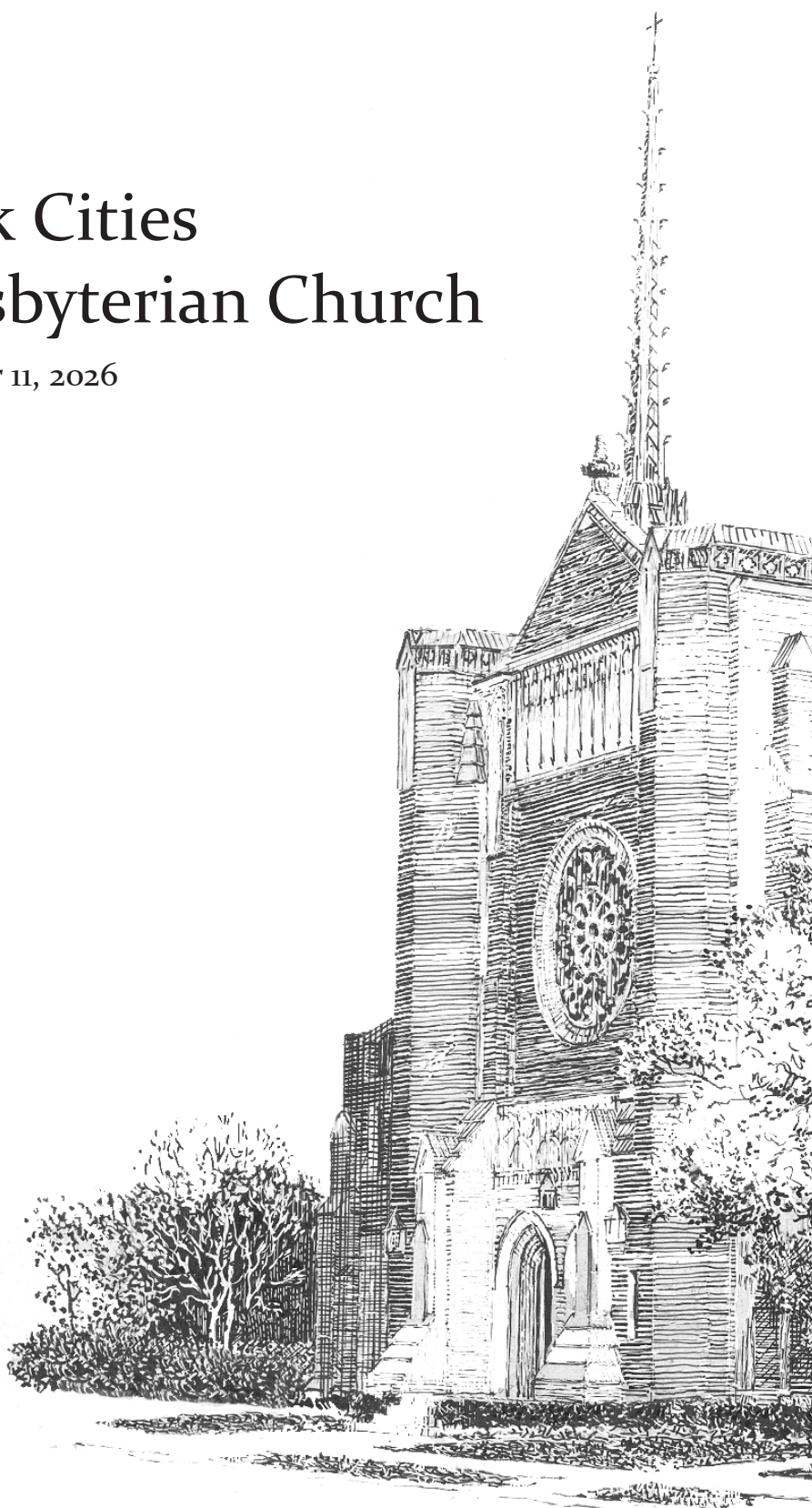


Park Cities Presbyterian Church

October 11, 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

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Mark McDowell

* 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.**

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

People: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Psalms 98:1-4

* Hymn of Praise

“To God Be the Glory”

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

No. 55 in the Trinity Hymnal



1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He has
2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of
3. Great things He has taught us, great things He has



done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
blood! to ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;
done, and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;



who yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for sin, and
the vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves, that
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be our



o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.
mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.
won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the
 Lord, praise the Lord, let the people re-joyce! O come to the Fa-ther through
 Je-sus the Son, and give Him the glo-ry, great things He has done!

