

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
December 29, 2002
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

The Christian Year: First Sunday after 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 "Greensleeves" R. V. Williams
Rob Mowrey, Viola; Hannah Mowrey, Piano

Call to Worship The Rev. Joseph Ryan

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

People: **In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.** 1 John 4.10

***Carol No. 211** "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" GOD REST YOU MERRY

***Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer**

***Hymn No. 207** "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" IN DULCI JUBILO

***Confession of Faith** Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 8.3

Uniting His human nature with His divine nature, the Lord Jesus was made completely holy and set apart by the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus had all the resources of knowledge and understanding. It pleased the Father for Jesus to be perfect in His spiritual nature. By being holy, harmless, undefiled and filled with grace and truth, He would be thoroughly equipped to execute the role of a mediator and guarantor. Jesus did not assume this role. Rather, it was assigned to Him by His Father who gave all of the strength and decisiveness to Jesus and directed Him to fulfill His task.

All out of darkness we have light which made the angels sing that night;
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"Glory to God and peace to men, now and forevermore." Amen.

Public Confession

O Lord, I praise You continually for permission to approach Your throne of grace, and to spread my wants and desires before You. I am not worthy of Your blessings and mercies for I am far gone from original righteousness; my depraved nature reveals itself in disobedience and rebellion; my early days discovered in me discontent, pride, envy, revenge. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor the multiplied transgressions of later years, my failure to improve time and talents, my abuse of mercies and means, my long neglect of Your great salvation, my disregard of the Friend of sinners. While I confess my guilt, help me to feel it deeply, with self-aborrence and self-despair, yet to remember there is hope in You, and to see the Lamb that takes away sin.

Silent Confession

Promise of the Gospel

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. *I Timothy 1.15*

Musical Meditation

"Carol"

R. V. Williams

Mr. Mowrey and Miss Mowrey

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Lee Bridgeman 9:30

Michael Funderburk 11:00

Musical Offering

"He Shall Feed His Flock"

G. F. Handel

Fannell Griffin and Libby Ferguson

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Isaiah 9.6
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.

