



## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church

December 16, 2007

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

*The Christian Year: Third 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.*

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

### Preparation for Worship

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

*Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.*

*Isaiah 41.10*

### Advent Prayer

9:30/11:00

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”  
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, Director*

*Howland*

*Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive; suddenly return and never,  
nevermore Thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy  
hosts above; pray and praise Thee, without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.*

### Call to Worship

Dr. Pete Deison

**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 No. 203 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”**

*MENDELSSOHN*

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*An Advent Litany**

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00  
The Rev. Bill Lamberth 9:30/11:00

Minister: O Immanuel, child of promise and sign of hope, You come from a distance far beyond our reach, yet are closer to us than we are to ourselves: remain with us in our own days of expectation, that we may give birth to what is just, true, beautiful, and good— through the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, abides with us, one God now and forever.

**People:** *(singing)*

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.**

*Refrain:*

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
In ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. *(Refrain)***

Minister: O Lord of might, Master of the universe and Ruler of the house of Israel, Your mighty acts have rescued remnants of Your people from the midst of slavery, exile, war, and holocaust: raise Your scepter over us, that Your saving rule may be extended to all people in all places— for the sake of Him who we know as Lord of all, even Jesus, the Christ.

**People:** *(singing)*

**O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.**

*Refrain:*

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Minister: O Root of Jesse, You reach deep down into the darkness of the earth and stir the world's longings for deliverance and hope: raise up within our own lives a spirit of courage and strength, of wisdom and insight, that we may do Your work for the coming of Your kingdom— through the merits of the One we know as the beginning of the ages, even Christ, our Lord.

**People:** *(singing)*

**O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.**

*Refrain:*

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, Thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high and close the path to misery. *(Refrain)***

*Please be seated.*

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

9:30/11:00

Mr. Lamberth 9:30/11:00

Dr. Deison 11:00

### **Parental Vows**

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

### **Congregational Vow**

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of these children?

9:30

George Douglas Birdsong  
Mary Jean Carolyn Peavy

11:00

Jacquelyn Ann Pulliam  
Charlotte Lee Pulliam  
Owen Bishop Beck  
William George Beck

## **Prayer for the Families**

9:30/11:00

Mr. John Hawkins, *Elder* 9:30

Mr. Lamberth 11:00

## **Musical Acclamation**

9:30/11:00

“Sing Noel”

*arr. André Thomas*

Chancel Choir • Mark Macatee, *Percussion*

Mr. Cope, *Director*

*Sing Noel. Sing we all Noel. Come, ye people, gather here to hear the news of good cheer.*

*The King of kings, the Lamb of God is born today in Bethlehem. Sing Noel!*

## **Carol of Praise No. 207 “Good Christian Men, Rejoice”**

9:30/11:00

*IN DULCI JUBILO*

## **Public Confession of Sin**

God of salvation, in Christ You have done great things—our hearts are filled with joy. By Your power You lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy and laughter into Your kingdom. Salvation is Your gift to us. But we confess that often we try to replace Your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us to focus on Your grace. Help us to live grateful lives in return. For Jesus' sake alone.

## Private Confession

### Words of Assurance and Comfort of the Gospel

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to Me, for I have redeemed you. Isaiah 44.21-22

### Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Williams 8:00  
Mr. Bill Mabus 9:30/11:00  
Ruling Elder

### Musical Offering

“Fear Not”  
Mr. William Park, *Tenor*; Mr. Brian Piper, *Piano*

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### \*The 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.**

### 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      Psalm 27.4; 63.1-3; John 1.14; 17.24; 2 Corinthians 3.18

*Psalm 27.4:*

*One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple.*

*Psalm 63:1-3*

*O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. <sup>2</sup> So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory. <sup>3</sup> Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You.*

*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.*

*John 17:24*

*Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that You have given me because You loved me before the foundation of the world.*

*2 Corinthians 3:18*

*And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

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*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 40.25-26*

*To whom then will you compare Me,  
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.  
Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
who created these?  
He who brings out their host by number,  
calling them all by name,  
by the greatness of His might,  
and because He is strong in power  
not one is missing.*

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**\*Closing Carol No. 225**

*"Once in Royal David's City"*

*IRBY*

### **\*Benediction**

Minister: Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the One who rises to rule the Gentiles; in Him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

### **Postlude**

*\*The congregation stands.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are from the wedding of Julia Flowers and Blake Schwarz and are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Callie Curnes.*

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

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