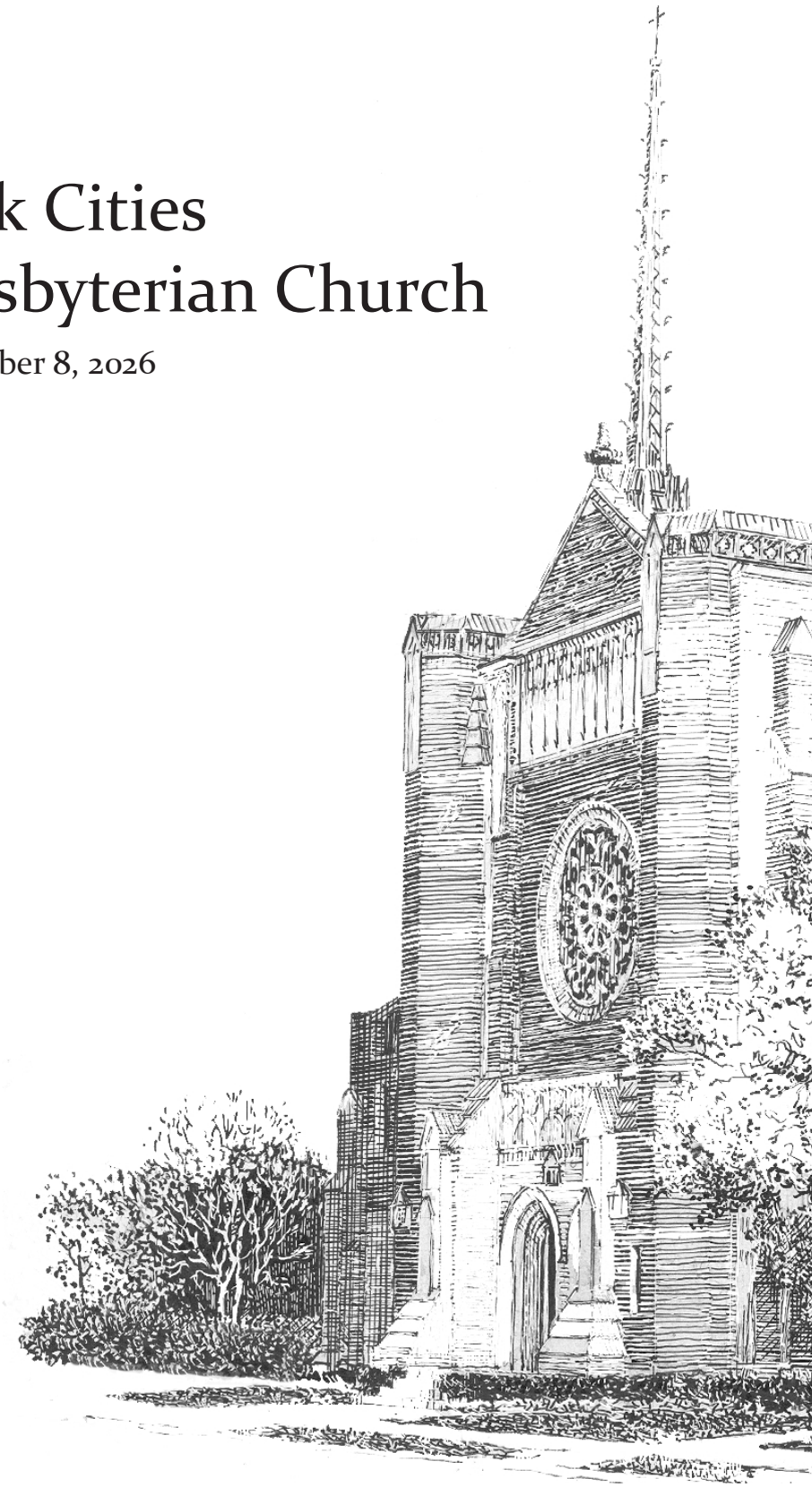
Park Cities Presbyterian Church

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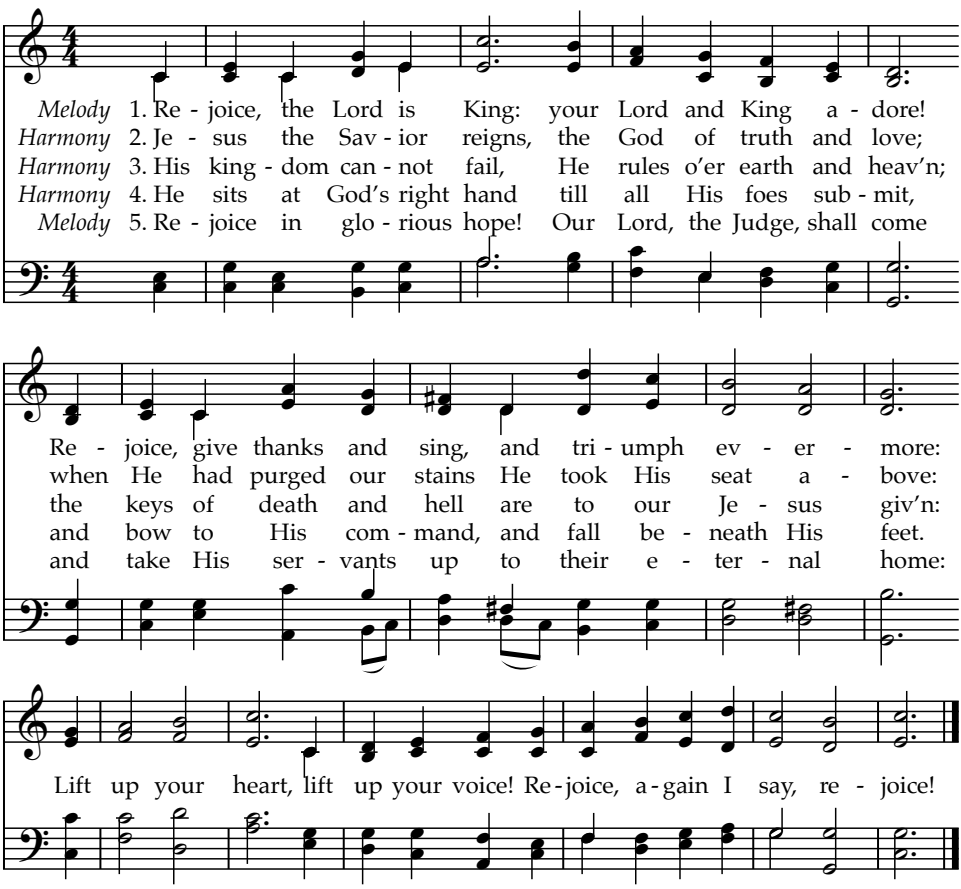
November 8, 2026
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements — 8:00 The Rev. Robert Rucker; 9:30/11:00 The Rev. Mark Davis

*** Call to Worship**

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.
Minister: Posterity shall serve Him;
People: it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
Minister: they shall come and proclaim His righteousness
to a people yet unborn,
People: that He has done it. *Psalm 22:27–28, 30–31*

