

# Park Cities Presbyterian Church

July 5, 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.*

*“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life...”*

*John 15:13*

*“For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—  
though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—  
but God shows His love for us in that  
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

*Romans 5:7-8*

*“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,  
coming down from the Father of lights,  
with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”*

*James 1:17*

*“It is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge  
the providence of Almighty God,  
to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits,  
and humbly to implore His protection and favor.”*

*George Washington, Thanksgiving Proclamation, 1789*

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 5, 2026  
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Mark Davis

## \* Call to Worship

Minister: From You comes my praise in the great congregation;

**People: my vows I will perform before those who fear Him.**

Minister: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek Him shall praise the LORD!

**People: May your hearts live forever!**

Minister: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,

**People: and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.**

Minister: For kingship belongs to the LORD,

**People: and He rules over the nations.**

*Psalms 22:25-28*

## \* Hymn

“God of Our Fathers”

*NATIONAL HYMN*



1. God of our fath - ers whose al-might-y hand  
2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past;  
3. From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pe - ti - lence,  
4. Re - fresh Thy peo - ple on their toil-some way,



leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
in this free land by Thee our lot is cast;  
be Thy strong arm our ev - er - sure de - fense;  
lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
be Thou our ru - ler, gaurd - ian, guide, and stay;  
Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,  
fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,



our grate - ful songs be - fore Thy throne a - rise.  
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chos - en way.  
Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er Thine.

## \* Prayer of Adoration

We believe that this good God,  
after creating all things,  
did not abandon them to chance or fortune  
but leads and governs them  
according to his holy will,  
in such a way that nothing happens in this world  
without God's orderly arrangement.

Yet God is not the author of,  
and cannot be charged with,  
the sin that occurs.

For God's power and goodness  
are so great and incomprehensible  
that God arranges and does his works very well and justly  
even when the devils and the wicked act unjustly.

*from Belgic Confession, Article 13*

### Musical Response

9:30/11:00

"God Bless Our Native Land"

arr. J.M. Cope

Chancel Choir

Stephen Nielson, *piano* · Josiah Hamill, *organ*

Bryan Varenkamp, *conductor*

*God bless our native land; firm may she ever stand  
Through storm and night:  
When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave,  
Do Thou our country save by Thy great might.*

*For her our prayers shall rise to God above the skies—  
On Him we wait.*

*Thou who are ever nigh, guarding with watchful eye,  
To Thee aloud we cry, "God save the state!"*

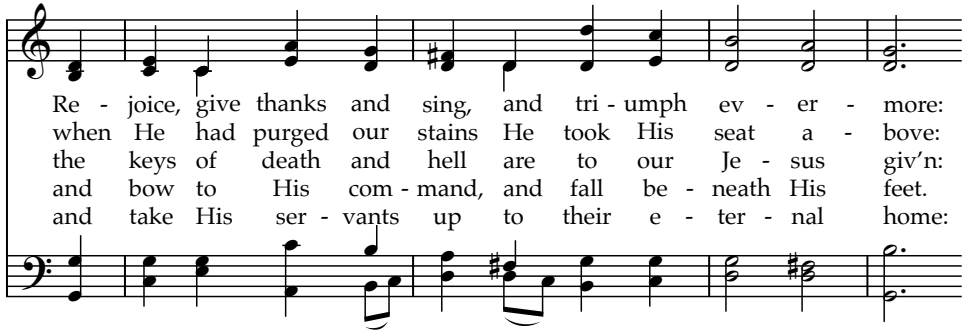
*To Thee aloud we cry, great God our King!*

*Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing.*

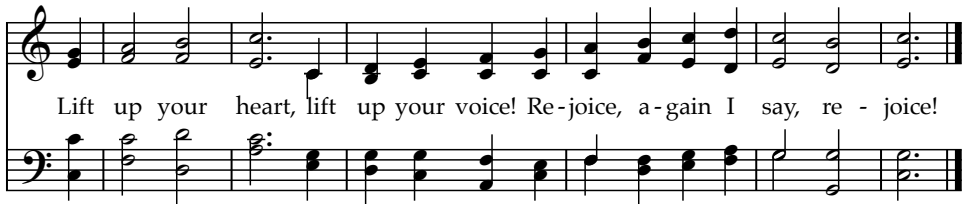
*Long may our land be bright with Christ our Savior's light;  
Protect us by Thy might, Great God our King!  
Amen!*



Melody 1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore!  
 Harmony 2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
 Harmony 3. His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
 Harmony 4. He sits at God's right hand till all His foes sub - mit,  
 Melody 5. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come



Re - joice, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:  
 when He had purged our stains He took His seat a - bove:  
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:  
 and bow to His com - mand, and fall be - neath His feet.  
 and take His ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home:



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re - joice!

