

*"Christianity
is the only
major religion
to have as
its central
event the
humiliation
of its
God."*

Bruce L. Shelley
Church History in Plain Language

PARK CITIES
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 16, 2001

Order for the Worship of God

December 16, 2001

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The Christian Year: Third Sunday in Advent

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.

Prelude

"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"

arr. Stephenson

Handbell Choir; Colin Howland, *Director*

Call to Worship

The Rev. Joseph Ryan

Minister: You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8.9

People: **To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen!** Revelation 1.5-6

*Hymn of Adoration

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

AURELIA

text: James Montgomery, 1821,
based on Psalm 27

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in His sight.

O'er every foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blessed;
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever—that name to us is Love.

*Prayer of Adoration

*The Creed

from the Council of Chalcedon (451 AD)

We confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, perfect in Godhead and perfect in manhood, truly God and truly man, begotten before all ages of the Father, according to the Godhead; and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the virgin Mary, to be acknowledged in two natures, inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably, but one and the same Son, the Only-begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ; as the prophets from the beginning have declared concerning Him, and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself has taught us.

***Hymn of Praise** "Thou Who Was Rich beyond all Splendor" *QUELLEESTCETTE*
text: Frank Houghton, 1894-1972

Singing:

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor;
Thrones for a manger didst surrender, sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor.

Minister: Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

People: And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2.9-11

Singing:

Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man;
 Stooping so low, but sinners raising, heav'nward by Thine eternal plan.
 Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man.

Minister: Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,

People: So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11

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Singing:

Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship Thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what Thou wouldst have us be.
Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship Thee.

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Rev. Tim Tinsley 9:30
Dr. Ryan

9:30

Paul Carrington Lee III
Elizabeth Grace Chandler
Walker Poston Dame
Tyler Call Verlanic
Daniel Karch Verlanic
Audrey Elizabeth Wells

11:00

Katie Marie Gittemeier
Lily Catherine Hill
Sarah Grace Krog

Prayer for the Families/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Bryan Keyes, *Session Elder* 9:30
Mr. Arthur Wood, *Shepherding Elder* 11:00

Musical Offering

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

HEARN

Jesus, Name above all names,
Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Jesus, our Intercessor,
Promised Messiah, Bread of Life.
The giver of Living Water,
Mighty Baptizer, Son of God.

"There Shall a Star from Jacob"

F. Mendelssohn

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: We are the body of Christ; in one Spirit we were all baptized in one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

The Service of Friendship

If you are seated on the left end of the pew, please take the Service of Friendship pad, fill out the information and pass it down. When it arrives at the other end of the pew, pass it back, taking note of those who are seated in your row.

***The Scripture Reading**

Luke 2.8-11

The Morning Sermon "Veiled in Flesh the Godhead See"

Dr. Ryan

***Closing Hymn No. 171** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

***Benediction**

Minister: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN!**

Postlude

"Toccata on *Veni Emmanuel*"

Andrew Carter

If you desire to know more about Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate on Christmas, or wish prayer for any reason, please come to the Parlor (Room 205) located next to the Information Center, following the worship service where Elders and Prayer Leaders will be available to pray with you.

Do you have a question about PCPC or want to find a Sunday School Community? Following each service, please come to the Information Center located in the south hallway of the building adjacent to the sanctuary. "Ask Me" volunteers are also available at every entrance to assist you.

The flowers in our worship services this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Myrna Little on her birthday with love and admiration by her children and grandchildren.

***The Congregation stands.**

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Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.