

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
December 15, 2002
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

The Christian Year: Second 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 "Savior of the Nations, Come" *arr. Cathy Mocklebust*
Handbell Choir; Colin Howland, *Director*

Call to Worship The Rev. Joseph Ryan

Minister: And again, when He brings the firstborn into the world, He says,
"Let all God's angels worship Him." Hebrews 1.6

People: **Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"** Revelation 5.11-12

***Hymn of Adoration No. 218** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" REGENTSQUARE

***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, unconfusedly, 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.

Public Confession of Sin

O Lord, my every sense, member, faculty, affection, is a snare to me. I can scarce open my eyes but I envy those above me, or despise those below. I covet the honor and riches of the mighty, and am proud and unmerciful to the rags of others. Am I comely? What fuel for pride! Am I gifted? How I lust after applause! Am I unlearned? How I despise what I have not! You know that all these are snares by my corruptions, and that my greatest snare is myself. Keep me ever mindful of my natural state, but let me not forget my heavenly title, or the grace that can deal with every sin.

Private Confession

Song of Praise

"Courante"
Marisa Dillahunty, *Harp*

Anthoine Francisque

Promise of the Gospel

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgression to the Lord"; and You did forgive the guilt of my sin. Psalm 32.5

The Sacrament of Baptism

9:30

Cooper Durham Feagans
Mary Frances Fleming
Henry Kihneman Fleming
Jonathan Avery LaMotte
Elizabeth Carroll Newsom
Knox Allen Wagoner

11:00

Jonathan Hoyt Dillahunty
Claire Marie Dillahunty
Paul Samuel Dillahunty
Samuel Wyatt Queal
Cristian Alexander Vasquez
Pressley McCord Wilson

Prayer for the Families/Offertory Prayer

Mr. David Newman, *Session Elder 9:30*
Mr. Irv Queal, *Shepherding Elder 11:00*

Musical Offering: Isaiah 40.5

Charlotte Ball, *Soprano*; The Chancel Choir

G. F. Handel

*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 2.8-14

Mr. Newman 9:30

Mr. Queal 11:00

The Morning Sermon THE FOUR SONGS OF CHRISTMAS

Dr. Ryan

"The Angels' Song"

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" Luke 2.14

***Closing Hymn No. 203** "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

"Postlude on *Mendelssohn*"
Mr. Howland

David Willcocks

Prayer

If you have a desire or a need to pray with someone in confidence for any reason, please come to the Parlor (Room 205 next to the information desk) following the worship service where Elders and Prayer Leaders will be available to pray with you.

***The Congregation stands.**

(CCLI: #364068)

Please join us every Sunday in Fellowship Hall following each worship service for fellowship and refreshments!

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

***Messiah*Sing-Along**

**Tonight at 7:00 pm
in the sanctuary**

A non-perishable food item is your price of admission!

For those who want to sing along, *Messiah* scores will be available for purchase in the south foyer, or bring your own!

**Park Cities Presbyterian Church
Stewardship Update
December 15, 2002**

To: The Congregation

From: The Finance Committee of PCPC

- The Diaconate and the Session increased the Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 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 Ryan to the congregation in May and June 2002.
- The increased budget was adopted by the Diaconate and the Session with the understanding that if we have not reached our revenue goals by December 31, then \$400,692 of the \$10.8 million budget would remain uncommitted and would not be spent, subject to further review and approval by the Finance Committee, the Diaconate and the Session. We need to collect \$3,345,899 during the remaining days of December in order to reach our revenue goals.
- The \$400,692 in uncommitted funds includes increased or new funding for the following ministries and initiatives:
 - ◆ Young Couples Ministry
 - ◆ Disciplemaking Ministry
 - ◆ Missions and Outreach
 - ◆ Childcare for Women's Ministries
 - ◆ Good Samaritan Fund
 - ◆ Westminster Theological Seminary
 - ◆ Care Cluster Ministry

The funding for these ministries and initiatives is hanging in the balance. Please pray that God will continue to transform our hearts and cause us to give sacrificially so that these vital ministries and initiatives will be supported.