

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
December 8, 2002
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

The Christian Year: Third Sunday before the Incarnation

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.

Please program all communication devices to silent mode. Thank you.

Prelude

Mr. Colin Howland, *Organ*

Call to Worship

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

arr. V. Wright

Carol Choir

text: Charles Wesley

Rachel Duke and Kaitlin O'Hearn, *Handbells*

Charlotte Ball, *Director*; Lynda Fray, *Piano*

***Hymn of Adoration No. 198** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!"

TRURO

Stanzas: 1, 2, 4 and 6

***Prayer of Adoration**

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Ryan

***Hymn No. 230** "Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor"

QUELLEESTCETTE

***Responsive Reading**

Isaiah 53.1-10

Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? **For He grew up before Him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him.** He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. **Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.** He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; like a lamb that is led to the

slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. **By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?** And they made His grave with the wicked and with a rich man in His death, although He had done no violence, and there was no deceit in His mouth. **Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush Him; He has put Him to grief; when His soul makes an offering for sin, He shall see His offspring; He shall prolong His days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.**

***A Doxology**

ODE TO JOY

Let the voice of all creation earth and heaven's triumphant host,
Praise the God of our salvation, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
See the heavenly elders casting golden crowns before His throne!
Alleluias everlasting be to Him, and Him alone.

Public Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful God; We acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; that we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; and that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We beseech You, O God, to forgive what we have been, to help us to amend what we are, and of Your mercy to direct what we shall be; so that we may hereafter walk in the way of Your commandments, and do those things which are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Private Confession

Song of Adoration No. 197 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"
Stanzas: 1 and 4

THIRSTING

Promise of the Gospel

*Hear the promise of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ:
And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and
live in righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed* *1 Peter 2.24*

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

The Rev. David Rea 9:30
The Rev. Elliott Greene 11:00

Musical Offering

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

13th Century Plain Song
arr. Chenoweth

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be; He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He of things that are, that have been and that future years shall see evermore and evermore! Of that birth forever blessed when the virgin, full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving bare the Saviour of our race; and the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed His sacred face evermore and evermore! O ye heights of heav'n adore Him: Angel hosts His praises sing; powers, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring. Alleluia! Thee let old men, Thee let young men, Thee let boys in chorus sing; matrons, virgins,

Park Cities Presbyterian Church
Stewardship Update
December 8, 2002

To: The Congregation
From: The Finance Committee of PCPC

- In January 2002, we were \$880,000 behind what had been budgeted for contributions during Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 on a \$10.2 million budget for fiscal 2002.
- In March 2002, the Session authorized the executive pastor to reduce expenditures for FY 2002 by \$600,000, reducing the budget from \$10.2 million to \$9.6 million.
- Based upon expected contributions of \$9.6 million in FY 2002, the Diaconate and Session approved, in June 2002, a proposed budget of \$10 million for FY 2003.
- Expenditures were reduced to slightly over \$9.4 million for FY 2002.
- After the congregation was informed in May and June 2002 of the implications of not making the original \$10.2 million budget, contributions increased, and we ended FY 2002 with total contributions of slightly over \$10.3 million, resulting in a budget surplus of approximately \$910,000.
- For this blessing, we praise God and give thanks to the members of the congregation who gave sacrificially.
- In light of the year-end results for FY 2002, the Diaconate and Session took two actions:
 - First, the church officers designated spending over 71% of the FY 2002 budget surplus (\$647,773) for missions and evangelism. This money will be spent to support ministries outside PCPC. The balance of the surplus was designated for specific capital expenditures at the church.
 - Second, the Diaconate and Session also amended the FY 2003 budget from \$10 million to \$10.8 million, believing in faith that, based upon the giving of the congregation as a whole at the end of FY 2002, God wanted PCPC to continue and expand her ministries, as communicated by Skip to the congregation in May and June 2002.
- During this same period (Fall-Winter, 2001-02) PCPC conducted a Capital Campaign for \$15.5 million pledged over a three year period. The Lord enabled the church to reach this goal.
- Based on giving patterns in recent years, the church receives approximately 34% of its contributions in December. This means that we need to receive slightly more than \$3.5 million this month, which is \$716,908 for each of the five Sundays in December this year. Last week, we received \$137,511, which is severely short of our goal.
- The bottom line difference between the FY 2003 budget to date and actual contributions received to date is a deficit of \$630,898.

With thanks to the Lord, who provides "more abundantly than we can ask or think." Joe Abbate, Chairman of the Finance Committee