*** Hymn of God's Sovereign Reign** "Rejoice, the Lord is King" *DARWALL*
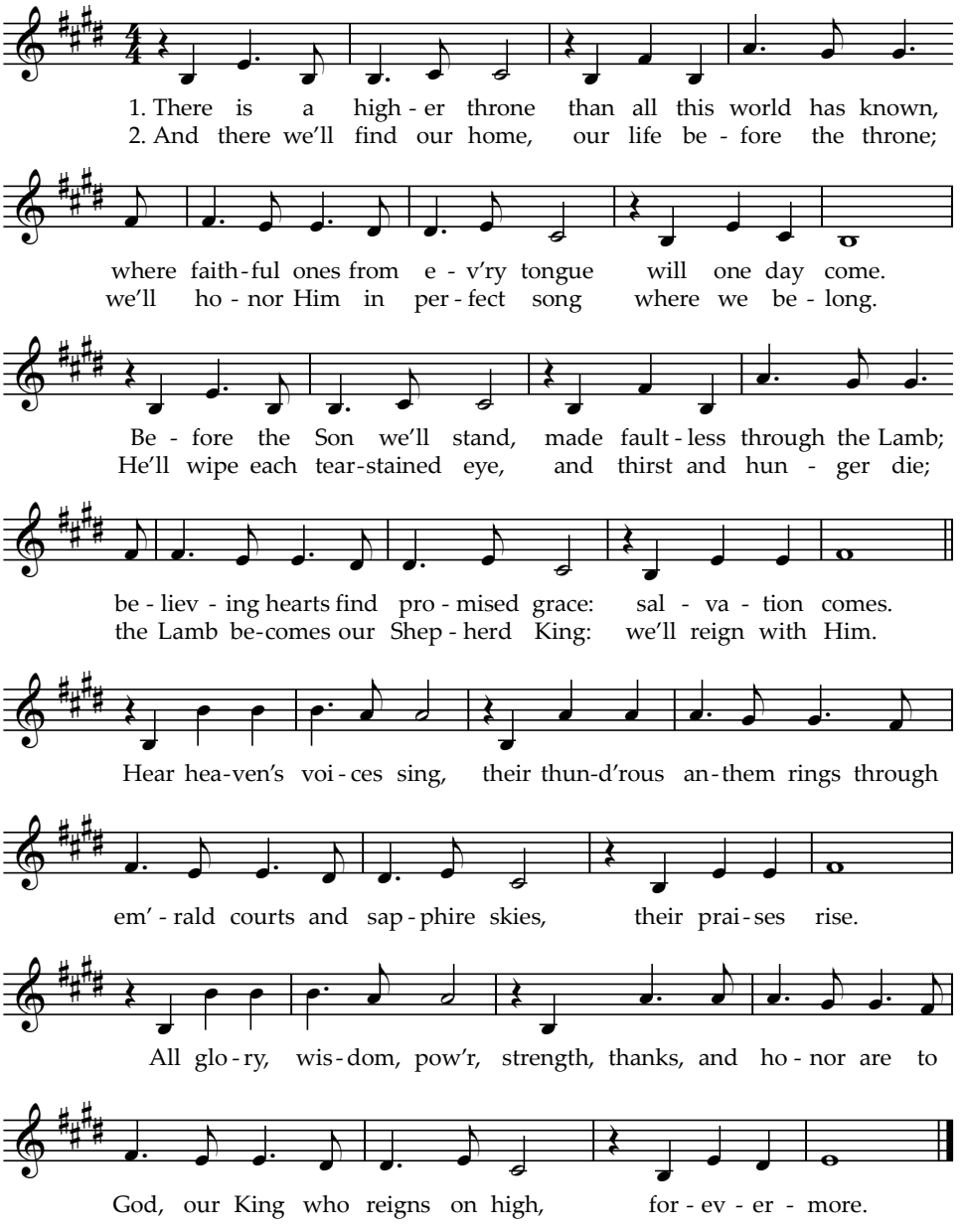


*** Prayer of Adoration**

*** Profession of Faith** The Rev. Dr. Pete Deison

We confess and acknowledge one God alone,
to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve,
whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust.
Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,
incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;
one in substance and yet distinct in three Persons,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
By whom we confess and believe all things
in heaven and earth, visible and invisible,
to have been created, to be retained in their being,
and to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable providence
for such end as His eternal wisdom,
goodness, and justice have appointed,
and to the manifestation of His own glory. Amen.

