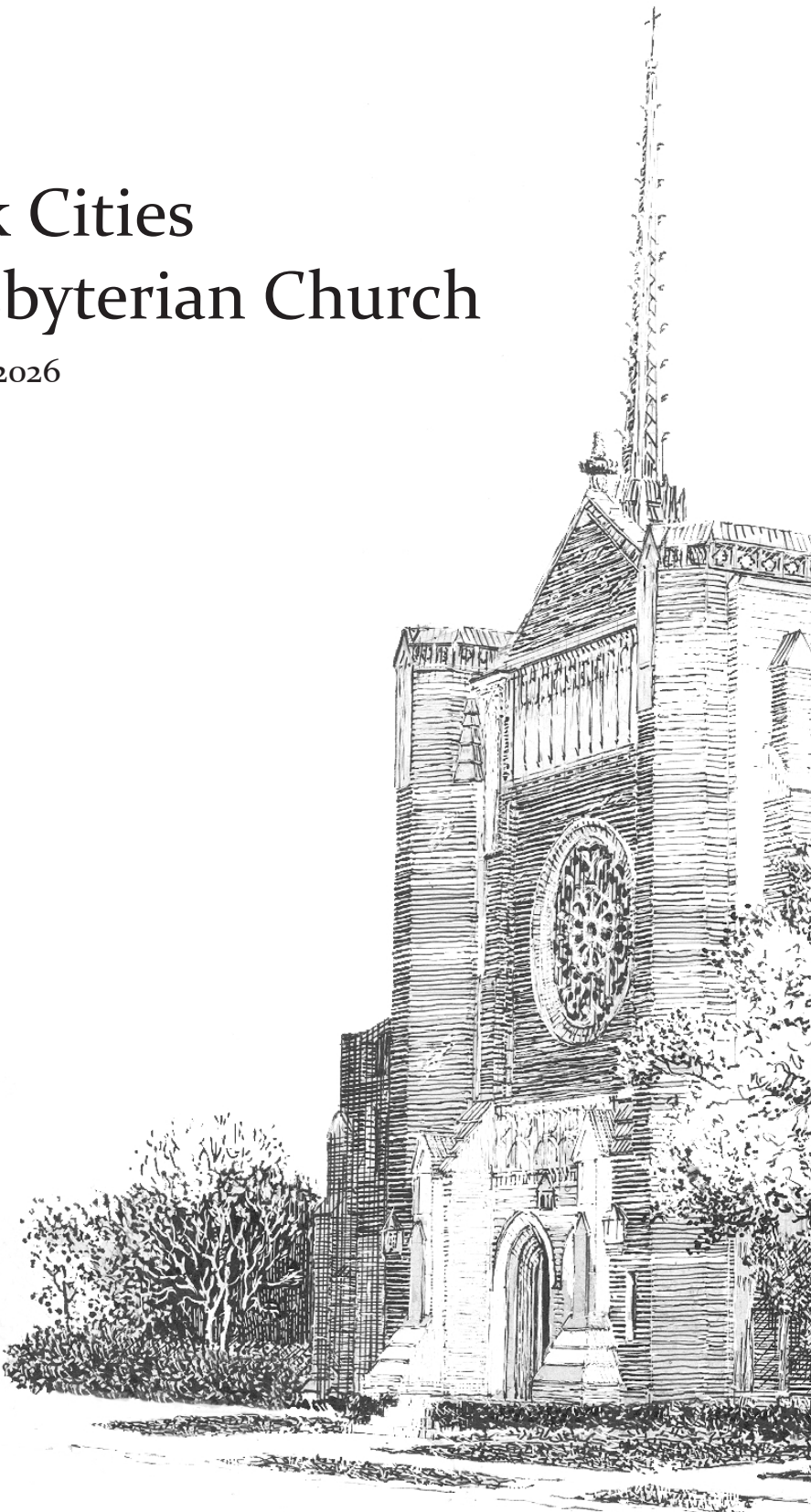


Park Cities Presbyterian Church

May 17, 2026



*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.*



CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

May 17, 2026
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" (Col. 3:1-2) to rule over all things in heaven and throughout the universe (Eph. 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. Paul Goebel

Prelude

8:00

"Meditation"
Mary Preston, organ

Dom Paul Benoit

9:30/11:00

"Adagio"
Dr. Nathan Davy, organ • Woodwind Trio

Edward Elgar

*Call to Worship

Minister: The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof
the world and those who dwell therein,

**People: for He has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

Minister: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in His holy place?

