

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 5, 2004

9:30 am and 11:00 am

The Christian Year: Third Sunday before 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 turn off all communication devices. Thank you.

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Deb and Jeff LaFayette
Memory Zone Coordinators

3s and 4s: "Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst.' "
John 6.35

Kindergarten:

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' "
John 8.12

1st Grade: "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture."
John 10.9

2nd Grade: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep."
John 10.11

3rd Grade: "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?' "
John 11.25-26

4th Grade: "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.' "
John 14.6

5th Grade: "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."
John 15.5-7

People: **"By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples."**
John 15.8

*Hymn of Praise No. 198 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!" TRURO

*Prayer of Adoration

The Rev. Joseph Ryan

***Hymn of Adoration**

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

ELLACOMBE

text: James Montgomery, based on Psalm 72

***Song of Praise**

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Charles Wesley

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Introduction of Officer Candidates

***A Doxology**

Mendelssohn

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Public Confession

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love. My sin has been against You, although others have been hurt as well. It is against You

that I have rebelled. It is against You that I have been angry—and yet it is to You that I cry for mercy! Even with my best intentions sin seems ever to creep in. Even with my firmest resolve I keep on sinning. Wash me, that I be clean, fresh and new. Cleanse me, that I have integrity, that I do right from inside out. Purge me, that I be pure with a strong purity. In the name of Christ deliver me, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Your deliverance.

Private Confession

Promise and Comfort of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world. 1 John 2:1, 2

Prayer of Intercession for Christ's Church and the World The Rev. Tim Tinsley 9:30
The Rev. Ron Williams 11:00

Musical Offering "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" THRISTING
Louis Bourgeois, 1551/arr. J. Ferguson

"Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!" so says our God. Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load. To God's people now proclaim that God's pardon waits for them! Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever! For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near, calling us to true repentance, since the Kingdom now is here. Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way! Let the valleys rise to meet Him, and the hills bow down to greet Him! Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain! Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits His holy reign! For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad, and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

Johannes Olearius, 1671

*Greeting of Peace

Minister: Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts. We were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls. The peace of the Lord be with you always. 1 Peter 2:25

People: **And also with you.**

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** Matthew 28:16-20

The Morning Sermon "A Disciple's Calling" Dr. Ryan
"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations . . ." Matthew 28:18-19

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

***Benediction**

Minister: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:14

People: THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN!

Postlude

Personal Prayer and Counsel

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor . . . rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality." Romans 12:10, 12, 13

We want so much to come along side you in brotherly love and hospitality by your allowing us to be in prayer for your salvation or any need you may have. Please join us in the parlor (Room 205, next to the Information Center) following the worship service where our Elders and prayer leaders are available and eager to meet with you and pray with you in complete confidence.

**The Congregation stands.*

The flowers in our worship services this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Kitty Ritchie Hollerman's 80th birthday by her children and grandchildren who thank the Lord that she heeded the biblical instruction to "go forth and multiply."

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.

Session/Associate Pastors

The Rev. Robert Allen	Paul Flowers	Mike McMahon
John Bateman	David Gowdey	David Newman
Frank Bullock	Harry Hargrave	Joel Robuck
Rick Bush	John Hawkins	The Rev. Dr. Joseph Ryan
The Rev. Dr. Pete Deison	Bryan Keyes	Tracy Taylor
Bert Ehrmann	Bill Mabus	The Rev. Tim Tinsley

Assistant Pastors

The Rev. Mark Davis The Rev. Ron Williams