Old Scots Confession, Article I

*** Hymn** "There Is A Higher Throne" *Getty*



Becoming a Communing Member and
Coming to the Lord's Table for the First Time

Austin James Alley
Briggs Christian Alley
Ford Foster Alley
Catherine Cunningham Burns
Molly Marie Cejka
Samuel Nelson Cothran
Molly Mae Elverum
Blythe Langham Fitzgerald
Holt Charles Fitzgerald
Benjamin Stephen Greenwell
Samuel William Greenwell
John Patrick Hagan
Kinsey Blake Hefton
John Harper Higginbottom
Robert William Higginbottom Jr.
Melody Anne Jackson
Trey Johnson
Audrey Elizabeth Jumonville
Cooper James Knox
Knox Story Kohlmann
Sutton Elizabeth Lange
Elizabeth Adele Lee
Cora Jane Mabry
Taylor Grace McLanahan
Major Harris Michelson
Mary Margaret Michelson
Samuel Dean Morrison
Ella Jane Nadeau
Annie Claire Pollard
Charles Don Pollard
Vivian Mills Rankin
Clary Elise Rhodes
Adeline Elizabeth Smith
John McNeil Smith
Henry Hayden Springer
Samuel McLeod Springer
David Shane Springer
Sydney Katherine Taber
Allison Lee Turner
Elianna Sophia Whitman
Stephen Earl Woods III
Olivia Rider Yeaman

Sacrament of Baptism

9:30

Betsy Delight Beakley
Arabella Nicole Malnory
Hudson David Nutter
Margot Claire Schendle

11:00

Beatrice RoxyJo Bush
Betsy Woolf Dunn
Lucy Nell Dunn
Grayson Coy Haynes
George Matthew Leu
Hazel Howey Turner
Winnie Pearl Turner

Public Confession of Sin

Lord Christ, when by the power
of Your Holy Spirit working in us we see You by faith,
we behold You as King and Lord of all.
All power and glory belong to You, O Christ, forever and ever!
Thank You for sending the Spirit to live in us,
and to work in us that which is pleasing in Your sight.
Increase in us the conviction
that we are free from the slavery of sin!
O God, we lament that, like the Prodigal Son,
we would rather be a servant who earns his keep
than a child who freely receives all You have to give us.
Lord, like the Prodigal in the far country,
we still need to be humbled more greatly by Your mercy
than by our own sin.
We are helpless to help ourselves,
but too proud to come and lay every sin on You.
Forgive us, O Lord; have mercy.
High King of heaven, You have won our victory!
Give us thankful hearts,
that we may truly worship You and give You praise.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him.

Colossians 2:13–15

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.

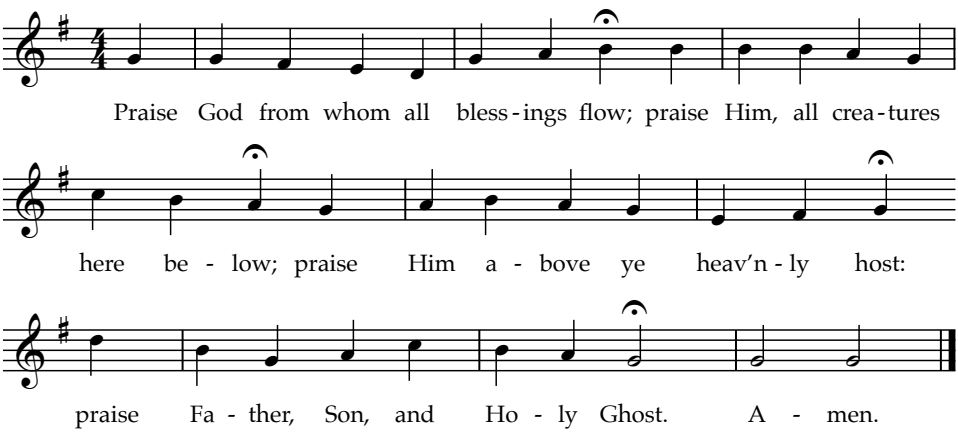
Musical Offering

8:00 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *Johann G. Walther*
Mary Preston, *organ*

9:30/11:00 "A New Song" *Diane Bish*
Chancel Choir · Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ* · J. Marty Cope, *conductor*

I will sing to the Lord, I will sing a new song.
He has given me a clean heart,
He has given me salvation.
Therefore I will sing, to the Lord I will sing a new song.
He has filled my life with gladness,
He has filled my heart with joy!
So, I'll sing a new song and I'll praise His name forever.