**People: He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.**

Minister: He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

**People: Such is the generation of those who seek Him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Psalms 24:1-6

***Hymn of Praise** "Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord?"
Hymn No. 292 in the Trinity Hymnal

ENGELBERG



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

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed



1. Though the na - tions rage, king - doms rise and fall, there is
2. Though the dread of night o - ver - whelms my soul, He is
3. Though I may not see what the fu - ture brings, I will



still one King reign - ing o - ver all. So, I will not fear for this
here with me. I am not a - lone. Oh, His love is sure, and He
watch and wait for the Sav - ior King. Then, my joy com - plete, stand - ing



truth re - mains: that my God is _____ the An - cient of Days. _____
knows my name. For my God is _____ the An - cient of Days. _____
face to face in the pres - ence of the An - cient of Days. _____

Refrain



None a - bove Him, none be - fore Him. All of time in His hands.



For His throne, it shall re - main and ev - er stand. _____ All the pow - er,



all the glo - ry, I will trust in His name. For my God is the An - cient of Days.

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 or text "give" to 214-833-7724.

Musical Offering

8:00

"Prelude in G"
Mrs. Preston, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

9:30/11:00

"Look at the World"
Chancel Choir • Woodwind Trio
Nathan Davy, piano • J. Marty Cope, conductor

John Rutter

Look at the world, everything all around us: look at the world, and marvel every day. Look at the world, so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way.

Praise to Thee, O Lord, for all creation; give us thankful hearts, that we may see all the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of Thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain.

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Everything grows, everything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold.

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of His love; we are His hands, stewards of all His bounty; His is the earth, and His the heavens above.

*The Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures



here below; al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise Him above,



ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

*Beginning this Sunday, **Worship Explorers** will not be meeting at the 9:30 hour. They will resume on Sunday, September 13. We encourage everyone to worship together as a family.*

***The Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2.11-13**

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—

¹² *remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.*

¹³ *But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

Sermon

“The Spiritual Discipline of Remembering”

Mr. Goebel

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

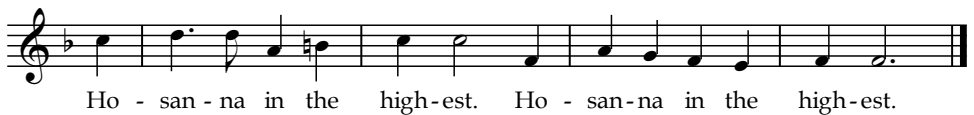
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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:



Minister: Holy and Gracious God,

People: We do not come to Your Table trusting in our righteousness, but resting in Your abundant grace and rich mercy. Help us, O Holy Spirit, to earnestly examine our repentance, love, and new obedience that we may partake worthily. Amen.

***The Words of Institution**

The Lord's Table 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.*

(Worshippers at 8:00, please continue at the closing hymn.)

The Lord's Table 9:30/11:00

*Please come forward to receive the elements as directed by an usher.
Partake of each when served, returning to your seat with your empty cup.
The bread being served is gluten free.*

9:30/11:00

During the serving of Communion

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

Merker



When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



When the tempt-er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



I could nev-er keep my hold through life's fear-ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;
Raised with Him to end-less life, He will hold me fast



for my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast. —
bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. —
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! —

Refrain



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



for my Sav-ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

“E’en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come”
Woodwind Trio

Paul Manz

***Closing Hymn**

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

Hymn No.263 in the Trinity Hymnal



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim,



till all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1. Come, brethren follow where our Saviour trod,
2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
4. Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease
5. For Thy blest cross which doth for us atone,



our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
as Thou hast prom - ised, draw men un - to Thee.
be - neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.
cre - a - tion's prais - es rise be - fore Thy throne.

