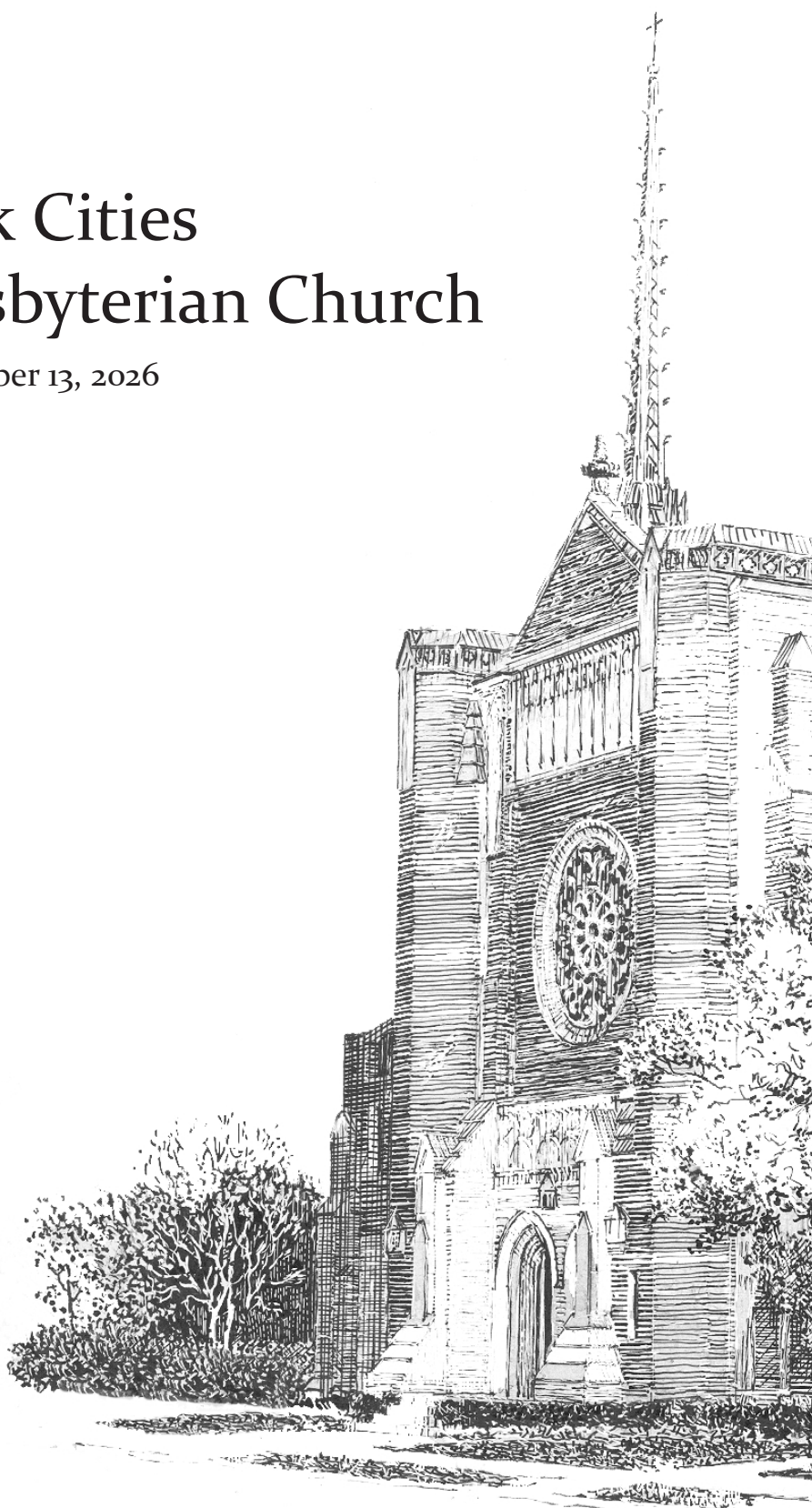


Park Cities Presbyterian Church

September 13, 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.*

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 13, 2026
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Robert Rucker

Prelude

8:00

“Andante in G”
Mary Preston, organ

Paul Benoit

9:30/11:00

“Flourishes”
Brass & Percussion Ensemble · Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

Carlyle Sharpe

* Call to Worship

Minister: Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for He has done marvelous things!