* **Doxology** *OLD HUNDREDTH*



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.

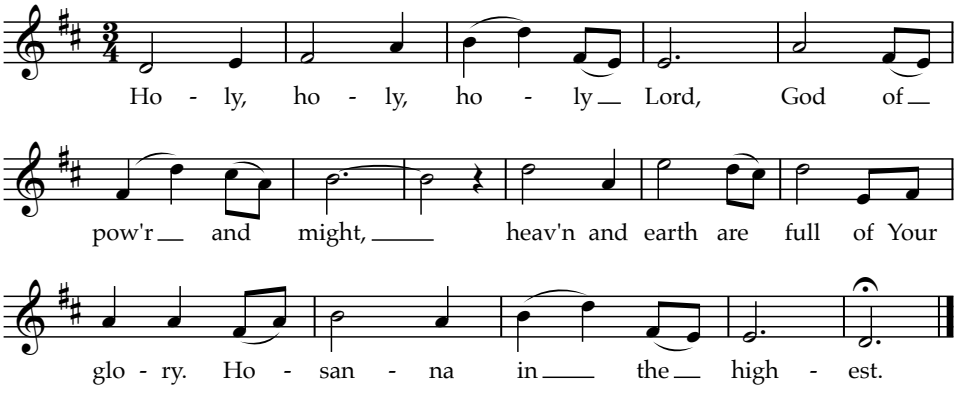
*** The Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10–13**

10 *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.*
11 *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.*
12 *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*
13 *Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.*

Sermon	"The Real Schemes of the Devil vs. Our Real Strength to Stand"	8:00 Mr. Rucker 9:30/11:00 Mr. Davis

*** 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.

(Worshipers at 8:00, please continue at the closing hymn.)
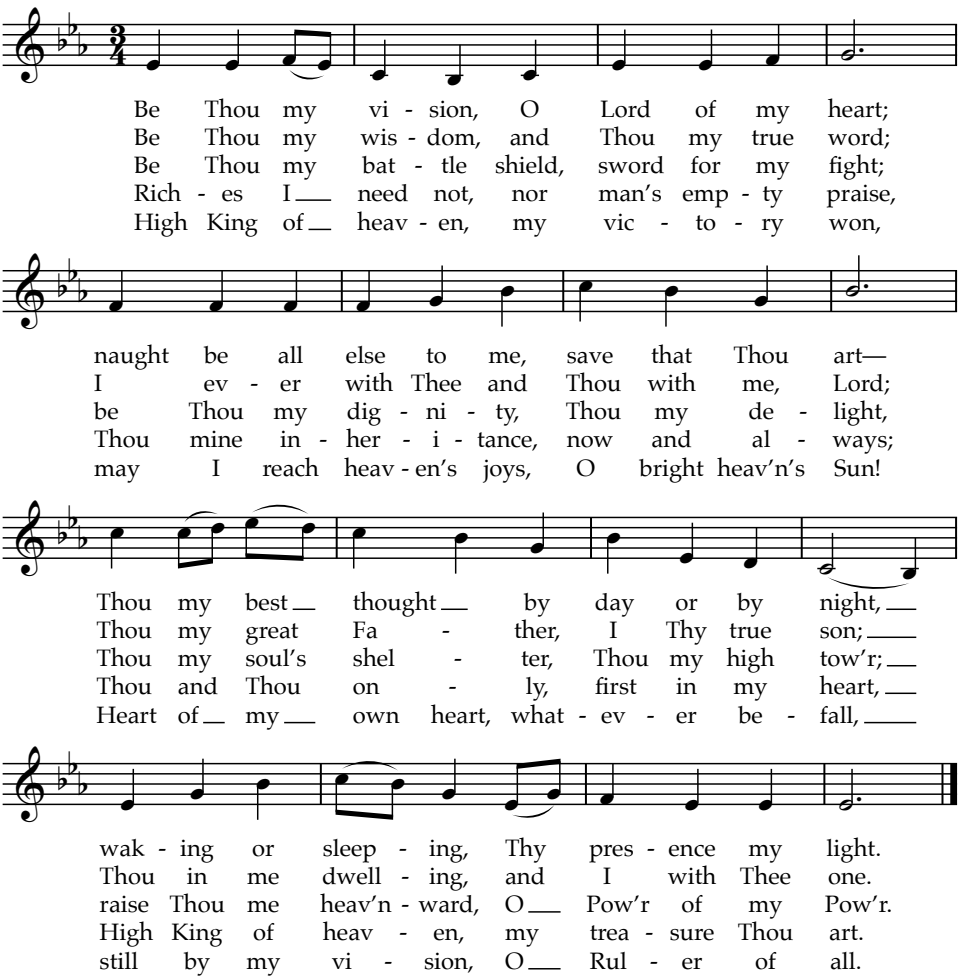
*** The Lord's Table** *9:30/11:00*

