



September 7, 2025

A Reflection Before the Service

Let's write a story of, a title wave  
We run out of luck, we run out of days  
We run out of gas, hundred miles away  
From a station

There's a war and a plague yeah, smoke and disaster  
Lions in the coliseum, screams of a laughter  
Motherless children, a witness and a Bible  
Nothing but rain ahead and no chance for our survival

Just before the flood comes, just before the night falls  
Just before the blood runs into the valley  
Just before my eyes go, just before we can't go no further  
Love throws a line to you and me

– **Patty Griffin**, “Love Throw a Line”, Track 1  
from the 2004 album, *Impossible Dream*

We are aging soldiers in an ancient war  
Seeking out some half-remembered shore  
We drink our fill and still we thirst for more  
Asking, “If there’s no heaven, what is this we’re thirsting for?”

– **Emmylou Harris**, “The Pearl”, Track 1  
from the 2000 album, *Red Dirt Girl*

A church full of love, is a church well built up. I had rather see a church filled with love a thousand times, than filled with the best, the highest, and most glorious gifts and parts that any men in this world may be made partakers of...I know the end of all Christ’s institutions is to increase love.

– **John Owen**, *Gospel Charity*, a sermon on  
*Colossians* 3.14 delivered on June 6, 1673

## **The Prelude**

## **The Welcome and Announcements**

## **The Call to Worship: *The One-Hundred Twenty-Fourth Psalm***

*"Had it not been the LORD who was on our side",  
Let Israel now say,  
"Had it not been the LORD who was on our side  
When men rose up against us,  
Then they would have swallowed us alive,  
When their anger was kindled against us;  
Then the waters would have engulfed us,  
The stream would have swept over our soul;  
Then the raging waters would have swept over our soul."*

*Blessed be the LORD,  
Who has not given us to be torn by their teeth.  
Our soul has escaped as a bird out of the snare of the trapper;  
The snare is broken and we have escaped.  
Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
Who made heaven and earth.*

**(Prayer)**

## The Opening Hymns of Praise

### 9:00 “Immortal, Invisible” (vv. 1-2, verse below, 3)

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To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom & flourish as leaves on the tree,  
& wither & perish but naught changeth Thee.

### “Join All the Glorious Names” (vv. 1-3, 5)

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### 11:15 “A New Hallelujah”

-Smith/Baloche, 2008

Can you hear? There’s a new song  
breaking out from the children of freedom.  
Ev’ry race and ev’ry nation, sing it out, sing a new hallelujah.

Let us sing love to the nations,  
bringing hope of the grace that has freed us.  
Make it known and make Him famous. Sing it out, sing a new hallelujah.

Arise! Let the church arise. Let love reach to the other side.  
Alive! Come alive. Let the song arise.

Africa sings a new song,  
reaching out with a new hallelujah.  
Ev’ry son and ev’ry daughter, ev’ryone sing a new hallelujah.

Arise! Let the song arise. Let love reach to the other side.  
Alive! Come alive. Let the song arise.

Let the song arise (Let the song arise)  
Yeah (yeah)  
Let the song arise (Let the song arise)

Arise! Let the church arise. Let love reach to the other side.  
Alive! Come alive. Let the song arise.

Ev’ryone sing a new hallelujah.  
Ev’ryone sing a new hallelujah.

**11:15 “Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)”**

- Tomlin/Ingram/Cates

All of creation, all of the earth  
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord  
Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint  
Let ev’ry nation shout of Your fame  
Jesus is coming soon

**Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We’ll be a church ready for you  
Ev’ry heart longing for our King  
We sing, even so come, Lord Jesus come  
Even so come, Lord Jesus come**

There will be justice, all will be new  
Your name forever, faithful and true  
Jesus is coming soon

**(Chorus)**

So we wait, we wait for You  
God we wait, You’re coming soon

**(Repeat)**

Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We’ll be a church ready for You  
Ev’ry heart longing for our King, we sing

**(Chorus)**

Even so come, Lord Jesus come

## **The Sacrament of Covenant Baptism (11:15 Service):**

Caleb and Alexa Cannella receive the Promises of God on behalf of their son, Elliot James Cannella, born July 29, 2025.

Kailyn Dunkleberger comes to profess her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ

## **The Prayer of Humble Access\***

Reader: We do not presume to come to this Thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy Table. But Thou art the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us.

