

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

 $We stminster\ Confession\ of\ Faith,\ Chapter\ 8.3$

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.

*A Doxology SUSSEX CAROL

All out of darkness we have light which made the angels sing that night; All out of darkness we have light which made the angels sing that night: "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-abhorrence 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" Mr. Mowrey and Miss Mowrey R. V. Williams

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Lee Bridgeman 9:30 Michael Funderburk 11:00

Musical Offering

"He Shall Feed His Flock" Fannell Griffin and Libby Ferguson G. F. Handel

*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.

Mark Marynick 9:30 Jenny Hankinson 11:00

The Morning Sermon

"The Dragon, the Woman and the Child"

The Rev. Tim Tinsley

*Closing Hymn No. 195 "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

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*Benediction

Minister: To God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings, and Lord of

lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To Him be honor and

might forever! I Timothy 6.15-16

People: THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN!

Postlude "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" *M. Roberts*Colin Howland, *Organ*

If you desire to know more about Jesus Christ, 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 loving memory of Thomas Kinder Farris, exceptional father, father-in-law and grandfather, by Elizabeth, Ernie, Alexandra and Audrey Figari.

*The Congregation stands.

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There will be a Congregational Meeting this morning at 10:40 am in the sanctuary for the purpose of electing Deacons.