**People: His right hand and His holy arm
have worked salvation for Him.**

Minister: The LORD has made known His salvation;

**People: He has revealed His righteousness
in the sight of the nations.**

Minister: He has remembered His steadfast love
and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**People: All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.**

Psalms 98:1-3

* Hymn of Praise

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

Boswell, Kauflin,
Merker, Getty



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a - lone,
2. What truth can calm the trou - bled soul? God is good,
3. Un - to the grave, what will we sing? “Christ, He lives!



Christ a - lone. What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our
God is good. Where is His grace and good - ness known? In our
Christ He lives!” And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er -



souls to Him be - long. Who holds our days with - in His
great Re - deem - er's blood. Who holds our faith when fears a -
last - ing life with Him. There we will rise to meet the



hand? What comes, a - part from His com-mand? And what will
rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y trial? Who sends the
Lord, then sin and death will be de - stroyed, and we will



keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.
waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ?
feast in end - less joy, when Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.



O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing hal - le -



lu-jah! Now and ev-er we con-fess Christ our hope in life and death.

* Prayer of Adoration

* A New Testament Reading

The Rev. Matt Fray

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
compassionate hearts, kindness, humility,
meekness, and patience,
bearing with one another and,
if one has a complaint against another,
forgiving each other;
as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.
And above all these put on love,
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in one body.
And be thankful.

Colossians 3:12-15



1. Love di - vine all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heav'n to
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3. 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
 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
 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
 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.
 cast our crowns be - fore Thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Public Confession of Sin

You, O Lord, have promised,
 that if we will confess our sins
 You are faithful and just to forgive us our sins.
 We come in penitence seeking Your forgiveness,
 that we may know the joy of Your presence,
 and the light of Your face.
 You alone know how often we have offended You,
 and hurt the lives of others.
 Forgive us, O Lord, for every unkind thought,
 every untrue word,
 every wrong act.
 Forgive us, for we have been selfish,
 and have not thought of the needs of others.
 Forgive us, for our ingratitude,
 our neglect of prayer,
 our carelessness in the use of money,
 our forgetfulness of our sacred vows.
 O God, have mercy upon us.
 Create in us clean hearts,
 and renew a right spirit within us,
 for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.
For He knows our frame;
He remembers that we are dust.

Psalm 103:13-14

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 or text “give” to 214-833-7724.*

Musical Offering

8:00

“Andante” from *Berlin—Kraków Mss.*
Mrs. Preston, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

9:30/11:00

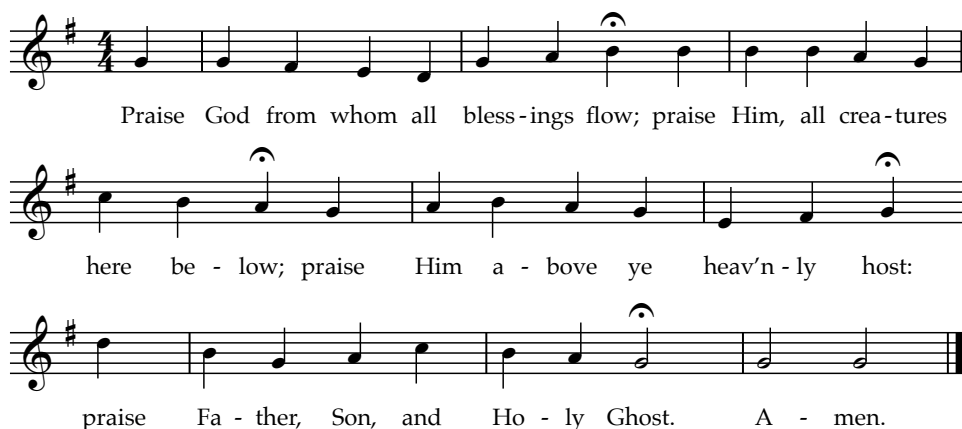
“God Is Our Refuge and Strength”
Chancel Choir · Brass & Percussion Ensemble
Dr. Nathan Davy, organ · J. Marty Cope, conductor

Allen Pote

*God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble.
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.
Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.
He is in the midst of His people, in all the earth.
He is the Word, He is our rock; He will lead us.
He is the Lord, the Lord of Hosts, He will cause the wars to cease.
He is our strength.*

* 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.**
Check-in kiosks are available in the Nursery, Preschool, and Elementary Welcome areas.

