

October 4, 2026

A Reflection Before the Service

I've got to run to keep from hidin'
And I'm bound to keep on ridin'
I've got one more silver dollar

But I'm not gonna let 'em catch me, no
Not gonna let 'em catch the midnight rider

-- Gregg Allman and Robert Kim Payne, "Midnight Rider"
from the 1970 Allman Brothers album *Idlewild South*

Apathy can only be overcome by enthusiasm, and enthusiasm can only be aroused by two things, first an ideal which takes the imagination by storm, and second a definite intelligible plan for carrying that ideal out into practice.

-- Arnold Toynbee in George E. Vincent, "The Library and the Social Memory", *The Library Journal*, vol. 29, no. 11 (November 1904) p. 584

Nehemiah Wall-Builder Scavenger Hunt

Open your Bible to the book of Nehemiah and find each answer. Check the box when you find it!

- ☐ 1. **The king's helper.** Nehemiah 1:11. What was Nehemiah's job for the king? He was the king's _____.
- ☐ 2. **Sad news.** Nehemiah 1:4. When Nehemiah heard the walls of Jerusalem were broken, he sat down and _____. (Hint: he also prayed!)
- ☐ 3. **A quick prayer.** Nehemiah 2:4. Before answering the king, Nehemiah prayed to the God of _____.
- ☐ 4. **Secret inspection.** Nehemiah 2:15. Nehemiah went out to look at the broken wall at what time of day? _____
- ☐ 5. **Let's get building!** Nehemiah 2:18. The people said, "Let us rise up and _____."
- ☐ 6. **First gate.** Nehemiah 3:1. Which gate did the priests rebuild? The _____ Gate.
- ☐ 7. **Ready to work.** Nehemiah 4:6. The people had a mind to _____.
- ☐ 8. **Trouble ahead!** Nehemiah 4:9. Nehemiah's people prayed to God and then set up a _____ to watch.
- ☐ 9. **Done fast!** Nehemiah 6:15. How many days did it take to finish the wall? _____
- ☐ 10. **Celebrate!** Nehemiah 8:10. The joy of the LORD is your _____.

Bonus: listen during the service! Put a tally mark each time you hear one of these words: **wall | build | pray**

October

TODAY'S CHALLENGES: (if you choose to accept them)

- 1) Say hello to someone you've never talked to before!
- 2) Say "good job" to someone who played in the band today.
- 3) Give Pastor TJ a high five!



The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship: *The One-Hundred Fiftieth Psalm*

Praise the LORD!

Praise God in His sanctuary;

Praise Him in His mighty expanse.

Praise Him for His mighty deeds;

Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Praise Him with trumpet sound;

Praise Him with harp and lyre.

Praise Him with timbrel and dancing;

Praise Him with stringed instruments and pipe.

Praise Him with loud cymbals;

Praise Him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD!

(Prayer)

The Opening Hymns of Praise

9:00 “The Church’s One Foundation” (vv. 1-2, 4- 6) #347

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” (vv. 1-3, 5) #342

11:15 “Come Lord Jesus” 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

UPCOMING in NOVEMBER at PARK ROAD

The Bible Recap—NT | Wed., Nov. 4. 7 | 7:00-8:15 PM | Dottie’s home

This once-a-month Bible study group meets at the home of Dottie Wobb, 5716 A Polk St., Hollywood, 33021. Call Dottie at 954-649-7930 with questions.

S.A.L.T. Thanksgiving Brunch | Wed., Nov. 18 | 11:30 AM | Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish to share and a wrapped Bingo prize (\$5-10).

Thanksgiving Eve Service | Wed., Nov. 25 | 7:00 PM

Come praise God & give thanks for His grace to you this year. Communion will be offered.

Moms Connect | Sat., Nov. 28 | 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.

UPCOMING THIS MONTH at PARK ROAD

Women in Stitches | Mon., Oct. 5 | Rec Room

Welcome to all ladies who enjoy crochet, knitting, embroidery, hand sewing of any kind. Join us Monday, October 5 from 10am-12noon in the Rec Room upstairs. This group will meet the first Monday of every month. Bring whatever you are working on or just come for the fellowship!

