



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church

November 30, 2008

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

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.

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

We Prepare Our Hearts

“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations.”

Psalm 46.10

Preparation for Worship

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart!

We Come to Worship at His Invitation

“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11.28

Call to Worship

The Rev. Patrick Lafferty

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

People: The Mighty One has done great things for us!

Minister: Holy is God's name. Let us worship God!

People: For God is our Maker and our Redeemer; from generation to generation God gives mercy!

based on Luke 1.46-50

We Praise and Profess Our Faith in God
“Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!
Give thanks to Him; bless His name!”
Psalm 100.4

***Hymn of Adoration No. 198** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”

TRURO

***Prayer of Adoration concluding with the Lord's Prayer**

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

The Rev. Julian Russell 8:00

Dr. Pete Deison 9:30

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 11:00

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—which some seek to control, but which other view with despair—we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God! God remembered His promise to reconcile the world to Himself; He has come among us in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word made flesh. He is the long-awaited Savior, fully human and fully divine, conceived by the Spirit of God and born of the virgin Mary.

We long for that day when Jesus will return as triumphant King, when the dead will be raised and all people will stand before His judgment. We face that day without fear, for the Judge is our Savior. Our daily lives of service aim for the moment when the Son will present His people to the Father.

With the whole creation we wait for the purifying fire of judgment. For then we will see the Lord face to face. He will heal our hurts, end our wars, and make the crooked straight. Then we will join in the new song to the Lamb without blemish who made us a kingdom and priests. God will be all in all, and righteousness and peace will flourish. Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus.

from Our World Belongs to God, st. 1, 23, 57, 58

***Hymn of Praise No. 194** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

Public Confession of Sin

While we ask, Lord, for the most meaningful Advent season ever, we sadly confess having done so little with so much. Forgive us Lord, for not bending the knee, for not reading Your Word, for not searching our hearts, for not facing our sins. Forgive us according to Your tender mercies, O God! Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year, we may have a fresh sense of Your presence and a renewed resolve to live to the praise of Christ's glory.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Comfort of the Gospel

The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty One who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing.

Zephaniah 3.17

Song of Praise

“Jesus, Your Name”

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9:30/11:00



1. Je - sus, Your name, Prince of Peace; Qui - ets my
2. Je - sus, Your name, Coun - sell - or; Won - der - ful
3. Je - sus, Your name, Migh - ty God; All Pow'r - ful



soul, trea - sures the least. In per - fect rest ____
Way, Life's Com - for - ter. Spi - rit of Truth de -
One, rul - ing in love. There is a King u -



You will keep all whose hope is in You.
fend - ing me, though in me was the blame.
pon the throne earth can - not o - ver - throw.



Je - sus, Your name can sil - ence the storms; the
Je - sus, Your name has stood in my place and
Je - sus, Your name, great ban - ner of hope;



striv - ings that trou - ble ____ our world. Je - sus, Your name
freed me from hope - less shame; Je - sus, Your name
Stead - ies the knees ____ of the weak. Je - sus, the name



re - veals You as Lord; Oh, po - wer - ful name!
now fath - er's me; With joy I bear His name.
all nat - ions will praise; Oh, glo - ri - ous name!

We Pray for Our Congregation, the Church, and the World

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people . . . This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

1 Timothy 2.1, 3-4

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Russell 8:00
Dr. Deison 9:30
Mr. Lamberth 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

“Abide in Me”

arr. Piper

Andrew Russell, *Solo* • Brian Piper, *Piano*

9:30/11:00

“And the Glory of the Lord” from *Messiah*

Handel

Chancel Choir • Colin Howland, *Director* • Alex McDonald, *Piano*

*And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together;
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.* Isaiah 40.5

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*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 5:1-11

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.

We Hear and Respond to God's Word

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night."