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy**

**Lord, have mercy.**

**(Silent Confession)**

## **The Word of Absolution for All Who Trust In Jesus: Psalm 86.3-5 (NLT)**

*Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I am calling on you constantly. Give me happiness, O Lord, for I give myself to you. O Lord, you are so good, so ready to forgive, so full of unfailing love for all who ask for your help.*

## **Prayers of Gratitude and Request:**

Lord, give me a heart to know You and the assurance that I belong to You. (Silence)

We pray for Ethan and Amanda Brown and their ministry among the students at the University of Illinois; Lord, bless their marriage, parenting and their work: (Silence)

I pray for a particular person: Lord, bless and help this person. (Silence)

\* This Anglican (Episcopal) prayer first appeared in the Order of Communion in 1548 and then was retained in the 1549 Prayer Book. In the standard 1662 *Book of Common Prayer*.

## **The Declaration of Faith and Offering: The Nicene Creed \***

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by Whom all things were made;  
Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;  
Who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism\*\* for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Response: “The Doxology”**

**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.**

The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicaea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer false teachings that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ. \* Catholic means international \*\*Baptism refers to the inner work of the Holy Spirit regenerating and forgiving all who trust in Jesus Christ.

**9:00 “The Fragrance Prayer”**

- Courtney

**CHORUS (2X)**

Lord, help me spread Your fragrance,  
Lord, help me spread Your fragrance  
where e’er I go, where e’er I go.

Flood my soul with Your Spirit,  
flood my soul with Your Spirit  
and light, and light, and light.

Penetrate and possess my whole being,  
penetrate and possess my whole being  
so utterly that my life may be only,  
my life may be only a radiance of Yours,  
a radiance of Yours.

Shine through me, shine through me,  
and be so in me, be so in me  
that ev’ry soul I know  
will feel Your presence in my soul.

**(CHORUS)**

Let them look up and see no longer me,  
but only You, but only You.  
Amen.



## **11:15 “If We Are the Body”**

-Hall

It's crowded in worship today  
As she slips in trying to fade into the faces  
The girl's teasing laughter Is carrying  
farther than they know  
Farther than they know

**But if we are the body why aren't his arms reaching?  
Why aren't his hands healing? Why aren't his words teaching?  
And if we are the body why aren't his feet going?  
Why is his love not showing them there is a way, there is a way**

A traveler is far away from home  
He sheds his coat and quietly sinks into the back row  
The weight of their judgmental glances  
Tells him that his chances are better out on the road

**(Chorus)**

Jesus paid much too high a price  
For us to pick and choose who should come  
And we are the body of Christ

**(Chorus)**

Jesus is the way

## **The Scripture Reading: St Paul's Letter to Rome Chapter 15.13ff**

*Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*<sup>14</sup> And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able also to admonish one another. <sup>15</sup> But I have written very boldly to you on some points so as to remind you again, because of the grace that was given me from God, <sup>16</sup> to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering as a priest the gospel of God, so that my offering of the Gentiles may become acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. <sup>17</sup> Therefore in Christ Jesus I have found reason for boasting in things pertaining to God. <sup>18</sup> For I will not presume to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me, resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed, <sup>19</sup> in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. <sup>20</sup> And thus I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was already named, so that I would not build on another man's foundation; <sup>21</sup> but as it is written, "THEY WHO HAD NO NEWS OF HIM SHALL SEE, AND THEY WHO HAVE NOT HEARD SHALL UNDERSTAND."*

*<sup>22</sup> For this reason I have often been prevented from coming to you; <sup>23</sup> but now, with no further place for me in these regions, and since I have had for many years a longing to come to you <sup>24</sup> whenever I go to Spain-- for I hope to see you in passing, and to be helped on my way there by you, when I have first enjoyed your company for a while-- <sup>25</sup> but now, I am going to Jerusalem serving the saints. <sup>26</sup> For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem. <sup>27</sup> Yes, they were pleased to do so, and they are indebted to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are indebted to minister to them also in material things. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, when I have finished this, and have put my seal on this fruit of theirs, I will go on by way of you to Spain. <sup>29</sup> I know that when I come to you, I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.*

*<sup>30</sup> Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me, <sup>31</sup> that I may be rescued from those who are disobedient in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints; <sup>32</sup> so that I may come to you in joy by the will of God and find refreshing rest in your company. <sup>33</sup> Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.*

