

September 27, 2026

A Reflection Before the Service

A tsunami of change is going to be hitting the church in North America in the next few years that will rearrange the church environment in ways unlike anything we've seen since the First Great Awakening. Some researchers say 30% of the churches in North America will close in the next 5 years. Some say as many as 50% of congregations will close.

—Mike Hill, “The Coming Tsunami” (Scott McKnight’s *Substack*, Aug. 28, 2026; **opening paragraph**; emph. added)

I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

—Jesus of Nazareth, *The Gospel According to Matthew* (Ch 16; v 18)

However, what gives me hope is knowing our culture is asking questions only the gospel can answer. Questions of identity, purpose, meaning and hope are all Jesus questions. Simply telling the story of Jesus and sharing his kingdom teachings are going to be the best way to reach our generation. After all, it’s been the best way to reach our world from the beginning.

The church will survive – even thrive – in the coming years. God always has a people. God always finds a way.

I hate that I’m 69. Watching the gospel flourish against all that will be thrown against it will be something to behold.

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The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship: *The One-Hundredth Psalm*

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth.

Serve the LORD with gladness;

Come before Him with joyful singing.

Know that the LORD Himself is God;

It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;

We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving

And His courts with praise.

Give thanks to Him, bless His Name.

For the LORD is good;

His lovingkindness is everlasting

And His faithfulness to all generations.

(Prayer)

The Opening Hymns of Praise

9:00 “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” (all 6 verses)

#353

“Come Thou Fount” (all 3 verses)

#457

11:15 “You are Holy (Prince of Peace)”

-Imboden, Rhoton

NOTE: Men sing bold print. (Women sing within parenthesis)

You are holy (You are holy)

You are mighty (You are mighty)

You are worthy (You are worthy)

Worthy of praise (worthy of praise)

I will follow (I will follow)

I will listen (I will listen)

I will love You (I will love You)

All of my days (all of my days)

I will sing to and wor - ship

(You are Lord of lords, You are King of kings)

The King who is worthy

(You are might - y God, Lord of ev'rything)

And I will love and a - dore Him

(You're Em - man - uel, You're the Great I Am)

And I will bow down be - fore Him

(You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb)

And I will sing to and wor - ship

(You're the liv - ing God, You're my sav - ing grace)

The King who is worthy

(You will reign forever You are Ancient of Days)

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And I will love and a - dore Him

(You are Al - pha, Omega, Be - gin - ning and End)

And I will bow down be - fore Him

(You're my Sav - ior, Messiah, Re - deemer, and Friend)

All: You're my Prince of Peace

And I will live my life for You

11:15 "Lamb"

Brown, Furtick, Hudson

You did not suffer for nothing when You shed Your blood
Every drop was on purpose, what amazing love

I will make my boast in Your cross alone, laying every crown at Your feet

**Lamb of God, worthy is the Lamb of God
Worthy is the Lamb of God, worthy is the Lamb**

And as You knelt in the garden, was I on Your mind?
What was the joy set before You? Was my heart Your prize?

I will make my boast in Your cross alone, laying every crown at Your feet

(Chorus 2x)

May the Lamb receive His reward in me
May the Lamb receive all the glory
(Repeat 2x)

(Chorus)

The Sacrament of Covenant Baptism (11:15AM)

Chris and Laura Ryle receive the promises of God in Christ on behalf
of their daughter, Kate Elizabeth, born 05/12/2026.

The Confession of Sin (aloud together):

Reader: Almighty Father; we enter Your presence confessing the things we try to
conceal from You and the things we try to hide from others.

People: We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that make it
difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to
do wrong, the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to fathom that
we are forgiven.

ALL: Lord have mercy and renew us through Jesus Christ, the Beloved. Amen.

(Silent confession)

Assurance of Grace and Pardon in Jesus Christ: *Romans 5.8-9*

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ
died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved
from the wrath of God through Him.*

The Prayers of God's Redeemed People:

God, our Father, we bow to You in the infinite relief of sins forgiven and peace with
God through the blood of Jesus Christ: **(silent prayer)**

We pray for the children and young people of this congregation; Lord Jesus welcome
them and bless them with the knowledge of God: **(silent prayer)**

Spirit of God, come and comfort the mourning and heal the brokenhearted; bring
beauty out of ashes and joy out of sorrow: **(silent prayer)**

We pray Lucas and Bobbilee Tanner and the work You are doing in *Reformed
University Fellowship at Florida Gulf Coast University*: **(silent prayer)**

The Declaration of Faith and Offering

(We use the Declaration of Faith and Offering to “preach to ourselves” the reason for our hope. The Christian’s confidence is in God’s truth and in God’s care. Because Park Road is a church for both convinced Christians and for people at different stages in their spiritual journey, we invite you to use this time and the musical reflection to think, pray, offer and consider what God is doing in your life.)