* Prayer of Adoration

* Profession of Faith

The Rev. Rob Rucker

Q: What do you believe concerning the Church?

**A: I believe that the Son of God
 through His Spirit and Word,
 out of the entire human race,
 from the beginning of the world to its end,
 gathers, protects, and preserves for Himself
 a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith.
 And of this community I am and always will be a living member.**

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54

Musical Meditation

9:30/11:00

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Christopher Adkins, *cello* · Stephen Nielson, *piano*

*Dorsey,
 arr. Kaiser*

Public Confession of Sin

God of compassion,
 You are slow to anger and full of mercy,
 welcoming sinners who return to You with penitent hearts.
 Receive in Your loving embrace
 all who come home to You.
 Seat them at Your bountiful table of grace,
 that, with all Your children,
 they may feast with delight
 on all that satisfies the hungry heart.
 We ask Your forgiveness in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior,
 who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14

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

* Hymn

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

CARITAS

No. 648 in the Trinity Hymnal



1. My Je - sus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
2. I love Thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me,
3. I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death;
4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,



for Thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign.
and pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree.
and praise Thee as long as Thou lend - est me breath;
I'll ev - er a - dore Thee in heav - en so bright;



My gra - cious Re - deem - mer, my Sav - ior art Thou; —
I love Thee for wear - ing the thorns on Thy brow; —
and say when the death - dew lies cold on my brow: —
I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow: —



if ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
if ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
if ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
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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

“Allegro” from *Concerto in B flat*
Mary Preston, organ

Giulio Taglietti

9:30/11:00

“How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place”
from *A German Requiem*
Mr. Adkins, cello · Mr. Nielson, piano
Chancel Choir · Dr. Nathan Davy, conductor

Johannes Brahms

*How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth, for the courts of the Lord;
my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God.
O blest are they that dwell within Thy house;
they praise Thy name evermore!*

* Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures
here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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 5:25-33**

- ²⁵ *Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her,*
²⁶ *that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word,*
²⁷ *so that He might present the Church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.*
²⁸ *In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.*
²⁹ *For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the Church,*
³⁰ *because we are members of His body.*
³¹ *“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”*
³² *This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the Church.*
³³ *However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.*

Sermon

“The Mystery of Love”

Dr. McDowell

*** The Great Thanksgiving**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

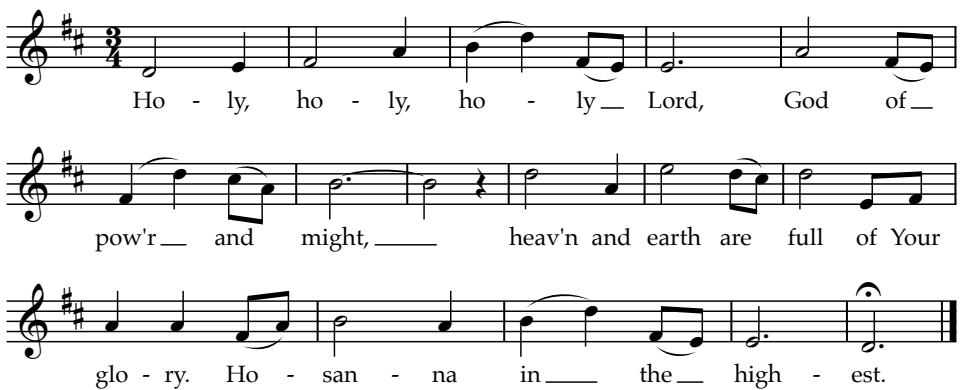
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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:



James MacMillan

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.*

During the serving of Communion

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Townend/Getty



1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all
2. Be - hold the man u - pon the cross, my sin u - pon His
3. I will not boast in a - ny thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no



mea - sure, that He should give His on - ly Son to make a
shoul - ders; a - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a -
wis - dom; but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death and



wretch His trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss:
mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held Him there
re - sur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from His re - ward?



the Fa - ther turns His face a - way as wounds, which mar the
un - til it was ac - com - plished; His dy - ing breath has
I can - not give an an - swer, but this I know with



Cho - sen One, bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
brought me life: I know that it is fin - ished.
all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

*"Sarabande"
from Suite No. 2 in D Minor, BWV 1008
Mr. Adkins, cello*

J. S. Bach

*** Closing Hymn**

“Bride of the Lamb, Awake, Awake!”

