



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church

December 30, 2007

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

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.*

Musical Meditation

Alex McDonald, *Piano*

Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams

Minister: Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, You are very great!
You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering Yourself
with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a
tent.

People: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my
God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to
Him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

Psalm 104.1-2, 33-34

***Hymn of Adoration No. 218** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

REGENT SQUARE

***Prayer of Adoration**

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: Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be God?

People: It was requisite that the Mediator should be God, that He might sustain and keep the human nature from sinking under the infinite wrath of God, and the power of death; give worth and efficacy to His sufferings, obedience, and intercession; and to satisfy God's justice, procure His favor, purchase a peculiar people, give His Spirit to them, conquer all their enemies, and bring them to everlasting salvation.

***Hymn of Praise No. 203** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

Please be seated.

Public Confession

O God, in the beginning You spoke, and creation was born, the object of Your loving care. In the fullness of time You spoke, and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of Your love. We wonder at the miracle of creation; we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation. Forgive us earth-bound creatures, feeble in faith, empty of hope, lacking in love. This year let the miracle of and mystery of Christmas happen for us again. We wait upon You with ready hearts, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Comfort of the Gospel

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to His mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3.4-7

Hymn of Praise No. 199 "See, amid the Winter's Snow" *SEE AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW*
9:30/11:00 Stanzas: 1, 2, 5 and 6

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Musical Offering “I Wonder as I Wander” *Appalachian Carol*
Steve Williamson, *Tenor* • Alex McDonald, *Piano*

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men! The peace of the Lord be with you always. Luke 2.14

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 111 Dr. William Guthrie

¹ Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

³ Full of splendor and majesty is His work,
and His righteousness endures forever.

⁴ He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear Him;
He remembers His covenant forever.

⁶ He has shown His people the power of His works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

⁷ The works of His hands are faithful and just;
all His precepts are trustworthy;

⁸ They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹ He sent redemption to His people;
He has commanded His covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is His name!

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

The Morning Sermon “The Fullness of Time” Mr. Williams

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Please stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

Galatians 4.4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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

***Closing Hymn No. 295** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

***Benediction**

Minister: Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever.

Jude 24-25

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

**The congregation stands.*

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