Men's Retreat is This Week! Thurs. Oct. 8-Sat., Oct. 10 in Naples, FL

This year's theme is Joshua & Pasto T.J. will be the speaker. If you plan on attending, register on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form. Questions? Contact Ronaldo at Ronaldo@parkroadpres.org

Pumpkin Decorating Party! | Sat., Oct. 17 | 2-4 PM | Fellowship Hall

Pumpkins + fall treats + good friends = a perfect autumn afternoon!
Come anytime between **2-4 PM** to decorate a pumpkin, enjoy some delicious fall treats, and have fun with your church family.

Bring the whole family and invite a friend—we can't wait to see you!

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

Join the SALT group as they gather for lunch on Wednesday, October 21st at Rendezvous Restaurant, located at 2525 Marina Bay Drive W, Fort Lauderdale, 33312. Please sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form if you plan to attend.

Moms Connect | Sat., Oct. 24 | 9:30-1:30 AM Rec Room

All moms are invited to join Meegan Dorn & 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 | 1:00 pm

Once a month on Sunday after the 11:15 AM service the SALT group goes out to lunch! Join them on Sunday, October 25 at Millers Ale House located at 3215 Oakwood Blvd., Hollywood, 33020.

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.

11:15 “Better is One Day”

Redman

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty
For My soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

**Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere**
(Repeat Chorus)

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells
(Repeat)

(Chorus)

My heart and flesh cry out
For You, the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You

(Chorus)

The Sacrament of Covenant Baptism (9:00 Service)

Facundo Tabaré Cáceres is baptized upon his profession of faith in Christ alone and Facundo and Amanda Cáceres receive the promises of God on behalf of their son, Isaac Daniel Cáceres, born May 28, 2026, as he is baptized into the Body of Christ.

Responding to God’s Word In Prayer: The Twenty-third Psalm

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His Name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Father, we confess that we often live as if we have no Shepherd leading and guiding us. On this Day, Your rod and staff have drawn us back to You: **(Silence)**

We praise and thank You for the Table spread before us on this Day of rest when we once again receive salvation from our guilt and our enemies: **(Silence)**

We pray for those who walk through the valley of the shadow of death, disease, discouragement and despair; anoint them with the oil of Your Spirit: **(Silence)**

For the Nate and Erin Taylor family in Glasgow, Scotland, Lord make their cup overflow that they might dispense Your goodness and mercy with joy and boldness: **(Silence)**

And now we pray as Christ, our Good Shepherd, granted us to pray, saying:

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
 On earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THIS WEEK at PARK ROAD

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	All-Church Sunday Class (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	10:00 AM – Noon	Women in Stitches (Rec Room)
	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
	7:00-8:15 PM	Women’s in-person Bible Study (Dottie’s home)
	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
Thurs-Sat		Men’s Retreat

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.

SUNDAYS at PARK ROAD

SERMON SERIES

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)

Oct. 4—*Not Just a Brick in the Wall*—Nehemiah 2.11-3.32

Oct. 11—*Haters*—Nehemiah 4.1-23

Oct. 18—*When the Enemy Is Us*—Nehemiah 5.1-19

SUNDAY CLASSES | 10:10-11:05 AM

All Church Sunday School | Fellowship Hall

Join us for hot coffee, delicious pastries, and great community. Tables will be equipped with sample ice breakers to get us talking OR your table may decide to "freestyle" and just chat. This is a great opportunity to connect with new friends and families at Park Road. Nursery care is available for children 3 and younger. We encourage your children to join you for our Combined Sunday Class.

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.**

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.**

*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 “Jude Doxology (Jude 1.24-25)”

Smith

To Him who is able to keep you from falling
To present you before His glorious presence
To Him who is able to keep you from falling
To present you before His glorious presence
Without fault and with great joy
Without fault and with great joy

(2x) To the only God our Savior be glory
To the only God our Savior
Be majesty and authority
Be glory in honor and power
Through Jesus Christ our Lord
Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Before all ages now and forevermore

Amen, amen!
Amen, amen!
Amen, amen!