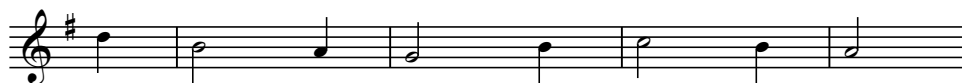
MARTYRDOM



1. Bride of the Lamb, a - wake, a -
 2. Thy spi - rit, through the lone - ly
 3. But see! the night is wan - ing
 4. Then weep no more; 'tis all thine



wake! Why sleep for sor - row now?
 night, from earth - ly joy a - part,
 fast, the break - ing morn is near;
 own, His crown, His joy di - vine;



The hope of glo - ry, Christ, is thine,
 hath sighed for one that's far a - way,
 and Je - sus comes, with voice of love,
 and sweet - er far than all be - side,



a child of glo - ry thou.
 the Bride - groom of thy heart.
 thy droop - ing heart to cheer.
 He, He Him - self is thine!

*** Benediction**

Minister: Now to the One who keeps on loving us and who has set us free
 from our sins at the cost of His blood—glory and dominion
 belong to Him into the ages of the ages.

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

Postlude

8:00

“Concerto in G: Allegro”
 Mrs. Preston, organ

William Hayes

9:30/11:00

“Fugue in D major”
 Dr. Davy, organ

Johann Pachelbel

* 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.

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 (<i>emeritus</i>)	The Rev. Bill Lamberth (<i>emeritus</i>)
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	Greg Russell
<i>Moderator</i>	<i>Clerk</i>
George Ball	Tim Jeffress
John Bateman	Bob McCamey
Don Dillahunt	David Newman
Pete Flowers	Rick Owens
Jerry Gibson	Kirk Pogoloff
Lance Gurley	Dennis Roossien
Eric Horan	Randy Wood
Houston Hunt	

SERMON NOTES

Ephesians 5:25-33
“The Mystery of Love”

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 does Christ love the Church?
2. What is the goal of Christ's love for the Church?
3. Is the kind of love Paul describes in this passage restricted only to husbands and wives?
4. What is the difference between sentimental love and sacrificial love?
5. How are husbands called to love their wives?
6. How important are healthy, loving marriages for the spread of the gospel?

Highlights

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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 Dinners

October 11-30

Parish dinners are happening across the city as a simple and powerful way to connect and make our big church feel a little smaller. Use the map online to find your parish and see what dinners are available in your parish.
pcpc.org/parish

The Bridge: What's Her Story?

Tuesday, October 13

6:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Women of all ages will connect through food, friends, and testimony. We will hear PCPC Member Darian Reichert share her story of how Christ has moved in her life. A light dinner will be provided for \$5.
pcpc.org/women

Church in the City

Sunday, October 18

12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us as Dustin Hunt, PCPC Pastor of Church Planting and Director of the Southwest Church Planting Network, casts vision for church planting in DFW and beyond. Lunch is free; please register.
pcpc.org/news-events

One Another Weekend

Saturday, November 7

Relationships, Marriages, and Other Messes: A One Another Weekend is an encouraging and redemptive Saturday (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) for anyone who wants to better understand the beautiful, complicated, and sometimes messy relationships God has placed in your life.
pcpc.org/one-another-weekend

Young Adult Serve Saturday & Night of Prayer

Young Adults, join us for worship and service opportunities this month. On Saturday, October 17 at 11:45 a.m., we will participate in a service project with one of our ministry partners. On Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m., we will gather in small groups for a time of prayer and fellowship in a family's home. Mark your calendar and bring a friend!
pcpc.org/young-adults

Special Events

An Evening with Birds & Bees

TUESDAY, OCT. 20 | 7:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Fall Children's Chapel

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21 | 5:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Ladies' Luncheon (Missions)

THURSDAY, OCT. 22 | 12:15 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Men's Solitude Saturday

SATURDAY, OCT. 24 | 9:00 A.M.
GRAND HALL

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of Stewardship.



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setting up recurring gifts).

GENERAL FUND

2026/2027 Operating Budget	\$18,300,000
Jul 1, 2026–Oct 4, 2026 Budget	\$3,688,142
Jul 1, 2026–Oct 4, 2026 Giving	\$4,040,912
Budget Variance	\$352,770