



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church

December 23, 2007

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

The Christian Year: Fourth 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.

*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.*

Advent Prayer

9:30/11:00

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
Chancel Choir • Colin Howland, Director*

Howland

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be: Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place; till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Call to Worship

The Rev. Tim Tinsley

- Minister: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. Isaiah 9.2
- People: **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**
- Minister: 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.
- People: **No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known.** John 1.1, 4-5, 14, 18

*Prayer of Adoration

*Profession of our Church's Faith

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00

Dr. Pete Deison 9:30

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 11:00

We confess that God has fulfilled the promise which He made to the fathers by the mouth of His holy prophets, when He sent into the world, at the time appointed by Him, His own only-begotten and eternal Son, who took upon Him the form of a servant and became like unto man, really assuming the true human nature with all its infirmities, sin excepted; being conceived in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit without the means of man; and did not only assume human nature as to the body, but also a true human soul, that He might be a real man. For since the soul was lost as well as the body, it was necessary that He should take both upon Him, to save both. Therefore we confess that in truth He is our IMMANUEL, that is to say, God with us.

Belgic Confession of Faith, XVIII

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

GLORIA

Please be seated.

Public Confession of Sin

O Lord, I marvel that You purposed to become flesh so that You might be crucified, dead, and buried for me. The tomb calls forth my adoring wonder, for it is empty and You are risen! Grant me to die with You that I may rise to new life, for I wish to be as dead and buried to sin, to selfishness, to the world, that I might not hear the voice of the charmer, and might be delivered from his lusts. Purge me from selfishness, pride, the fear of man, the desire to be cultivated or modern. Grant me to stand with my dying Savior, to be content to be rejected, to be willing to hold to unpopular truths. Grant me more and more of the resurrection life: may it rule me, may I walk in its power, and be strengthened through its influence.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Comfort of the Gospel

Mary gave birth to a Son, and she gave Him the name Jesus, because He would save His people from their sins. To all who receive Him, to those who believe in His Name, He gives the right to become children of God.

Matthew 1.21, John 1.12

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Williams 8:00
Mr. Harry Hargrave 9:30/11:00
Ruling Elder

Musical Offering

8:00

Mr. Cope, Organ

9:30/11:00

"Glory to God" from *Messiah*
Chancel Choir • Jenni Rasberry, Soprano
Mr. Howland, Director

G. F. Handel

There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men. 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**

Matthew 1.21

"She will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

The Morning Sermon "Celebrating the Benefits of His Birth"

Mr. Tinsley

☞ Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please continue on page 5 ☞

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.

Luke 1.46-55

*And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for He has looked on the humble estate of His servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for He who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is His name.
And His mercy is for those who fear Him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with His arm;
He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
He has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent empty away.
He has helped His servant Israel,
in remembrance of His mercy,
as He spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever."*

☞ *Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, continue here* ☞

***Closing Hymn No. 207** *"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"* *IN DULCI JUBILO*

***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

**The congregation stands.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given
to the glory of God our Father and in loving memory of my dad,
Thomas Kinder Farris, by Elizabeth Farris Figari.*

*The flowers in the narthex this morning are given to the glory of God and
in celebration of the marriage of Elizabeth Woods and Jason Gaines.*

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.

—Looking Ahead— Morning Preaching Schedule

December 30, 2007
The Rev. Ron Williams
*Assistant Pastor, Park Cities Presbyterian
Dallas, Texas*

January 6, 2008
Communion Sunday

Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:00 pm • Oak Lawn West

Tonight • December 23
The Rev. Tim Tinsley

Scripture Reference:
John 20.30-31

Sermon Title:
“That You May Believe”