Psalm 1.1-2

*The Scripture Reading

1 Peter 3.8-12

⁸Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. ¹⁰For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; ¹¹let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. ¹²For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

The Morning Sermon

STANDING FIRM IN THE
TRUE GRACE OF GOD
"Bless Your Heart"

Mr. Lafferty

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

Please stand.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

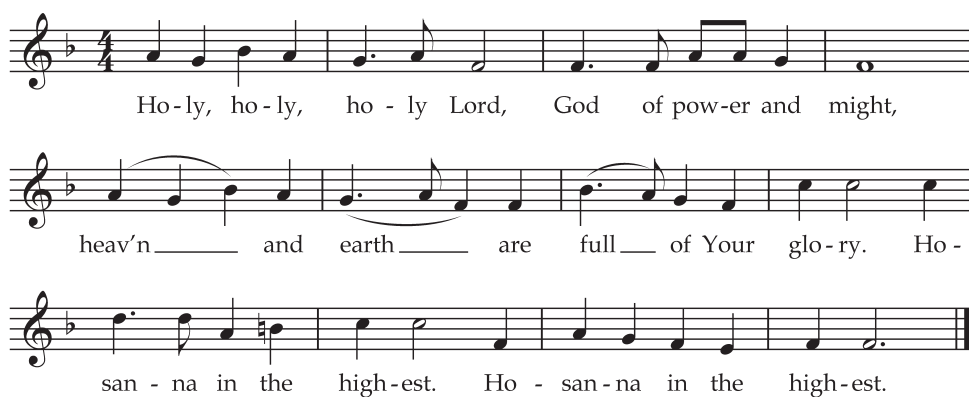
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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:**



We Proclaim Jesus Christ Crucified as the Only Salvation for Sinners

*"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes."*

1 Corinthians 11.26

***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.

Psalm 23

*The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

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

We go into the World in Thanksgiving with God's Blessing

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations . . . and behold,
I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

Matthew 28.19a, 20b

*Closing Hymn

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

ELLACOMBE

1. Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er
2. He comes with com - fort speed - y to those who suf - fer
3. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful
4. O'er ev' - ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall

Son! Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be -
wrong; to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be
earth; and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in His path to
rest, from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all

gun! He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap-tive
strong; to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark-ness turn to
birth; be - fore Him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her-ald,
blessed; the tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re -

free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in His sight.
go; and righ - teous - ness, in foun - tains, from hill and val - ley flow.
move; His name shall stand for - ev - er: that name to us is Love.

***Benediction**

Minister: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints. 1 Thessalonians 3.12-13

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

Postlude

“March on a Theme of Handel:
Lift Up Your Heads”
Mr. 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.

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.

DO YOU HAVE A PASTORAL PRAYER REQUEST?

The PCPC pastors set aside the first Monday of each month to spend the day in prayer for our church family. You may send a prayer request, which will be kept in confidence, to the pastors between now and tomorrow (*Monday*) morning by 8:00 am via email.

Please send your prayer request to: PastorsPrayer@pcpc.org

Sunday Evening Worship Service

Tonight • November 30, 2008

6:00 pm • Oak Lawn West

The Rev. Tim Tinsley

Colossians 1.11-14

“Thank You, Father”

Music by permission: CCLI #364068

Senior Pastor

The Rev. Mark Davis

Session/Associate Pastors

Kit Case	John Harper	Bobby Payne
Doug Chesnut	Doug Horn	Kirk Pogoloff
The Rev. Pete Deison	Tim Jeffress	Dick Steele
Jack Denman	Kent Johnson	Bill Thomas
David Franklin	Pat Moore	The Rev. Tim Tinsley
Mark Fulmer	Boots Nowlin	Steve Vanderhill

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The Rev. Ron Williams	The Rev. Julian Russell
The Rev. Bill Lamberth	The Rev. Jeff White
The Rev. Patrick Lafferty	The Rev. Don Admire

Executive Director

Jeff Barber

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*(Elders not currently on the Session but
active in ministry at Park Cities Presbyterian Church)*

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