

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 19, 2004

9:30 am and 11:00 am

The Christian Year: First Sunday before the Incarnation

Please turn off all communication devices. Thank you.

Welcome

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

The Rev. Joseph Ryan

Minister: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9.6

People: **Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Philippians 2.9-11

***Hymn of Adoration No. 214** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

***Hymn of Praise** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

Christ, by highest heav'n adore, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head 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."

*Prayer of Adoration

*Confession of Faith

Larger Catechism, Questions 39 and 40

Minister: Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be man?

People: **It was requisite that the Mediator should be man, that He might advance our nature, perform obedience to the law, suffer and make intercession for us in our nature, have a fellow-feeling of our infirmities; that we might receive the adoption of sons, and have comfort and access with boldness unto the throne of grace.**

Minister: Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be God and man in one person?

People: **It was requisite that the Mediator, who was to reconcile God and man, should Himself be both God and man, and this in one person, that the proper works of each nature might be accepted of God for us, and relied on by us, as the works of the whole person.**

***Song of Praise**

"From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable"

Stuart Townend

Sacrament of Baptism

9:30

John Barrett Denton
Sarah Elizabeth Pickett
Terry Judson Pitre
Beck Wyatt Wagoner

11:00

Anna Gail Denman
Joseph Blake Johnston
McGlaun Noelle Simmons
Lucas Bennett Waldie
Alexander Mathis Waldie

Prayer for the Families

Mr. Rick Bush, *Session Elder 9:30*
Dr. John Denman, *Shepherding Elder 11:00*

Public Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, surely You have borne my griefs and carried my sorrows. You were pierced through for my transgressions; You were crushed for my iniquities; the chastening for my well-being was upon You, and by Your scourging I am healed. Like a sheep I have gone astray, I have turned to my own way; but the Lord has caused my iniquity to fall on You, my blessed Savior.

Private Confession

Promise and Comfort of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.

I Timothy 1.15

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

Musical Offering "And the glory of the Lord" from *Messiah* Handel
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Isaiah 40.5

***Greeting of Peace**

Minister: We are the body of Christ; in one Spirit we were all baptized in one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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**

Miss Carrie Flowers
Mrs. Ellen Flowers

John 1.14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Romans 1.3-4

... concerning His Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by His resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,

Galatians 4.4

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law ...

Philippians 2.7-8

... but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

1 Timothy 3.16

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

Hebrews 2.14

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil.

1 John 4.2

By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God.

The Morning Sermon

"In Flesh"

Dr. Ryan

***Closing Hymn No. 208**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

***Benediction**

Minister: To God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To Him be honor and might forever!

I Timothy 6.15-16

People: THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN!

Postlude

Colin Howland, *Organ*

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 during this holy season of Advent, with praise and supportive prayer for our Teaching Elders and their transforming ministering to our church body, and for the blessing of our family by Mary and Bill Miller.

The flowers in the south foyer this morning are given to the glory of God from the wedding of Cameron Ellen Chorn and Travis Ray Allison in celebration of their marriage and union in Christ with joy by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. James Aubrey Moody.

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