

# PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
December 14, 2003  
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

*The Christian Year: Third 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.*

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*Please turn off all communication devices. Thank you.*

**Preparation for Worship**

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*

**Musical Offering**

"Lowly Bethlehem"  
High School and Chancel Choirs

Russell Nagy

*Lowly town, Bethlehem, humble village of David. Holy town, Bethlehem, bless the Child born to you. Poor and small, Bethlehem, in the portion of Judah, least of all, Bethlehem, yet our Lord comes to You. So with the angels we sing Hallelujah! And warmly welcome our King, the only Son of God above. So with the angels we sing Hallelujah! and warmly welcome our King, true image of our Father's love. O Lion of Judah, asleep in a stable, the peace of all nations there resting in You. O Lion of Judah, asleep in a stable, the hopes of all nations are vested in You. Here You set aside Your majesty, taking on a servant's form, heir to flesh and death's indignity, wrapped in rags to keep You warm. Though no comforts were afforded You, with no place to lay Your head, though no glories were accorded You, Jesus, you are Lord of all, one Lord of all. Gloria in excelsis! Gloria, God Most High! Lowly town, Bethlehem, humble village of David. Least of all, Bethlehem, yet our Lord comes to you.*

**\*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.*

**\*Scripture Reading**

John 1.14-18

Cheryl H. Bugg

**The Morning Sermon** "What Does God Look Like?"

Dr. Ryan

*"We have seen His glory. . . . No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known." —John 1.14, 18*

**\*Closing Carol No. 203** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

**\*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**

Mr. Howland

## 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 and in honor and appreciation for all those who serve in the music ministry at PCPC.*

*\*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.**

## 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.

### **A Service of *Lessons and Carols***

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

*tonight at*

**7:00 pm**

*in the Sanctuary*