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 “We are God’s People” (vv. 3 –4)

#355

11:15 “Jesus My Great High Priest” (v2 to end)

Watts/Barnes

The Benediction and Amen

The Postlude

The Hymn of Preparation

11:15 “Have Your Way”

Pardo, Hulse, Nichole

9:00 “We Are God’s People” (vv. 1-2) #355

11:15 “Jesus My Great High Priest” (v.1 + Chorus) Watts/Barnes

1. Jesus, my great High Priest, offered His blood and died, offered His blood and died;
My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside, no sacrifice beside.
(repeat verse)

His pow’rful blood did once atone, and now it pleads before the throne,
His pow’rful blood did once atone, and now it pleads before the throne.

2. To this dear Surety’s hand will I commit my cause, will I commit my cause;
He answers and fulfills His Father’s broken laws, His Father’s broken laws.

Behold my soul at freedom set; my Surety paid the dreadful debt,
Behold my soul at freedom set; my Surety paid the dreadful debt.

(Women sing/men repeat):
My Advocate appears for my defense on high, for my defense on high;
The Father bows His ears and lays His thunder by and lays His thunder by.

Not all that hell or sin can say shall turn His heart, His love away,
(repeat 3 times)

I've crawled through the valley of the shadow of death
And somehow I walked out alive
I've run from my Father I've run back again
Time after time, after time

One thing I have found I rise, when I lay it down

Lord, have Your way in my life
In my heart, in my soul, in my mind
Lord, have Your way every time
'Cause I know that Your plans are better than mine
I lift up my hands, and I fall on my knees, surrendering all
Singing Lord, have Your way in me

Your blessings fall on me like rain on a garden
I sink in an ocean of grace
How kind are Your mercies
How faithful Your heart is

You hold my tomorrow today

(Chorus)

Lord, let Your kingdom come. Lord, let Your will be done.
Jesus, You're all I want. Jesus, You're more than enough.
You're more than enough

(Chorus)

Oh, Lord have Your way in me
Lord, have Your way
Lord, have Your way in me

The Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 2.11 —3.5

So I came to Jerusalem and was there three days. ¹² And I arose in the night, I and a few men with me. I did not tell anyone what my God was putting into my mind to do for Jerusalem and there was no animal with me except the animal on which I was riding. ¹³ So I went out at night by the Valley Gate in the direction of the Dragon's Well and on to the Refuse Gate, inspecting the walls of Jerusalem which were broken down and its gates which were consumed by fire. ¹⁴ Then I passed on to the Fountain Gate and the King's Pool, but there was no place for my mount to pass. ¹⁵ So I went up at night by the ravine and inspected the wall. Then I entered the Valley Gate again and returned. ¹⁶ The officials did not know where I had gone or what I had done; nor had I as yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials or the rest who did the work.

¹⁷ Then I said to them, "You see the bad situation we are in, that Jerusalem is desolate and its gates burned by fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem so that we will no longer be a reproach." ¹⁸ I told them how the hand of my God had been favorable to me and also about the king's words which he had spoken to me. Then they said, "Let us arise and build." So they put their hands to the good work. ¹⁹ But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard it, they mocked us and despised us and said, "What is this thing you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?" ²⁰ So I answered them and said to them, "The God of heaven will give us success; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no portion, right or memorial in Jerusalem."

***CH 3** Then Eliashib the high priest arose with his brothers the priests and built the Sheep Gate; they consecrated it and hung its doors. They consecrated the wall to the Tower of the Hundred and the Tower of Hananel. ² Next to him the men of Jericho built, and next to them Zaccur the son of Imri built.*

³ Now the sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate; they laid its beams and hung its doors with its bolts and bars. ⁴ Next to them Meremoth the son of Uriah the son of Hakkoz made repairs. And next to him Meshullam the son of Berechiah the son of Meshezabel made repairs. And next to him Zadok the son of Baana also made repairs. ⁵ Moreover, next to him the Tekoites made repairs, but their nobles did not support the work of their masters.

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks Be to God!

The Sermon

— T. J. Campo

Nehemiah | Not Just Another Brick in the Wall

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