

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

January 4, 2004

9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

The Christian Year: Epiphany

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. Thank you.

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Mr. Robert Rucker

Minister: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Psalm 95.6, 7

People: **Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You did create all things, and because of Your will they existed and were created.** Revelation 4.11

*Hymn of Praise No. 420 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer Mr. Rucker

*The Larger Catechism

Minister: How did Christ humble Himself in His conception and birth?
People: **Christ humbled Himself in His conception and birth, in that, being from all eternity the Son of God, in the bosom of the Father, He was pleased in the fullness of time to become the Son of Man, made of a woman of low estate, and to be born of her; with divers circumstances of more than ordinary abasement.**

*Isaiah 9.2, 6-7 HAMBURG

(all singing)

The lands that long in darkness lay now have beheld a heav'nly light;
Nations that sat in death's cold shade are bless'd with beams divinely bright.

This infant is the mighty God, come to be suckled and adored;
Th' eternal Father, Prince of Peace, the Son of David, and his Lord.

Jesus, the holy Child, shall sit high on His father David's throne;
Shall crush His foes beneath His feet, and reign to ages yet unknown.

Silent Praise and Thanksgiving

Prayer for Christ's Church and the World

The Rev. David Rea 9:30
The Rev. Ron Williams 11:00

Musical Offering "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" arr. John Rutter

Let all mortal flesh keep silence with fear and trembling stand: ponder nothing earthly minded for with blessing in His hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture in the body and the blood He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day that the pow'rs of hell may vanquish as the darkness clears away. Alleluia!

Please join in singing when so directed.

**At His feet the six-wing'd Seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Lord most high!**

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts. To this peace we are called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Service of Friendship

Communion Meditation "How Can I Pray for You?" The Rev. Mark Davis
Ephesians 3.14-21

*Hymn of Preparation "What Child Is This?" GREENSLEEVES

Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

The Decalogue

Mr. Rea 9:30
Mr. Williams 11:00

Privately consider the meaning of each Commandment as it is read.

Then God spoke these words saying,

You shall have no other gods before Me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol.

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet.

Public Confession

Minister: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

People: **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against your Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We so earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. The remembrance of them is intolerable. Because of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all that is past. And grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your Name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Private Confession of Sin

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear what comforting words the Lord says to all who repent and come to Him: "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. This is a true statement and worthy of full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: He forgives all your sins." Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up unto the Lord!** Let us give thanks to our Lord God. **It is good and right to do so.** It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, **we laud and magnify Your most glorious Name; evermore praising You, singing**

All:

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

Please hold the bread and cup until all have been served so that we may partake together.

During the serving of the bread, please sing No. 230
"Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor"

QUELLEESTCETTE

During the serving of the cup, please sing No. 162
"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

DIVINUMMYSTERIUM

***Closing Hymn No. 195**

"Joy to the World"

ANTIOCH

***Benediction**

Minister: May a dying Savior's love, a risen Savior's power, a sending Savior's blessing, and a returning Savior's glory be the joy and comfort of your heart this day and forever.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD!

Postlude

"Toccata in F"
Mr. Howland

J. S. Bach

Members of our fellowship at Park Cities Presbyterian Church who have joined the Church Triumphant since our last Communion:

Robert Sigler Boyer
Mary Elizabeth Halford
Catherine Harstrom
Joyce Dorothy Hooley

Orion Fremont Newman
Russell S. Rembert
Bettye Louise Woody
Bianca Venditti Stevens

**The Congregation stands.*

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. "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 celebration of the 80th birthday of Martha Prince Nichols by her loving family.

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