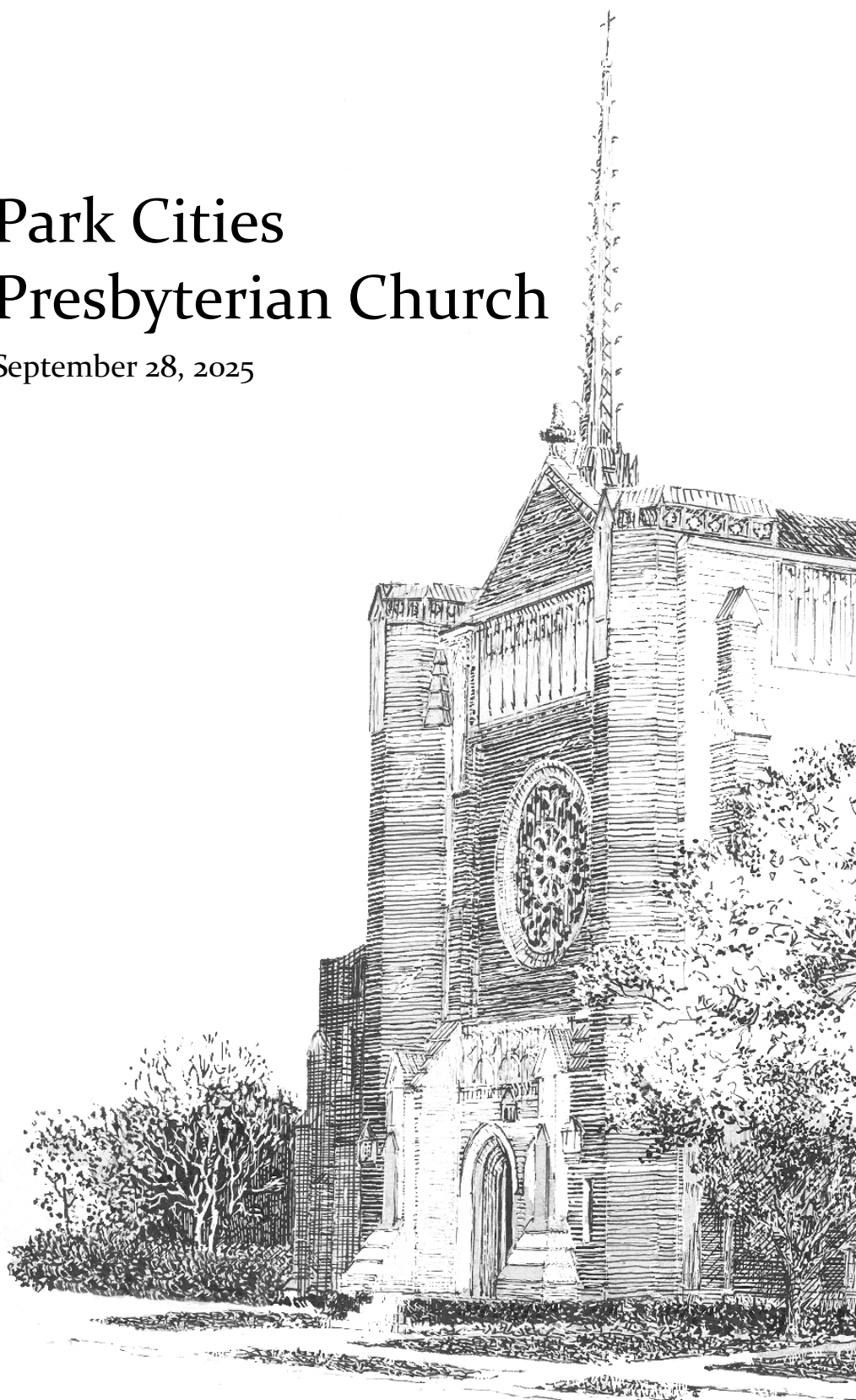


Park Cities Presbyterian Church

September 28, 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

September 28, 2025
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Sam Leopold 8:00
The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

*Call to Worship

Minister: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,

People: Your faithfulness to the clouds.

Minister: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;

**People: Your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast
You save, O LORD.**

Minister: How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

**People: The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of
Your wings.**

Minister: They feast on the abundance of Your house,

People: and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.

Minister: For with You is the fountain of life;

People: in Your light do we see light.