### Public Confession of Sin

O God of heaven,

we confess that we have not lived our lives in the light of eternity.

We have not held fast to the truth that

“the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing  
to the glory that will be revealed to us.”

We have not set our eyes on the unseen eternal things,

but set them time and time again on transient things;

things we hope will save us;

things we hope will give us joy;

things to keep us from becoming bored. *(pause)*

But Lord, we also confess that we have not sufficiently thanked You

for the provision You make for our lives now.

We seldom thank You for the men and women

who serve and protect our nation.

We are not in the habit of praying for the governors

which You have set over us.

We are ungrateful for the liberties we enjoy every day,

always craving more than we deserve.

Lord, save us from our sin,

and guide us in Your ways.

Take our lives in Your hands,

and do with them what You will.

### Private Confession

## Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

*Psalms 146.5-8*

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

## Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

*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.*

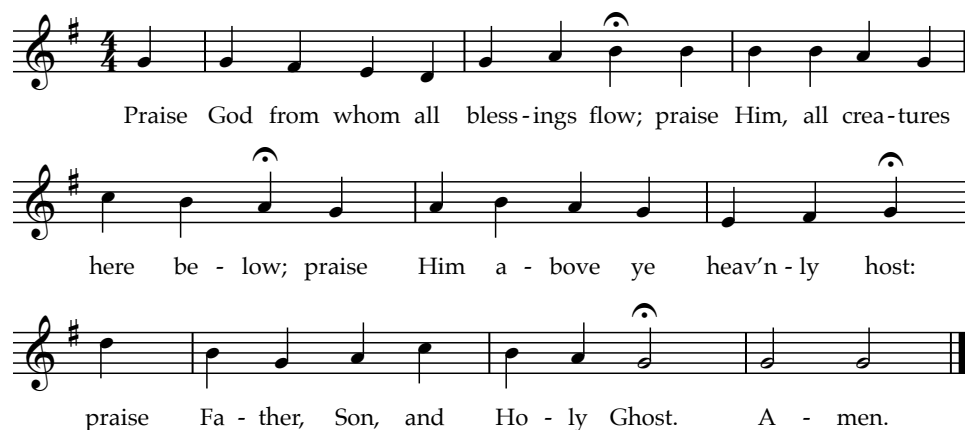
## Musical Offering

8:00 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" *MELITA, arr. Nielson*  
Mr. Nielson, *piano*

9:30/11:00 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"  
"God of Our Fathers" *MELITA*  
Mr. Nielson, *piano* · Mr. Hamill, *organ* *arr. Nielson & Young*  
*NATIONAL HYMN*

## \* 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.

## \* The Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

- <sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,  
<sup>15</sup> from Whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,  
<sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being,  
<sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,  
<sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,  
<sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.  
<sup>20</sup> Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,  
<sup>21</sup> to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*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!

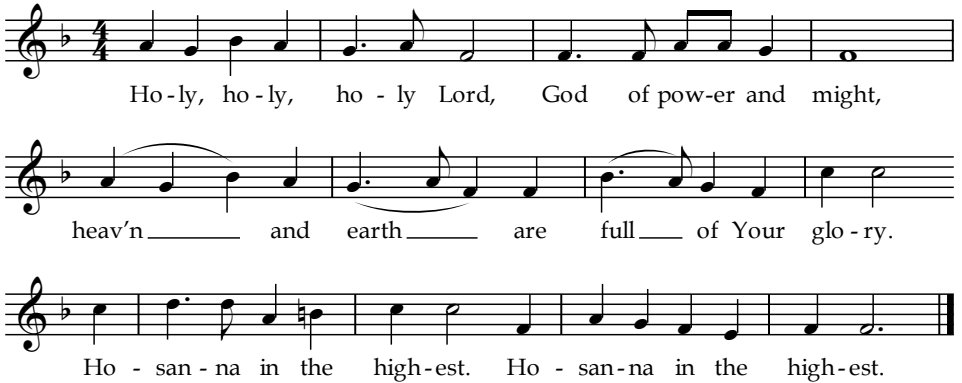
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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:**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heav'n \_\_\_\_\_ and earth \_\_\_\_\_ are full \_\_\_\_\_ of Your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 8:00**

