

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
November 30, 2003
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

The Christian Year: First Sunday of Advent

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 turn off all communication devices.

Prelude

Dr. William Hanson, Organ

Call to Worship

The Rev. Mark Davis

Minister: I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise;

People: I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your Word.

Psalm 138.1-2

***Hymn of Adoration No. 715 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"**

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

***Prayer of Adoration**

Bryan Newman

concluding with

Most high and mighty Ruler of the universe, by whom our nation has been established in freedom and preserved in union: We thank You for Your favor shown to our fathers, and Your faithfulness continued to their children; for the fidelity of men set in authority, and the peace maintained by righteous laws; for protection from outward dangers, and deliverance from inward strife; for an honorable place among the nations, and the opportunity of increasing service to the world. We give You glory, and praise, and thanksgiving, from generation to generation. Amen.

***Song of Praise No. 363**

"We Gather Together"

KREMSEER

***The Apostles' Creed**

Daniel Foose

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise No. 710**

"God of Our Fathers"
Stanzas: 1 and 4

NATIONAL HYMN

Public Confession of Sin

The Rev. Joseph Ryan

Our Father, although You are a holy God who cannot look upon sin, look upon Christ our Savior and forgive us for His sake. You have promised us that if we confess our sins, You are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We ask also that You would give us an increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, so that we may learn the wisdom of Your ways and walk in Your holy paths, for Your glory and the good of our neighbor.

Private Confession

Promise of the Gospel

Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5.1

Prayer for Christ's Church and the World

Sarah Denton
Jay Denton

Musical Offering: Isaiah 40.4, 5 "Every Valley"

John N. Beck

Ev're valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry mountain made low; and the crooked made straight and the rough places plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Amen.

***Greeting of Peace**

Brian Zerangue

Leader: Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Colossians 3.15

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

James 2.8-13

Hayley Whitcomb

The Morning Sermon

"The Royal Law"

Dr. Ryan

*If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture,
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.
James 2.8*

*Closing Hymn No. 355

"We Are God's People"

SYMPHONY

*The Benediction

Minister: The Lord make you increase and abound in love toward one another and toward all men, even as we do toward you. To the end He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before God our Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN!

Postlude

Dr. Hanson

Personal Prayer and Counsel

Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:7

In these difficult times everyone struggles with sometimes overwhelming concerns. Give us the privilege of praying with you in complete confidence after any Sunday morning service. Meet with Elders and other prayer leaders in the Parlor (Room 205, next to the information desk) and let us pray for your needs. Our prayer leadership earnestly desires to come alongside you in prayer.

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. 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 by Carolyn and Stephen Nielson in loving memory of her sister, Karin Crismier Padilla on the occasion of her birthday.

*The Congregation stands.

**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.

PCPC MISSIONARIES

Seima and Naoko Aoyagi	Japan
Doug and Jeanie Birdsall	U.S. Based/Japan
Bill and Ann Bivin	Panama
Rick and Pam Box	Mexico
Dawn Brady	Ukraine
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Keith and Ruth Powlison	Peru
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Michael Sides	Japan
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