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*
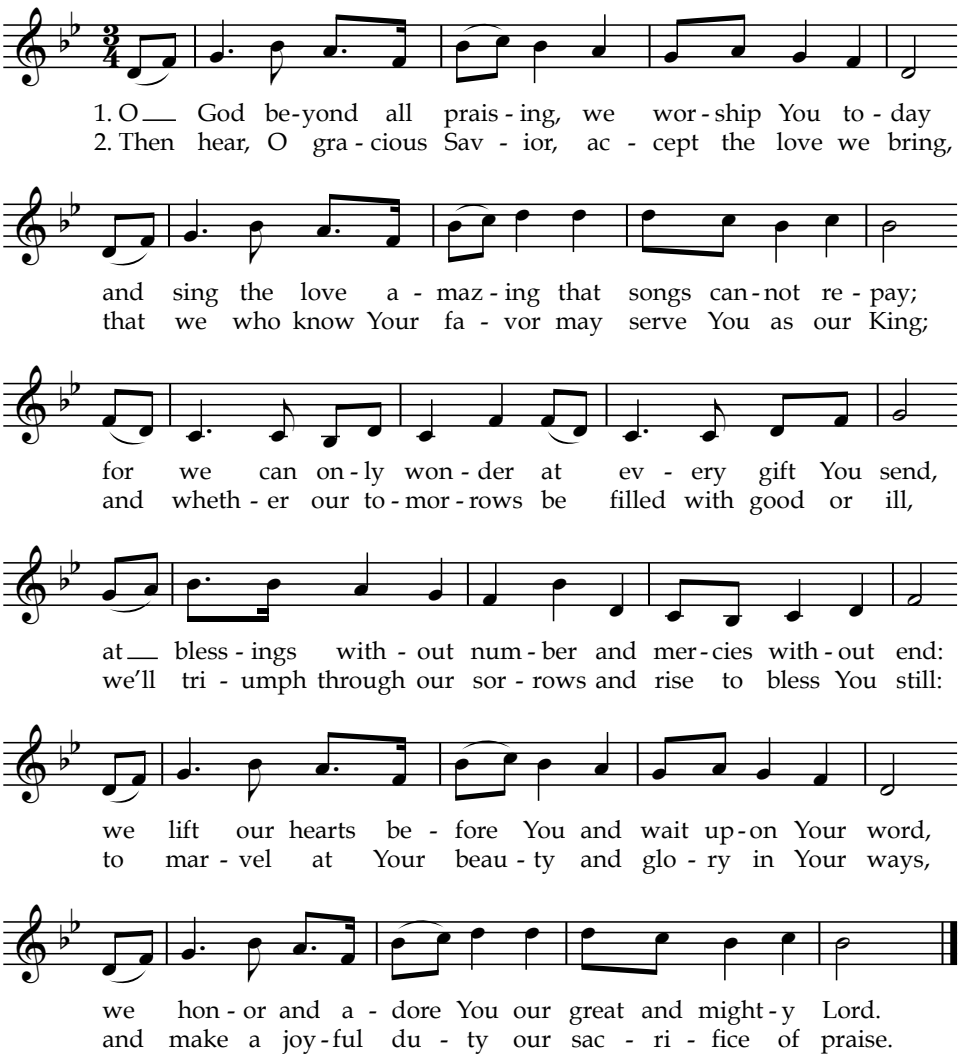
"Be Thou My Vision" *SLANE*

