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DECEMBER 4, 2005 8:00, 9:30 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.

Welcome

Mr. Jack Denman 8:00
Mr. Doug Horn 9:30/11:00

Preparation for Worship

9:30/11:00

"Contrapunctus IX"
Festival Brass

J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

The Rev. Joseph Ryan

Minister: Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah; "Behold your God!"

People: **Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and His arm rules for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him. He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms; He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.**

Isaiah 40.9-11

***Hymn of Adoration**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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text: St. 1,4, Charles Wesley, 1744; St. 2-3, Mark Hunt, 1978

***Prayer of Adoration**

Dr. Ryan

***Confession of Faith**

Larger Catechism, Questions 36 and 37

Minister: Who is the Mediator of the covenant of grace?

People: **The only Mediator of the covenant of grace is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, of one substance and equal with the Father, in the fullness of time became man, and**

so was and continues to be God and man, in two entire distinct natures, and one person, forever.

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 Ghost in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance, and born of her, yet without sin.**

***Hymn of Praise**

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

PICARDY

Liturgy of St. James, 5th Cent.

Please be seated.

Song of Praise

"Immanuel"
Steve Williamson, *Tenor*

Michael Card

Please sing when so directed.

Public Confession

Lord Christ, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept Your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp Your offer of redeeming love but also our resistance to follow You without question. In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by Your grace, assist us to receive You with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as You have loved us. Even so: come Lord Jesus.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Comfort of the Gospel

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

The Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00
Dr. Pete Deison 9:30
The Rev. Bill Lamberth 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00 "Contrapunctus IX" *J. S. Bach*
Festival Brass

9:30/11:00 "On This Day Earth Shall Ring" *H. C. Stewart*
Chancel Choir; Jonathan Smith, *Director*

On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing to the Son, Christ the King. Born on earth to save us, Him the Father gave us: Ideo, Gloria in excelsis Deo. His the doom, ours the mirth, when He came down to earth; Bethlehem saw His birth, ox and ass beside Him, from the cold would hide Him. God's bright star, o'er His head, wise men three to Him led; kneel they low by His bed, lay their gifts before Him; praise Him and adore Him! On this day angels sing, with their song earth shall ring, praising Christ, heaven's King born on earth to save us, peace and love He gave us.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus.³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David,³³ and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God."³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren.³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God."³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

^{1:45} And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

The Morning Sermon

MARY: A MODEL DISCIPLE
"Faith in God's Word"

Dr. Ryan

☞ Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00, continue on page 8 ☞

The Great Thanksgiving

Mr. Williams

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

People: **Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name; evermore praising You, and singing:**

Please Stand.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Please be seated.

The Words of Institution

Mr. Williams

The Communion

Please hold the bread and cup, and we will all partake together.

During the Serving of Communion

During the bread, please meditate and pray using these verses of Scripture:

Psalm 119:1-8

*Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord!
Blessed are those who keep His testimonies,
who seek Him with their whole heart,
who also do no wrong,
but walk in His ways!
You have commanded Your precepts
to be kept diligently.
Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping Your statutes!
Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all Your commandments.
I will praise You with an upright heart,
when I learn Your righteous rules.
I will keep Your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me!*

During the cup, please privately make use of this prayer:

LORD JESUS CHRIST,

Fill me with Thy Spirit

that I may be occupied with His presence.

I am blind—send Him to make me see;

dark—let Him say, 'Let there be light'!

May He give me faith to behold

my name engraven in Thy hand,

my soul and body redeemed by Thy blood,

my sinfulness covered by Thy life of pure obedience.

Replenish me by His revealing grace,

that I may realize my indissoluble union with Thee;

that I may know Thou hast espoused me to Thyself forever,

in righteousness, love, mercy, faithfulness;

that I am one with Thee,

as a branch with its stock, as a building with its foundation.

