

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
December 7, 2003
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

The Christian Year: Second 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.

Call to Worship

Pre-School and Elementary Children:

Luke 2.8-14

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a Baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"

Jeff LaFayette, *Leader*

Carol Choir:

M. Bedford

Christ is born! Sing noel! Lying in a manger small, nestled in a cattle stall, Mary, Joseph standing near, nothing shall He fear. Angels sing of Jesus' birth, bringing news to all the earth; shepherds worship and adore, praise His name forevermore!

Judy Peacock, *Director*, Rachel Duke, *Piano*,
Kaitlin O'Hearn and Haden Duke, *Handbells*

*Hymn of Adoration No. 196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

*Prayer of Adoration

The Rev. Joseph Ryan

*Carol of Praise No. 214 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

***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.

***A Doxology**

"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

ANTIOCH

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders and wonders of His love.

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 No. 193 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

PICARDY

Comfort and Promise of the Gospel

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

Ephesians 2.8, 9

Prayer for Christ's Church and the World

Dr. Pete Deison 9:30

The Rev. Elliott Greene 11:00

Musical Offering "Thanks Be to God" from *A Ceremony of Carols*

B. Britten

Laura Logan, Harp

Deo gracias! Deo gracias! Adam lay i-bounden, bounden in a bond; four thousand winter thought he not too long. Deo gracias! Deo gracias! And all was for an appil, an appil that he took, as clerkes finden written in their book. Nay had the appil taken been, Nay had never our lady been havene-y saint. Blessed be the time that appil taken was. Therefore we must singen, Deo gracias!

*This little Babe so few days old, is come to rifle Satan's fold;
All hell doth at His presence quake, though He Himself for cold do shake;
For in this weak unarmed wise the gates of hell He will surprise.
With tears He fights and wins the field, His naked breast stands for a shield;
His battering shots are babish cries, His arrows looks of weeping eyes,
His martial ensigns cold and need, and feeble flesh His warrior's steed.
His camp is pitched in a stall, His bulwark but a broken wall;
The crib His trench, haystacks His stakes; of shepherds He His muster makes;
And thus, as sure His foe to wound, the angels' trumps alarum sound.
My soul, with Christ join thou in fight; stick to the tents that He hath pight.
Within His crib is surest ward; this little Babe will be thy guard.
If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy, then flit not from this heavenly Boy.*

*Greeting of Peace

Minister: 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

Recognition of New Members

Sacrament of Baptism

9:30

Kelly Karen Louise Hudson Thompson

11:00

Fred Alex Mutalibov

*The Scripture Reading James 2.14-26; Matthew 7.17-21 Lynn Carpenter

The Morning Sermon "Faith and Works" Dr. Ryan

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? —James 2.14

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 16

1. The good works of faith come only from what God commands in His holy Word. Behavior contrived by human tradition is not warranted as the good works of faith whether done out of senseless zeal or even through the pretense of good intention.

2. These good works of faith, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the resultant fruits and encouraging evidences of a true and living faith. By good works of faith, we declare and make known our thankfulness to God, strengthen our assurance in God's covenant, educate and build our brothers and sisters in the faith, demonstrate the concrete realities of our professed faith in the good news of Christ, stop the accusing mouths of our enemies, and finally, reveal the real glory of God. All of this makes clear who really works within us. Created in Christ Jesus for the good works of faith, believers come to mature holiness. Thus, we gain our desire of eternal life.

***Closing Hymn**

"Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Holy Way"

OLD HUNDREDETH

Teach me, O Lord, Thy holy way, and give me an obedient mind;
That in Thy service I may find my soul's delight from day to day.

Bless me in ev'ry task, O Lord, begun, continued, done for Thee;
Fulfil Thy perfect work in me; and Thine abounding grace afford.

***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

Mr. Colin Howland, Organ

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 Congregation stands.**

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

A Service of *Lessons and Carols*

Chancel Choir, High School Ensemble,
Covenant Choir, Chapel Choir, Handbells
Festival Brass of Dallas

next Sunday

December 14 7:00 pm

in the Sanctuary