

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
December 22, 2002
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

The Christian Year: First 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.

Preparation for Worship "Noel Grand Jeu et Duo" *D'Aquin*
Mr. Colin Howland, *Organ*

Call to Worship The Rev. Joseph Ryan

Minister: When He brings the firstborn into the world, He says, "And let all the angels of God worship Him." Hebrews 1.6

People: **And I heard the voice of many angels around the throne...saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."** Revelation 5.11-12

All: *(singing)* "O Come let us adore Him . . ."

***Carol of Adoration No. 208** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Confession of Faith** Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 8.2, 5

The Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, is the eternal God, one in substance and equality with the Father. At the right time, He took on Himself human nature with all its essential character and common weaknesses, yet He remained sinless. Consequently, He is authentically God and authentically human, but one Christ, the only mediator between God and humanity, who by His perfect obedience and sacrifice of Himself, has fully satisfied the justice of His Father; and purchased, not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for you and all those whom the Father has given unto Him.

Public Confession of Sin

Lord God, living and true, You are infinite, eternal and unchangeable. You are most wise, powerful, holy, just, good and true; terrible in Your judgments, hating all sin and punishing all the guilty. Every one of our sins, being a transgression of Your righteous law, brings guilt upon us, binds us over to Your wrath, the curse of the law, and makes us subject to death, with all miseries spiritual, temporal and eternal. Have mercy upon us for the sake of Your Son.

Silent Confession

Song of Praise

"The Servant King"

G. Kendrick

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

The Rev. Tim Tinsley 9:30
The Rev. Ron Williams 11:00

Musical Offering: Isaiah 40.5 "And the Glory of the Lord"

G. F. Handel

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men! 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.

Recognition of New Members

The Sacrament of Baptism

9:30

Idalia Soria

Benjamin Alexander Briggs

11:00

Ounheuang Khaine

Souphy Bounthavy

Cindy Bounthavy

Souphany Khamvongsa

Taikhom Sengchanthaphet

Somying Sribounheuang

***Scripture Reading**

Luke 2.25-35

Mr. Fred Skidmore 9:30
Deacon

Dr. John Denman 11:00
Shepherding Elder

The Morning Sermon THE FOUR SONGS OF CHRISTMAS
"Simeon's Song"

Dr. Ryan

***Closing Carol No. 226** "As with Gladness Men of Old"

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***Benediction**

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace.

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

Postlude

"In Dulci Jubilo"
Mr. Howland

J. S. Bach

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.

MINISTERS

The members of this church family who, in serving their Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, extend His Kingdom in Dallas and to the world.

Christmas Eve Services

5:00 pm Family Service
11:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

TEACHING ELDERS

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