The Apostles’ Creed:*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell;

the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;

from thence He shall come to judge the quick * and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

the holy catholic church, **

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Response: The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be

World without end. Amen, Amen!

*Although not written by the apostles, the *Apostles’ Creed* is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century. *i.e. “living” ** ‘Catholic’ means international unlike the Old Testament Church which was a single nation.

9:00 “O Breath of God”

Getty, Madeira

O Breath of God come fill this place
Revive our hearts to know Your grace
And from our slumber make us rise
That we may know the risen Christ

O Word of God so clear and true
Renew our minds to trust in You
And give to us the Bread of Life
That we may know the risen Christ

O love of God so unrestrained
Refresh our souls in Jesus' Name
Let us reflect Your sacrifice
That we may know the risen Christ

11:15 “From Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)”

Miner

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,

O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,

And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support;

I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)

What though I wait the live-long night, and til the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might; it doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, Ye of the Spirit born indeed;

And wait til God appeareth (Wait til God appeareth)
And wait til God appeareth (Wait til God appeareth)

Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free

From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)

The Scripture Reading: *Nehemiah 1.1-2.10*

The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah. Now it happened in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, while I was in Susa the capitol, ² that Hanani, one of my brothers, and some men from Judah came; and I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped and had survived the captivity, and about Jerusalem. ³ They said to me, "The remnant there in the province who survived the captivity are in great distress and reproach, and the wall of Jerusalem is broken down and its gates are burned with fire."

⁴ When I heard these words, I sat down and wept and mourned for days; and I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven. ⁵ I said, "I beseech You, O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who preserves the covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments, ⁶ let Your ear now be attentive and Your eyes open to hear the prayer of Your servant which I am praying before You now, day and night, on behalf of the sons of Israel Your servants, confessing the sins of the sons of Israel which we have sinned against You; I and my father's house have sinned. ⁷ "We have acted very corruptly against You and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses. ⁸ "Remember the word which You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful I will scatter you among the peoples; ⁹ but if you return to Me and keep My commandments and do them, though those of you who have been scattered were in the most remote part of the heavens, I will gather them from there and will bring them to the place where I have chosen to cause My name to dwell.' ¹⁰ "They are Your servants and Your people whom You redeemed by Your great power and by Your strong hand.

¹¹ "O Lord, I beseech You, may Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant and the prayer of Your servants who delight to revere Your name, and make Your servant successful today and grant him compassion before this man." Now I was the cupbearer to the king.

And it came about in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, that wine was before him, and I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence. ² So the king said to me, "Why is your face sad though you are not sick? This is nothing but sadness of heart." Then I was very much afraid. ³ I said to the king, "Let the king live forever. Why should my face not be sad when the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, lies desolate and its gates have been consumed by fire?" ⁴ Then the king said to me, "What would you request?" So I prayed to the God of heaven. ⁵ I said to the king, "If it please the king, and if your servant has found favor before you, send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs,

that I may rebuild it." ⁶ Then the king said to me, the queen sitting beside him, "How long will your journey be, and when will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me, and I gave him a definite time. ⁷ And I said to the king, "If it please the king, let letters be given me for the governors of the provinces beyond the River, that they may allow me to pass through until I come to Judah, ⁸ and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress which is by the temple, for the wall of the city and for the house to which I will go." And the king granted them to me because the good hand of my God was on me. ⁹ Then I came to the governors of the provinces beyond the River and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent with me officers of the army and horsemen. ¹⁰ When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard about it, it was very displeasing to them that someone had come to seek the welfare of the sons of Israel.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be to God!

The Sermon

— T. J. Campo

Nehemiah | Not Just Another Brick in the Wall

The Prayer That Rocks the World

The Closing Hymn

9:00 “My Hope is Built” (all 4 verses)

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11:15 “Trust in God”

Lake, Brown, Wong, Furtik

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
He's been my fourth man in the fire, time after time
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood
And what He did for me on Calvary is more than enough

**I trust in God, my Savior. The one who will never fail
He will never fail**

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I know the author of tomorrow has ordered my steps
So this is my story and this is my song
I'm praising my risen King and Savior all the day long
(Chorus)

I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
That's why I trust Him, that's why I trust Him

I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
That's why I trust Him, that's why...

(Chorus)

I trust in God.