Psalm 36.5-9

*Hymn of Praise “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *Hymn No. 38 in the Trinity Hymnal*

ST. DENIO



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great Name we praise.
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

*Prayer of Adoration

Second Grade Bible Presentation

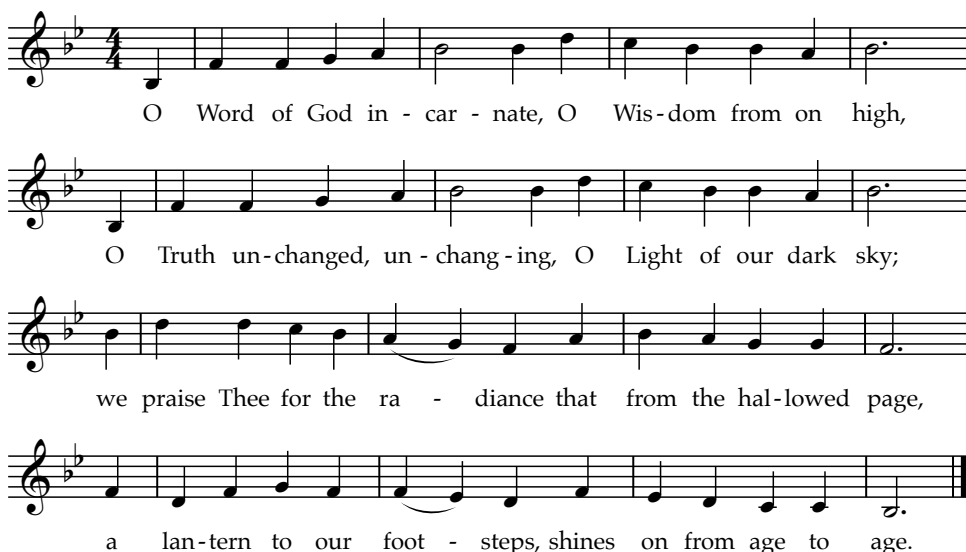
9:30

*Hymn

“O Word of God Incarnate”

ST. THEODULPH

9:30



O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
we praise Thee for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.

*Profession of Faith

The Rev. Robert Rucker

Minister: What do you understand by the providence of God?

People: **The almighty and ever present power of God
by which God upholds, as with His hand,
heaven and earth and all creatures,
and so rules them that
leaf and blade,
rain and drought,
fruitful and lean years,
food and drink,
health and sickness,
prosperity and poverty—
all things, in fact, come to us
not by chance
but by His fatherly hand.**

The Larger Catechism, No. 27

Please be seated.

Musical Meditation

“Come, Ye Disconsolate”

arr. Kurt Kaiser

9:30/11:00

Christopher Adkins, cello • Stephen Nielson, piano

*Come, you disconsolate, where'er you languish;
come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal.*

O Divine Redeemer,
 great was Your goodness in undertaking my redemption,
 in consenting to be made sin for me,
 in conquering all my foes.

Great was Your love in manifesting Yourself alive,
 in showing Your sacred wounds,
 that every fear might vanish,
 and every doubt be removed.

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.

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

I give thanks to You, O LORD my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever. For great is Your steadfast love toward me; You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

Psalm 86.12-13

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

*Hymn

“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

Papa/Boswell



1. Come be - hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, in the dawn - ing
 2. Come be - hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, He, the per - fect
 3. Come be - hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, Christ, the Lord up -
 4. Come be - hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, slain by death, the



of the King. He, the theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in
 Son of Man in His liv - ing, in His suf - f'ring, nev - er
 on the tree. In the stead of ruined — sin - ners, hangs the
 God of life. But no grave could e'er re - strain Him, praise the



frail hu - man - i - ty. In our long - ing, in our dark - ness,
trace nor stain of sin. See the true and bet - ter A - dam,
Lamb in vic - tor - y. See the price of our re - demp - tion,
Lord: He is a - live. What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance,



now the light of life has come. Look to Christ, who
come to save the hell - bound man. Christ, the great and
see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold. Bring - ing ma - ny
how un - wa - ver - ing our hope. Christ, in pow - er,



con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
sure ful - fill - ment of the law in Him we stand.
sons to Glo - ry, grace un - mea - sured, love un - told.
res - ur - rect - ed, as will we be when He comes.

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Rucker

*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

"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

NEUMARK
arr. Nielson

9:30/11:00

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"
Chancel Choir • Mr. Adkins, *cello* • Mr. Nielson, *piano*
Nathan Davy, *organ* • J. Marty Cope, *conducting*

John Rutter

*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to
shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light
of His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.*

***The 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.

*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: Jonah 1.17; Matthew 12.38-41**

Mr. Leopold 8:00

Hallie Ellis and Charlie Hodges 9:30

Lucy Dunn and Sammy Morrison 11:00

And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Matthew 12

- ³⁸ *Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered Him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from You."*
- ³⁹ *But He answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah."*
- ⁴⁰ *For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.*
- ⁴¹ *The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here."*

Sermon

"Something Greater Than Jonah Is Here"

Mr. Leopold 8:00

Mr. Goebel 9:30/11:00

Worshipers 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!