**Reader: The Word of the Lord**

**People: Thanks Be to God!**

## The Sermon

- T.J. Campo

***The Letter to Rome*** | Slaves Freed to Love  
***“Here’s the Church, Here’s the Steeple...”***

## The Hymn of Preparation

**9:00 “There Is a Fountain” (vv. 1-2)**

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**11:15 “Never Cease to Praise” (vv. 1-2)**

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1. May we run this race, may we keep the faith, may our eyes be fixed on Jesus  
That we'll not lose heart in our struggle with sin and through suffering know endurance.  
May we arm ourselves with the mind of Christ to rejoice in trials and be not surprised.  
May our hearts be so consumed by You that we never cease to praise.
2. May our company be the saints You've called. May we all stand firm in one spirit  
That the gospel's truth may resound on earth that all living things may hear it.  
May the fruits of faith mark the path we trod through the life of Christ to the glory of God.  
May our hearts be so consumed by You that we never cease to praise.
3. May the words we share be Your grace and peace, may our tongues speak Your proclamations  
That the many parts of the body of Christ be affirmed in their right relation.  
As we long and wait for the groom to come, may we learn to love and spur each other on.  
May our hearts be so consumed by You that we never cease to praise.
4. When that day arrives, and the race is won, when our griefs give way to deliverance,  
We will fully know as we're fully known. all our groans will end as new songs begin.  
And a multitude from ev'ry tribe and tongue, wearing robes of white, will stand before Your throne  
And our hearts will be so consumed by You that we'll never cease to praise.

May our hearts be so consumed by You that we never cease to praise.

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Park Road Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers. (Gluten-Free bread is on the middle of the table.)

### Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

*Prayer for Those Searching for Truth.* Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

*Prayer of Belief.* Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Bread

The Wine

### The Closing Hymn

**9:00 “There Is a Fountain” (vv. 3, 5)**

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**11:15 “Never Cease to Praise” (vv. 3-4)**

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### The Benediction and Amen

### The Postlude

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## SUNDAYS at PARK ROAD

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### **NEW SERMON SERIES STARTS NEXT WEEK**

Hope In Disappointing Times | ***Second Kings***

How are you feeling about the state of the Modern World? On one hand, there are untold comforts, conveniences, cures and conquests over the things that have long plagued humanity. On the other hand, we feel a bit nervous about these times, anxious about new technologies and how they may be misused. Wars and political uncertainties seem to be brewing. Will there be a next pandemic? This was also the case in ancient Judah and Israel. They were looking for kings, prophets and the temple to protect them but all these eventually disappointed. Still, a ray of hope could always be seen.

Sept. 14 – *The Restorer* – 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 13.14-23

21 – *Kings, Great and Proud* – 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 14.8-14; 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 26.16-21

28 – *The Fallen Tent* – Amos 5.18-27; 9.9-15

### **SUNDAY CLASSES | 10:10-11:05 AM**

**Sovereign Grace: A Study of God's Plan, Purpose, and Work of Predestination | Fellowship Hall**

The Bible says some startling things about God's overarching sovereignty and His work in the world. It speaks of God's "chosen people" and of how certain events and people have been "predestined." We will look at this topic and ask some of the tough and heart-felt questions and objections that such statements bring about. Join Dr. John Stevenson in the Fellowship Hall.

**The Gospel-Centered Life | T. J. & Missy Campo | Library**

*The Gospel-Centered Life* is intended to help Christians understand how the gospel shapes every aspect of life and conduct. Colossians 1.6 says that "the gospel is continually bearing fruit and increasing" in and among us even after we first believe it. How does this happen? Why is a continual re-discovery and re-application of the gospel so important? How will our personal growth and mission life be stunted if we don't grasp the gospel deeply? These are the questions that *The Gospel Centered Life* seeks to answer.

**Junior & High School Sunday Class | Meegan Dorn & Sky McNeill | Room #4 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

Join us this semester as Senior and Junior High listen to the bold voices of the Old Testament prophets calling for change in the hearts of Israel and Judah. These original "rebels" with a purpose call out corrupt kings and nefarious nations to turn back to God.

**Elementary Sunday School (Grades K-5) Fall Session – Rooms #1 & 2 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

This fall, our elementary kids will explore what it means to truly worship God—both in heart and action. We invite all children in grades K-5 to join Elijah McNeill for this meaningful and interactive learning experience.