***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

“Allegro in F”
Mrs. Preston, organ

Tomaso Albinoni

9:30/11:00

“Prelude in D major” BWV 532
Dr. Davy, organ

J. S. Bach

**Please stand if you are able.*

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

*Members of PCPC who have joined the Church Triumphant
since our last Communion service:*

Mary Ann Denton
Kenneth W. Hensley
John Hollis Massey
Jane Riddlesperger

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

Senior Pastor

The Rev. Mark Davis

Session

John Bateman	Ben Moffitt
The Rev. Mark Davis, <i>Moderator</i>	Jim Morris, Jr., <i>Clerk</i>
Jack Denman, Jr.	David Newman
Don Dillahunty	Rick Owens
The Rev. Paul Goebel, <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Kirk Pogoloff
Lance Gurley	Dennis Roossien
Houston Hunt	Greg Russell
Tim Jeffress	John Ward
Bob McCamey	Randy Wood

SERMON NOTES

Ephesians 2:11-13

“The Spiritual Discipline of Remembering”

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. Why is remembering a consistent theme throughout the Bible?
What makes the act of remembering a spiritual discipline?
2. Read Ephesians 2:11-12. Who were we before the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
3. What is the "covenant of promise" that Paul refers to in Ephesians 2:12?
Why were we once "strangers" to this promise?
4. What does it mean to be "In Christ"? Why are these two words so significant for the Apostle Paul?
5. Why are we so prone to forget who we are in Christ?
6. As Christians, what does it mean to remember our future?
7. How is Communion not only a memorial, but a foretaste of the feast to come?

Highlights

MAY 17, 2026

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

Principles of Stewardship

Tuesday, May 19

7:00 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Ruling Elder John Bateman will teach this week's Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study. Come consider and be encouraged.

Dessert with Fikret Böcek

Tuesday, May 19

7:00 P.M. | HOME OF MARY FLO & DAVE RIDLEY

Join us to hear from Pastor Fikret about how God is moving through church planting in the Middle East. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP.

pcpc.org/events

Elementary & Youth - May 24

Please note that Elementary, Middle School, and High School Sunday morning communities will not meet on May 24 during Memorial Day weekend. We encourage everyone to worship together as a family.

Young Adult Kickoff

Wednesday, May 27

7:00 P.M. | 3625 GREENBRIER DRIVE

Join us for dinner and yard games. Come casual and invite friends!

ya@pcpc.org

Mass Choirs & Symphony Orchestra

Sunday, June 14

7:00 P.M. | MEYERSON SYMPHONY CENTER

Directed by Dr. Anton Armstrong and led by baritone Donnie Ray Albert, PCPC's Chancel Choir joins with other choirs and symphony orchestra for an evening of sacred music. Tickets available tomorrow.

pcpcconcerts.org

Summer Studies

Abide in Christ this summer at PCPC! On Tuesday mornings beginning June 9, men will study "Act Like Men" from 1 Corinthians 16. On Wednesday mornings beginning June 10, women will discuss *Forgiveness* by Erika Allen. On Wednesday evenings, Young Adults will study *Pilgrim's Progress* beginning June 3, and Pat Hobin will lead "Rejoice in Hope" beginning June 17. Registration and more info online.

pcpc.org/calendar

Special Events

Men's Solitude Saturday

SATURDAY, MAY 23 | 9:00 A.M. | GRAND HALL

Send-Off Reception for the Goebel Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 | 12:30-2:30 P.M.

Men's Solitude Saturday

SATURDAY, JUNE 27 | 9:00-11:30 A.M.

Summer Bible Conference

FRIDAYS IN JULY | 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

pcpc.org/calendar



PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

4124 Oak Lawn Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75219

pcpc.org

Social: [@parkcitiespca](https://www.instagram.com/parkcitiespca)

App: pcpc.org/app

Church Office: 214-224-2500

Pastoral Concerns: 214-224-2742

or pastorsprayer@pcpc.org

24/7 Prayer Line: 214-224-2680

or 24-7prayer@pcpc.org

Sermon Archives: pcpc.org/sermons

Every Thought Captive: etcdevo.org

eThisWeek News: pcpc.org/newsletters

GIVE ONLINE

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–May 10, 2026 Budget \$15,541,101

Jul 1, 2025–May 10, 2026 Giving \$18,281,030

Budget Variance \$2,739,929