No. 642 in the Trinity Hymnal



"Andante espressivo" *Percy Whitlock*
Mr. Cope, *organ*

*** Closing Hymn** "O God Beyond All Praising" *THAXTED*



*** 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!

Postlude

8:00 "Allegro maestoso e vivace—Fuga" *Felix Mendelssohn*
(from *Sonata II*)
Mrs. Preston, *organ*

9:30/11:00 "Processional" *William Mathias*
Mr. Cope, *organ*

** Please stand if you are able.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of our parents, Ted and Nancy Raines, in celebration of their 69th anniversary.

From Susan and Andy Nace, and grandson, Andrew Nace, and Charles and Shirley Raines



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.

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The Rev. Matt Fray
The Rev. Pete Hatton
The Rev. Robby Higginbottom
The Rev. Dustin Hunt
The Rev. Bill Lamberth *(emeritus)*
The Rev. Sam Leopold
The Rev. Dr. Mark McDowell
The Rev. Tommy Overton
The Rev. Dr. Robert Rucker

Session
The Rev. Mark Davis
Moderator
Greg Russell
Clerk
George Ball
John Bateman
Don Dillahunty
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Sermon Notes

Ephesians 6:10–13
"The Real Schemes of the Devil vs. Our Real Strength to Stand"

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 Paul describe the battle we face?

2. How are we to understand the various descriptions of the enemy given to us in verse 6:12?

3. What is Paul's exhortation to the saints in Ephesus regarding this battle?

4. What does it mean to "be strong in the Lord?"

5. What is the "strength of His might?"

6. What are the "schemes of the enemy?"

7. How are we able to "stand firm?"

8. Why do you think Paul ends his letter this way?

9. What does it mean to "take up the whole armor of God?"

10. What confidence should we live in as we encounter this battle?

Highlights

NOVEMBER 8, 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

Organ Concert

Tonight

7:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Dr. Nathan Davy presents an evening of dramatic music for the organ, including one of J. S. Bach's most profound pieces, the *Chaconne in D minor*, and the virtuosic *Suite, Op. 5* by Maurice Duruflé.

Rejoice! Candlelight Christmas

Tickets for *Rejoice!* Candlelight Christmas Concerts will be available on the PCPC website starting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 9. This year's concerts will be held on two days with three times: Sunday, Dec. 13 at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and Monday, Dec. 14 at 7:00 p.m. A free ticket is required for entry.

pcpcconcerts.org

Wycliff Road Construction

On November 10, the City of Highland Park will begin a two-year reconstruction project affecting Wycliff Avenue near PCPC. Please be aware of the construction and consider alternate routes to PCPC utilizing Lemmon, Blackburn, Armstrong, or Mockingbird. Visit ***hptx.org*** for more.

Wednesday Word & Table

Wednesdays through Dec. 16

12:00 P.M. | CHAPEL

Release the worries of the week and find sacred space through singing, a brief exhortation, confession, and feasting at the Lord's Table.

pcpc.org/news-events

Helping Hands

Saturday, November 14

8:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. | MEET AT OAK LAWN WEST

Volunteer to help single moms, senior adults, and widows/ers by doing odd jobs around their homes.

pcpc.org/volunteer

International Student Thanksgiving Potluck

Friday, November 20

6:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Welcome SMU international students with an American Thanksgiving dinner and fellowship. Please sign up to bring food.

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Special Events

Men's Solitude

SATURDAY, NOV. 14 | 9:00 A.M. | GRAND HALL

Young Adult Solitude

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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–Nov 1, 2026 Budget	$4,852,663
Jul 1, 2026–Nov 1, 2026 Giving	$5,253,341
Budget Variance	$400,678