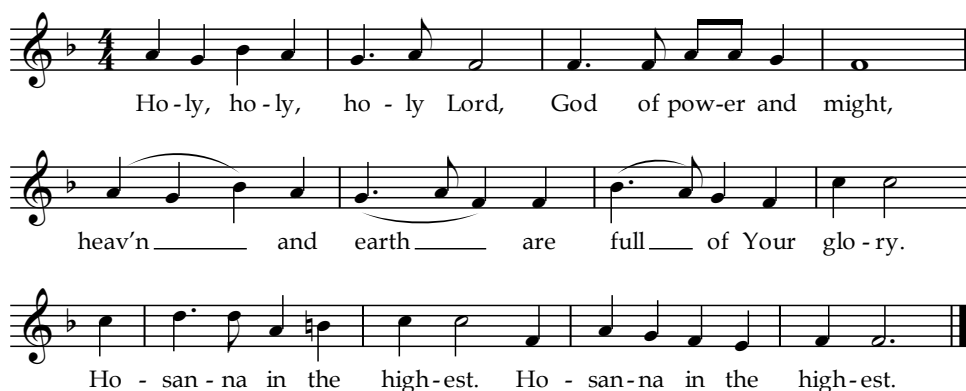
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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**

“How Great Thou Art”

O STORE GUD



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der
2. When thro' the woods and for - est glades I wan - der
3. And when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing,
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion



con - si - der all the worlds Thy hands have made, _____
and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, _____
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! _____



I see the stars, I hear the rol - ling thun - der,
when I look down from lof - ty moun tain gran - deur,
that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,



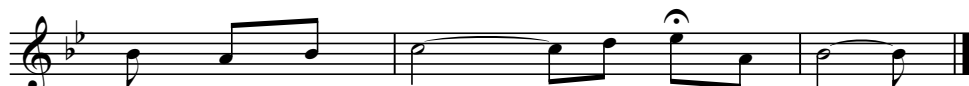
Thy pow'r thro' - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
He bled and died to take a - way my sin.
and there pro - claim, my God, how great Thou art.



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to Thee: how great Thou art,



how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God to Thee:



how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

***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.

The Postlude

8:00

“For Your Gift of God the Spirit”
Mr. Nielson, *piano*

BLAENWERN

9:30/11:00

“Toccata in 7”
Dr. Davy, *organ*

John Rutter

**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.

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The Rev. Mark Davis

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The Rev. Robby Higginbottom

The Rev. Bill Lamberth, *Emeritus*

The Rev. Sam Leopold

The Rev. Tommy Overton

The Rev. Dr. Robert Rucker

Executive Director

Dr. Jeff Barber

SERMON NOTES

Jonah 1.17; Matthew 12.38-41

“Something Greater Than Jonah Is Here”

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. Read Jonah 1.17. Do you believe that Jonah was actually swallowed alive by a fish for three days and three nights? Why or why not?
2. Why did God send a great fish to swallow Jonah? Was the fish an act of God's judgment or His mercy?
3. Read Matthew 12.38-41. According to Jesus, what does Jonah being in the belly of the fish for three days have to do with His death and resurrection?
4. In Matthew 12.41, Jesus says that "the men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it." Why would this have been difficult for Jonah to hear? Why was it difficult for the Pharisees to hear?
5. Jonah 1.17 says that God "appointed" the fish to swallow Jonah and Acts 2.23 says that Jesus was delivered up to be crucified "according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God." How is the sovereignty of God both challenging and comforting for us in the midst of suffering and sin?
6. In what ways is Jesus the true and greater Jonah?

Highlights

SEPTEMBER 28, 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



Parish Prayer

Gather in homes around the city today at 4:00 p.m. to pray for one another, our church, and the world. Location details for each parish are available online. Children are welcome!

pcpc.org/parish

Pumpkin Gospel

Friday, October 3

5:00 P.M. | COURTYARD

Bring a pumpkin and join PCPC Kids for a fun, family-friendly gospel presentation and a chili & corn dog dinner. Register online.

pcpc.org/events

Care Mini-Conference

Friday & Saturday, Oct. 3-4

Explore the continuum of care for the journey of aging from experts in the field. Designed for family members, caregivers, ministry leaders, and healthcare professionals, this event will offer practical guidance and spiritual encouragement.

Register online by Sept. 30.

pcpc.org/events



Dr. Dan Doriani

Thursday, Oct. 9 & Friday, Oct. 10

PCPC Mission's Church in the City and Work as Mission present Dr. Dan Doriani, Professor of Biblical and Systematic Theology at Covenant Theological Seminary. Drawing on his years as a pastor and theologian, Dr. Doriani will speak on gender issues in our culture on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. and the importance of work on Friday morning at 7:00 a.m. Register online.

pcpc.org/events

The Gesualdo Six

Sunday, October 26

7:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

The Gesualdo Six is an award-winning British vocal ensemble comprising some of the UK's finest consort singers, directed by Owain Park. Tickets are available online.

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Special Events

First Friday/bEfriend

FRIDAY, OCT. 3 | 6:00 P.M. | PCPC

Children's Chapel

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22 | 5:30 P.M. | THE CHAPEL

Young Adult Pickleball & Popsicles

THURSDAY, OCT. 23 | 7:00 P.M. | WILLIAMS PARK

The Bridge: What's Her Story?

TUESDAY, OCT. 28 | 6:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Glory & Goodness:

Global Missions Conference

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, NOV. 1-2

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GENERAL FUND

2025/2026 Operating Budget	\$17,500,000
Jul 1, 2025–Sept 21, 2025 Budget	\$2,855,064
Jul 1, 2025–Sept 21, 2025 Giving	\$3,907,928
Budget Variance	\$1,052,864