*** The Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2**

- ³⁰ *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*
³¹ *Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.*
³² *Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*
¹ *Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.*
² *And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

Sermon

“Forgive, As God in Christ Forgave You”

Mr. Rucker

*** The Great Thanksgiving**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

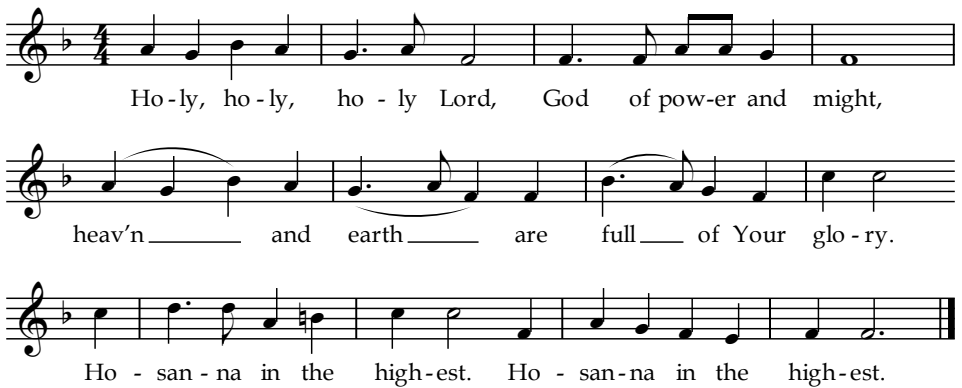
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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.*

(Worshipers 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

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

HAMBURG



When I sur - vey the _____ won - drous _____ cross,
For - bid it, Lord, that _____ I should _____ boast,
See, from His head, His _____ hands, His _____ feet,
Were the whole realm of _____ na - ture _____ mine,



on which the Prince of _____ glo - ry _____ died,
save in the death of _____ Christ my _____ God:
sor - row and love flow _____ ming - gled _____ down:
that were a pres - ent _____ far too _____ small;



my rich - est gain I _____ count but _____ loss,
all the vain things that _____ charm me _____ most,
did e'er such love and _____ sor - row _____ meet,
love so a - maz - ing _____ so di - vine,



and pour con - tempt on all my _____ pride.
I sac - ri - fice them to His _____ blood.
or thorns com - pose so rich a _____ crown?
de - mands my soul, my life, my _____ all.

“Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness”
Dr. Davy, organ

J. S. Bach

*** Closing Hymn**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON



1. Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, hith - er by Thy
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I'm come; And I hope, by Thy good pleas - ure,
 strained to be! Let that grace now, like a fet - ter,



call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
 safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I



son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove; Praise the
 stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
 feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my



mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove!

*** Benediction**

Minister: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

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

Postlude

8:00

“Allegro” from *Concerto, Op. 7, No. 4*
 Mrs. Preston, organ

William Felton

9:30/11:00

“Toccata in B minor”
 Dr. Davy, organ

Eugene Gigout

* Please stand if you are able.

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

*For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
To Him be glory forever. Amen.*

Romans 11:36

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

Joseph “Joe” Preston

Mary B. Latin

We thank the following musicians for leading in our services this morning.

Cody McClarty, *trumpet*
Forrest Albano, *trumpet*
Alex Kienle, *French horn*

Jon Hinton, *trombone*
Clay Garrett, *tuba*
Drew Lang, *percussion*



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

Ministers: The members of this church family who, in serving their Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, extend His Kingdom in Dallas and to the world.

