

# PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 12, 2004

9:30 am and 11:00 am

*The Christian Year: Second 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.*

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

### Welcome

**Preparation for Worship** "Of the Father's Love Begotten" *13th Century Plainsong*  
High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir text: Aurelius Prudentius, 348-413  
Lynda Fray, Director

*Please sing when so directed.*

### Call to Worship

The Rev. Joseph Ryan

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted.

People: **Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.**

Minister: Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth!

People: **Shout and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Isaiah 12.2-6

\*Hymn of Adoration No. 208 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

\*Prayer of Adoration

**\*Confession of Faith**

Shorter Catechism, Questions 22 and 27

Minister: How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

People: **Christ, the Son of God, became man by taking to Himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.**

Minister: Where did Christ's humiliation consist?

People: **Christ's humiliation consisted in His being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

"Let All Together Praise Our God"

*LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN*

text: Nikolaus Herman, 1485-1561

**\*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 207 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"**

*IN DULCI JUBILO*

**Song of Praise**

"Immanuel"  
Steve Williamson, *Tenor*

*Michael Card*

*Please sing when so directed.*

## Public Confession

O Lord, great God, whom we behold in awe and wonder, who has kept covenant and steadfast love with Your people from age to age: we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from Your commandments and ordinances. We have known in our hearts what is right, and yet we did wrong anyway. We have been fascinated by evil, delighted with pleasing ourselves, satisfying our desires, pampering ourselves with pleasures. O Lord, great God, have mercy on us according to Your steadfast love.

## Private Confession

## Promise and Comfort of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. Isaiah 40.1-2

**Prayer of Intercession for Christ's Church and the World**    The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30  
The Rev. Robert Allen 11:00

**Musical Offering:** Luke 1.46-48    "Magnificat" *John Leavitt*  
My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit has rejoiced, in God my Savior.  
*Magnificat, anima mea Dominum, et exultavit spiritus meus, in Deo salutari meo.*  
Because He has considered the lowliness of His servant:  
*Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae:*  
For behold in fact, from now on all generations shall call me blessed.  
*Ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.*

## \*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.**

## 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.*

**Extending the Kingdom: Crown Ministries Small Groups**    Stacy and Tyler Burke

**\*The Scripture Reading**    Matthew 1.1-17    Maggie Bullock  
Frank Bullock

**The Morning Sermon**    "Christmas with the Family"    Dr. Ryan  
*"The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham..."*  
Matthew 1.1

**\*Closing Hymn No. 194**    "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"    VENIEMMANUEL  
Stanzas: 1, 4 and 5

**\*Benediction**

Minister: Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power  
and strength be to our God for ever and ever! Revelation 7.12

People: THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN!

**Postlude**

"Toccata on Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"  
Colin Howland, *Organ*

*Willcocks*

**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 alongside 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 Mildred Kemper's 90th birthday by Nancy and Randy Best.*

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

George Frederic Handel

**"Messiah" Sing Along**

THIS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2004, 7:00 PM  
PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DALLAS, TEXAS

*Everyone is encouraged to sing the choruses with great enthusiasm! Bring your own score or there will be scores available that evening for purchase.*



PCPC FOOD DRIVE - Noon to 9:00 pm on the 18th  
Drop off non-perishables for PCPC supported community ministries.