**\* 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.*

\* Closing Hymn

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

LANCASHIRE



Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;  
Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;



hence - forth in fields of con - quest Thy tents shall be our home:  
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing where - e'er Thy face ap - pears;



through days of prep - a - ra - tion Thy grace has made us strong, —  
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums, —  
Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light: —



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.  
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.

\* 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.

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

Numbers 6:24–26

Postlude

8:00

“Thanks Be to God (Arioso)”  
Mr. Nielson, *piano*

*G.F. Handel*

9:30/11:00

“Fugue in E-flat major” (“St. Anne”, BWV 552)  
Mr. Hamill, *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  
and in celebration of America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

*We are grateful to God for this land  
and the people who sacrificed their lives and fortunes  
to preserve our freedom.*



**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	Jim Morris Jr.
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<i>Moderator</i>	David Newman
Jack Denman, Jr.	Rick Owens
Don Dillahunty	Kirk Pogoloff
Lance Gurley	Dennis Roossien
Houston Hunt	Greg Russell
Tim Jeffress	John Ward
Bob McCamey	Randy Wood
Ben Moffitt	

## **SERMON NOTES**

Ephesians 3:14-21  
“The Great Doxology”

## 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. When Paul prays, "That you may be filled with all the fullness of God," what does he mean?
2. Why is the petition in 3:19 the climax of Paul's prayer for the saints in Ephesus?
3. What stands out to you about the doxology in 3:20-21?
4. What is the connection of this doxology to what Paul has been praying for God to answer?
5. How would you explain what Paul means by, "according to the power at work within us?"
6. What is the goal of Paul's prayers and praise? Is this the goal of your prayers and praise?
7. How should this doxology influence the way we pray?

# Highlights

JULY 5, 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.



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## Summer Bible Conference

*Fridays, July 10-31*

11:30 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

All are welcome to join as Jay Hohfeler teaches on “Exodus Stories from the Desert,” an exciting journey through our own spiritual exodus as we submit to God’s sovereignty and pray with thanksgiving. Music led by Stephen Nielson, Bible study, and delicious food! Please register online.

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## God’s Missional Mercy Through the Biblical Narrative

*Sundays, July 12–August 2*

9:30 OR 11:00 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL A/B

Join us this summer for an all-church Sunday Morning Community as we look at the four chapters of Salvation History—Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration—to see God’s heart of mercy.

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## The Gathering

*Wednesday, July 15*

7:15 P.M. | THE LOFT (LEVEL TWO)

All High School students are invited to join us for fellowship and worship!

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

## Young Adult Sand Volleyball

*Saturday, July 18*

9:00 A.M. | THE SANDY PICKLE

Join PCPC + HP Pres Young Adults for our seventh annual sand volleyball tournament! Breakfast snacks provided, and lunch will be available for purchase. Register online.

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## RUF-I Furniture Drive

RUF International at SMU is collecting used furniture for new international students who will arrive in Dallas from around the world. You may donate your couches, beds, chairs, desks, bookshelves, tables, and coffee tables. To arrange pick up, contact Will Peters at [will.peters@ruf.org](mailto:will.peters@ruf.org) or 903-332-1550.

## ESL Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers with a heart to serve, teach English, and pray with ESL students once a week this fall on Monday/Wednesday mornings or Tuesday/Thursday evenings (September–May). Contact [paulina.ross@pcpc.org](mailto:paulina.ross@pcpc.org) for details.

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## GENERAL FUND

2025/2026 Operating Budget	\$17,500,000
Jul 1, 2025–Jun 28, 2026 Budget	\$17,500,000
Jul 1, 2025–Jun 28, 2026 Giving	\$20,042,489
Budget Variance	\$2,542,489