Senior Pastor

The Rev. Mark Davis

Assistant Pastors

The Rev. Dr. Pete Deison (*emeritus*)

The Rev. Bill Lamberth (*emeritus*)

The Rev. Matt Fray

The Rev. Sam Leopold

The Rev. Pete Hatton

The Rev. Dr. Mark McDowell

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom

The Rev. Tommy Overton

The Rev. Dustin Hunt

The Rev. Dr. Robert Rucker

Session

The Rev. Mark Davis
Moderator

Greg Russell
Clerk

George Ball

Tim Jeffress

John Bateman

Bob McCamey

Don Dillahunt

David Newman

Pete Flowers

Rick Owen

Jerry Gibson

Kirk Pogoloff

Lance Gurley

Dennis Roossien

Eric Horan

Randy Wood

Houston Hunt

SERMON NOTES

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

“Forgive, As God in Christ Forgave You”

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. How and why does Paul ground the command to forgive in the fact that "God in Christ forgave you" (4:32)?
2. In what sense do believers imitate God because they are His beloved children, not to become His children (5:1)?
3. Why does Paul present kindness, tenderheartedness, and forgiveness as practices for the whole body of Christ rather than your innate good qualities that you think highly of?
4. How does Christ's "fragrant offering and sacrifice" (5:2) fulfill the Old Testament covenant pattern, and what does this mean to the church today? To you today?
5. What does God's costly act of forgiveness in Christ teach us about the cost and pattern of forgiving others?
6. Who in your life has yet to receive your forgiveness even if they will never ask for it? Have you fully settled this in your heart so that you can live freely from any related burdens? If not, how and how soon can you do this?
7. How do you live out "walking in love" (5:2) so that you live life fully?
8. Compare and contrast both sides of the Forgiveness/Reconciliation table below. Discuss the differences between forgiveness and reconciliation.

Forgiveness (Event) <i>One on One Grace Given by the Offended Person</i>	Reconciliation (Process) <i>Reciprocal Renovation with Repentance and Shared Change</i>
Begins with prayer	Nurtured by prayer
External, words face to face	Internal, bringing hearts back together
Cancel the offense, void the grudge	Continuing to show genuine change
Personal promise before the Lord to release bitterness	Rebuilding trust over time
Fully forgiving a sinner as God forgave us in Christ	Fully forgiving as God forgave us in Christ while redefining the relationship for safety

Highlights

SEPTEMBER 13, 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



Midweek at PCPC

Wednesdays, beginning September 16

Join us at PCPC on Wednesday evenings for Midweek activities. Gather with our church family for delicious food, meaningful fellowship, Companion Course on Prayer, Bible studies for middle school and adults, and choir rehearsals for children and adults. Register online.

pcpc.org/midweek



Young Adult Night of Worship

Thursday, September 17

7:00 P.M. | CHAPEL

Join us for a night of singing and prayer. Dress casually and bring friends!

pcpc.org/news-events

Missionary Mailings

Sunday, September 20

12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL & CHAPEL

Come write notes of encouragement to our missionaries! Lunch will be provided (donations appreciated).

pcpc.org/news-events

Parish Prayer

Sunday, September 20

4:00 P.M. | MEET IN HOMES

Parish prayer meetings give our church family an opportunity to gather in homes around the city to pray for one another, our church, and the world. Come and join your PCPC neighbors as we cry out to the Lord together. We will prepare a prayer guide that will help guide us through our time together. Children are welcome!

pcpc.org/parish



Fall Kickoff

Launching September 13-18

Join us as we abide in Christ and connect with one another at PCPC. Registration is open for our fall classes and studies!

- Alongside, Grief Support Group, DivorceCare, & Spiritual Life of A Man
- Men's, Women's, & Couple's Bible Studies
- Middle & High School Small Groups

pcpc.org/news-events

Special Events

Young Adult Quiet Retreat

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, SEPT. 25-27 | LONGHORN MESA RANCH

The Gathering (High School)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30 | 7:15 P.M. | OFF CAMPUS

Pumpkin Gospel

FRIDAY, OCT. 2 | 5:00 P.M. | PCPC COURTYARD

RESTORE: Women's Silent Retreat

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, OCT. 22-24 | MESA RANCH

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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

2026/2027 Operating Budget	\$18,300,000
Jul 1, 2026–Sept 6, 2026 Budget	\$2,576,008
Jul 1, 2026–Sept 6, 2026 Giving	\$2,819,597
Budget Variance	\$243,589