



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church

December 2, 2007

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

The Christian Year: First Sunday of Advent

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.

Preparation for Worship

As the prelude music begins, please use this time to quiet and prepare your heart for worship.

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Colossians 3:1-4

Choral Introit

“Away in a Manger”

CRADLE SONG

Chapel Choir and Carol Choir

arr. Reeves

Jason Tenpenny, *Piano* • Peyton Holcomb, *Cello*

Lynda Fray, *Director*

Please join in singing when so directed.

Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask Thee to stay
close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless
all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care, and
fit us for heav - en to live with Thee there.

Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00

Dr. Pete Deison 9:30

The Rev. Rob Allen 11:00

Minister: Our souls magnify the Lord! Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

People: **The Mighty One has done great things for us! Holy is His name!**

Minister: Let us pray:

People: **Lord God Almighty, King of glory and love eternal, You are worthy at all times to receive adoration, praises, and blessing. We praise You now for sending Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, for whom our hearts wait, and to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, be honor and dominion, now and for ever. Amen!**

***Hymn of Adoration No. 198**

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”

TRURO

Stanzas: 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Profession of Our Church's Faith**

taken from the Nicene Creed

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

***Carol of Praise No. 218** “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” *REGENT SQUARE*

Please be seated.

Recognition of New Members

9:30/11:00

The Sacrament of Baptism 9:30

Dr. Deison

Nicole Siu Amundson

Matthew Richard Steinfeld

Advent Prayer
9:30/11:00

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
Chancel Choir

arr. Howland

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Williams 8:00

Dr. Deison 9:30

Mr. Allen 11:00

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

Minister: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.” People of God: Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose coming we announce this season, is our righteousness. In Christ, we are made right with God!

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

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Tommy Bain 9:30/11:00

Ruling Elder

Musical Offering

8:00

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”
Mr. Colin Howland, *Organ*

PICARDY

9:30/11:00

“Lost in the Night”
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, *Director*

Kyle Haugen

Lost in the night do the people yet languish, longing for morning the darkness to vanquish, plaintively heaving a sigh full of anguish. Will not day come soon?

Just we be vainly awaiting the morrow? Shall those who have light no light let us borrow, giving no heed to our burden of sorrow? Will you help us soon?

Sorrowing wand' rers, in darkness yet dwelling, dawned has the day of a radiance excelling,, death's dreaded darkness forever dispelling. Christ is coming soon!

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Romans 5.1

People: And also with you.

The 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

The Morning Sermon

“A Christmas Message”

Dr. Richard L. Pratt
*President and Founder of
Third Millennium Ministries
Casselberry, Florida*

☞ Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00, please continue on page 6 ☞

Please stand.

*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:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-
 san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing**

***The Words of Institution**

The Communion

*Please come forward down the center aisle.
 Partake of the elements upon receiving them from the elders.
 Return to your seat with your empty cup via the side aisle.*

During the Serving of Communion

Please use the following Scripture for private meditation.

Isaiah 40.1-5

*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.
 A voice cries:
 "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
 make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
 Every valley shall be lifted up,
 and every mountain and hill be made low;
 the uneven ground shall become level,
 and the rough places a plain.
 And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
 and all flesh shall see it together,
 for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."*

☞ Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00, continue here ☞

***Closing Carol No. 208**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELES

***Benediction**

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

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

Postlude

“March Upon a Theme of Handel:
Lift Up Your Heads”

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.

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 (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.