



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church

December 7, 2008

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

Second 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.

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

9:30/11:00

"O Come, O Come Immanuel"

Natalie Sleeth

Anna Knight, Soprano

Covenant Choir • Lynda Fray, Director

Anna McDonald, Piano

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. Ron Williams 8:00

The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

Minister: Let us praise our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Alleluia, Jesus is coming!

Minister: At Christmas Jesus came as a baby.

People: Alleluia, Jesus is coming!

Minister: He came to be like us because He loves us.

People: Alleluia, Jesus is coming!

Minister: He came to save us from our sin.

People: Alleluia, Jesus is coming!

Minister: He died, rose from the dead, and lives in heaven. He will come again because He loves us.

People: Alleluia, Jesus is coming!

Minister: We praise Jesus, who came as a baby and will come again at the end of time.

People: Alleluia, Jesus is coming!

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. 208** “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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***Prayer of Adoration**

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

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00
The Rev. Patrick Lafferty 9:30
The Rev. Bill Lamberth 11:00

I believe the Word was in the form of God and did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped. He emptied Himself, took the form of a servant, and was born in our own likeness. I believe He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death. I believe God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name. I believe that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every knee in heaven and on earth and under the earth. I believe that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. based on Philippians 2.6-11

***Hymn of Praise No. 225** “Once in Royal David's City”

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

9:30/11:00

IN DULCI JUBILO

Please be seated.

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.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Comfort of the Gospel

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

John 3.16-17

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

Dr. Deison 8:00

Mr. Lafferty 9:30

Mr. Lamberth 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”

James Koudelka

Jenni Rasberry, Soprano • J. Marty Cope, Piano

9:30/11:00

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

arr. Barlow Bradford

Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, Director

Robert Bobo, Piano

Festival Brass

Gloria! In excelsis Deo!

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav’nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord the newborn King.

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: Now in Christ Jesus, we who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ, for He Himself is our peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Ephesians 2.13-14

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.

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**

Luke 2.8-20

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this Child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Morning Sermon

STANDING FIRM IN THE
TRUE GRACE OF GOD

Mr. Williams 8:00
Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

"The Lord Is Come—He Is Coming Again"

☞ 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!

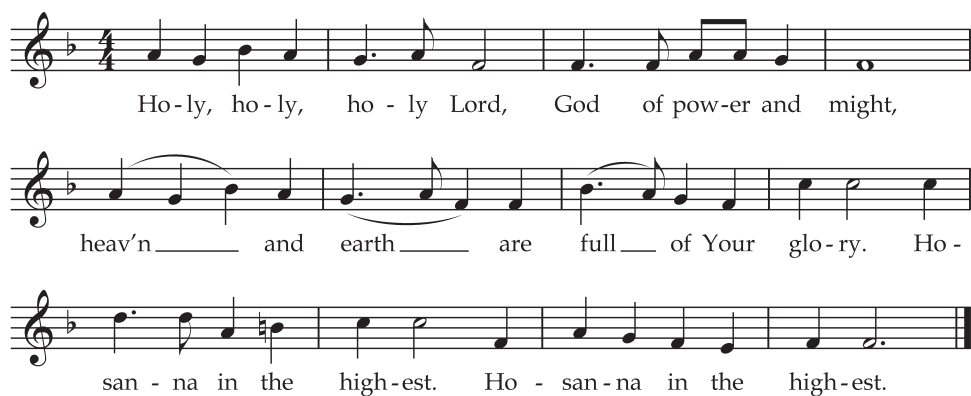
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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 24

*The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
 the world and those who dwell therein, for He has founded it
 upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.
 Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in His holy place?
 He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
 who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.
 He will receive blessing from the LORD
 and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
 Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
 Lift up your heads, O gates!
 And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
 Who is this King of glory?
 The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!
 Lift up your heads, O gates!
 And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
 Who is this King of glory?
 The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!*

☞ 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 No. 195** "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

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***Benediction**

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine
upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance
upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

"Drummer Boy/Pat-a-Pan"
Mr. Cope, *Organ*

arr. Bish

**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.**

MINISTERS

The members of this church family who, in serving their Savior and Lord,
Jesus Christ, extend His Kingdom 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.

**Sunday Evening Worship Service
Tonight • December 7, 2008
6:00 pm • Oak Lawn West**

The Rev. Patrick Lafferty
1 Corinthians 10.1-22
“Take Heed”

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

Assistant Pastors

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

Shepherding Elders

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

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