The Benediction and Amen

The Postlude

SUNDAYS at PARK ROAD

NEW SERMON SERIES STARTS TODAY

Nehemiah | Not Just Another Brick in the Wall

The *Book of Nehemiah* narrates the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem following the Babylonian Exile. The work was spiritually motivated but intensely physical in nature. The story helps answer questions about deliberate, intentional planning and leadership in the church and in our lives **while also** being led by God's Spirit. Is spontaneity and spiritual freedom compatible with strategy and organization? This fast-paced, divine-human adventure will aid us to discover liberated leadership and Spirit-led creativity in our lives, family, church and mission and more importantly shows the God who tells His people, "*Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are always before Me.*" (Isaiah 49.16)

Sept. 27—*The Prayer That Rocks the World*—Nehemiah 1.1-2.10

Oct. 4—*NOT Just Another Brick in the Wall*—Nehemiah 2.11-3.32

Oct. 11—*Haters*—Nehemiah 4.1-23

SUNDAY CLASSES | 10:10-11:05 AM

The Gospel-Centered Life | T. J. 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.

How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth | John Stevenson | Fellowship Hall

How can I read the Bible and understand it for myself? What about those difficult passages? Together we'll learn practical tools for interpreting Scripture in its historical and literary context, discover how different genres should be read, avoid common mistakes in interpretation, and see how every passage points us to Christ.

Elementary Sunday School (Grades K-5) | Rooms #1 & 2 (2nd floor)

Join Eliyah McNeill as she teaches through the book of Genesis this month.

THIS WEEK at PARK ROAD PRESBYTERIAN

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

Sunday	9:00, 11:15 AM	Worship Service
	10:10 AM	Sunday Class (Fellowship Hall)
	1:00 PM	SALT Lunch Bunch @ Disalvos
Monday	6:30-8:00 PM	Men's Bible Study Contact David King at ironaeus@aol.com
	7:15-9:00 PM	Women's In-person Bible Study (Rec Room) Contact Kristen at kescobar97@gmail.com
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Park Road Youth
	7:00-9:00 PM	Women's Online Bible Study Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
Wednesday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Online Bible Study Contact Nate Dorn at ndorn1@gmail.com
	7:30-8:30 PM	Christmas Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:00-11:00 AM	Women's In-person Bible Study Contact Grace at Grace@parkroadpres.org
	11:15 AM	Women's Prayer Time via Zoom Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
	6:30-8:30 PM	ESL Classes
Friday	4:00-6:00 PM	Sourdough Bread-making Demonstration

SALT (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) Lunch Bunch | 1:00 pm

Once a month on Sunday after the 11:15 AM service, the SALT group goes out to lunch! Join them today at DiSalvos Italian Restaurant located at 4190 N 46th Ave., Hwd., 33021.

Women's in-person Bible Study on Monday evenings has a new start time of 7:15 pm.

Women Connect: Sourdough Bread-Making Demonstration | Fri., Oct. 2 | 4-6 PM

Join us for a special afternoon of fellowship and learning as we explore the art of making sourdough bread! This will be **primarily a demonstration**, with some hands-on opportunities, where you'll watch the sourdough-making process, learn helpful techniques and tips, and have an opportunity to ask questions along the way. Childcare is available. **Today** is the last day to **RSVP** on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form.

LOOKING AHEAD at PARK ROAD PRESBYTERIAN

The Bible Recap—NT | Wed., Oct. 7 | 7:00-8:15 PM | Dottie's home

On October 7th, the group will begin discussing the New Testament, so it's a great time to join them. The study will go from Oct. 1st — Dec. 31st. For the Oct. 7th meeting, please read the Scripture passages assigned for Oct. 1-7. The group meets at the home of Dottie Wobb, 5716 A Polk St., Hollywood, 33021. Call Dottie at 954-649-7930 with questions.

Men's Retreat Scheduled for Thurs., Oct. 8—Sat., Oct. 10 in Naples, FL

The **Annual Men's Retreat** is approaching soon and registration has officially opened! This year's theme is Joshua and Pastor T.J. Campo will be the speaker. If you plan on attending, please register on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form. Questions? Feel free to contact Ronaldo at Ronaldo@parkroadpres.org

S.A.L.T. Lunch Gathering | Wed., Oct. 21 | 11:30 AM | Rendezvous Restaurant

Join the S.A.L.T. group as they gather for lunch on Wednesday, October 21st at Rendezvous Restaurant, located at 2525 Marina Bay Drive W, Fort Lauderdale, 33312.

Moms Connect | Sat., Oct. 24 | 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.

Longtime members Dave & Grace Cohn are relocating this week to Sun City, FL to be closer to their son. They joined St. Andrews in March of 1968 and were married here on September 14, 1968. We will miss you, Dave & Grace!

The love & concern of the congregation is extended to Barry & Margarete Carroll on the passing of their daughter, Christina, on September 23rd. If you wish to send them a sympathy card, their address is 5582 SW 112 Terrace, Cooper City, 33330.

Orchid: If you would like to purchase (\$30) an orchid for 2026 to be placed in the Sanctuary for a special occasion, fill out your request on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form.