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## THIS WEEK AT PARK ROAD PRESBYTERIAN

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Welcome to Park Road Pres! We are glad to have you with us today.

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<b>Sunday</b>	9:00, 11:15 AM	Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Sunday Classes
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 PM	PRYouth
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study on John (via Zoom) Contact Nate Dorn at ndorn1@gmail.com
	11:30 AM	SALT: Bingo
	6:30—7:25 PM	Contemporary Worship Team Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Christmas Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 AM	Women's Prayer Time via Zoom Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
	6:30 PM	ESL Classes Begin
<b>Saturday</b>	9-11 AM	Worship Team Group Practice
	9:30-11:30 AM	Women's Ministry: Bible Study Kick-off Event

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### **SALT Bingo | Wed., Sept. 10 | 11:30 AM**

Join the SALT group as they gather for Bingo! Bring your own snack and one wrapped slightly used “prize” per person. Please sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form if you plan to attend.

### **Women's Ministry Bible Study Kick-off Event | Sat., Sept. 13 | 9:30-11:30 AM**

All women are invited to join us for this **NEW** event where we will spend time together for fellowship & learn more about how we can practically engage personally in the Scriptures for Bible Study. You are not required to be in a Bible study to attend this event- all women are encouraged to come. Pastries & coffee will be provided. Let us know you're coming by signing up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form. Contact Alexa Cannella for questions! Childcare is provided.

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## UPCOMING at PARK ROAD

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### **Women's Bible Studies—1 & 2 Kings | Begins Week of Sept. 15th | 3 Different Days**

All women are invited to sign up for a Bible Study this fall! We will have 3 opportunities for Bible study: Monday evenings (in-person, 7:30), Tuesday evenings (online, 6:30), and Thursday mornings (in-person, 9:15). This is a great way to become more connected to the church & get to know other women in a smaller group setting. Please sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form. Questions? Contact our Women's Ministry Director, Alexa Cannella.

### **S.A.L.T. Movie: *Testament* | Wed., Sept. 17 | 11:30 AM | Library**

Join the S.A.L.T. group as they gather on Wednesday, Sept. 17th to watch the movie, *Testament*, a modern retelling of the Book of Acts, focusing on the beginnings of the early Church. Bring your own snack to enjoy. Sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form.

### **Cancer Support Group | Wed., Sept. 17 | 6:30-7:30 PM | Library**

This peer support group is for anyone affected by cancer. Join us on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm to share experiences and offer support, encouragement, and prayer. Any questions contact Joanne Gulum at jgulum007@aol.com

### **S.A.L.T. Pot Luck/Lunch & Learn | Wed., Sept. 24 | 11:30 AM | Fellowship Hall**

Join the S.A.L.T. group as they learn with speaker Mary Diaz covering the topic of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Please bring a salad to share.



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### **Moms Connect | Sat., Sept. 27 | 9:30—11:30 AM | Rec Room**

All moms are invited to join Meegan Dorn and Eva Fleming at the church in the Rec Room (2nd floor) for a time of prayer and fellowship. Moms of all different seasons of life are invited and childcare is provided.

### **SALT (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) Lunch Bunch | Sun., Sept. 28 | 1:00 pm**

Once a month on Sunday after the 11:15 AM service the SALT group goes out to lunch! Join them on September 28th at the Outback Steakhouse located at 1760 Stirling Road, Dania Beach, 33004.

### **The Bible Recap | Wed., Oct. 1 | 7:00-8:15 PM | Dottie's home**

The Bible Recap is starting the New Testament on October 1<sup>st</sup>. They will finish discussion of the Old Testament and begin discussing the New Testament, so it's a great time to join them. The study of the New Testament will go from October 1<sup>st</sup>— December 31<sup>st</sup>. For the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, please read Luke chapter 1 and John chapter 1, if you get a chance. The group meets at the home of Dottie Wobb, 5716 Polk St., Hollywood. Questions? Call Dottie at 954-649-7930.

### **Orchid:**

Today's orchid is given by Sylvia Mannino in celebration of her husband Paul's birthday. If you would like to purchase (\$30) an orchid for 2025 to be placed in the Sanctuary for a special occasion, fill out your request on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form.



# we're all TOGETHER

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strengthen  
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**Favorite song**  
**today was**

The most important thing you learned



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Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

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What are we learning about  
God from this passage?