May His comforts cheer me in my sorrows,

His strength sustain me in my trials,

His blessings revive me in my weariness,

His presence render me a fruitful tree of holiness,

His might establish me in peace and joy,

His incitements make me ceaseless in prayer,

His animation kindle in me undying devotion.

Send Him as the searcher of my heart,

to show me more of my corruptions and helplessness,

that I may flee to Thee,

cling to Thee,

rest on Thee,

as the beginning and end of my salvation.

May I never vex Him by my indifference and waywardness,

grieve Him by my cold welcome,

resist Him by my hard rebellion.

Answer my prayers, O Lord, for Thy great name's sake.

from: The Valley of Vision

***Closing Hymn**

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

text: Rippon's *Selections of Hymns, 1787*

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to His foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

***The Benediction**

Minister: Peace be to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible. Ephesians 6.23-24

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

Postlude

"March on *Lift Up Your Heads*"
Mr. Colin Howland, *Organ*

Guilmant

**The Congregation stands.*

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.

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 Room 200 (north of Fellowship Hall) 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.

PASTORS

Joseph (Skip) Ryan, *Senior Minister*
 Pete Deison, *Disciplemaking*
 Tim Tinsley, *Disciplemaking and Evangelism*
 Rob Allen, *Administration*
 Ron Williams, *Senior Adults and Pastoral Care*
 Mark Davis, *Youth and Family*
 Bill Lamberth, *Families with Children*
 Patrick Lafferty, *20+ Community*

RULING ELDERS

Session

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| Tommy Bain | David Franklin | Bill Mabus |
| John Bateman | David Gowdey | Boots Nowlin |
| Frank Bullock | John Harper | Irv Queal |
| Rick Bush | John Hawkins | Tracy Taylor |
| Jack Denman | Jay Hohfeler | |
| Bert Ehrmann | Bryan Keyes | |

Shepherding

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| Brad Bradley | Mark Fulmer | Henry Morgan |
| David Burgher, Sr. | Glenn Graham | David Newman |
| George Chapman | Harry Hargrave | Stephen Nielson |
| Jim Chenoweth | Bob Heinonen | Bob Rasberry |
| Grady Crosland | Bill Hill | Joel Robuck |
| Charles Debter | Doug Horn | Frank Seay, Jr. |
| John Denman | Russell Johnson | Nelson Somerville |
| Mark Denton | Bill Jones | John Vanderveld |
| Curt Dobbs | Don King | Ron Wideman |
| Bill Farrell | Mike McMahon | Steve Williamson |
| Paul Flowers | Robert Mighell | Arthur Wood |

“How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.”

Psalm 119:103

The great desire of the elders is that PCPC be a church immersed in the Word of God. In order to see this happen, we have provided each household a copy of the *One Year Bible*. If you have yet to receive your copy of the *One Year Bible*, they are available on a table in the south foyer. For your convenience this week’s reading is listed below. *This information is also posted on the PCPC web site: www.pcpc.org.*

| Date | Old Testament | Psalm | Proverbs | New Testament |
|-------|--------------------|---------|----------|-------------------|
| 12/04 | Daniel 11.36-12.13 | 123.1-4 | 29.2-4 | 1 John 4.1-21 |
| 12/05 | Hosea 1.1-3.5 | 124.1-8 | 29.5-8 | 1 John 5.1-21 |
| 12/06 | Hosea 4.1-5.15 | 125.1-5 | 29.9-11 | 2 John 1-13 |
| 12/07 | Hosea 6.1-9.17 | 126.1-6 | 29.12-14 | 3 John 1-15 |
| 12/08 | Hosea 10.1-14.9 | 127.1-5 | 29.15-17 | Jude 1-25 |
| 12/09 | Joel 1.1-3.21 | 128.1-6 | 29.18 | Revelation 1.1-20 |
| 12/10 | Amos 1.1-3.15 | 129.1-8 | 29.19-20 | Revelation 2.1-17 |

