



## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church

December 14, 2008

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

*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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### ***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 to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end;  
By His life He brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.  
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;  
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

### ***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: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

**People: The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

Minister: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**People: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

*Psalm 98.1-4*

***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. 218** “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” *REGENT SQUARE*

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

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

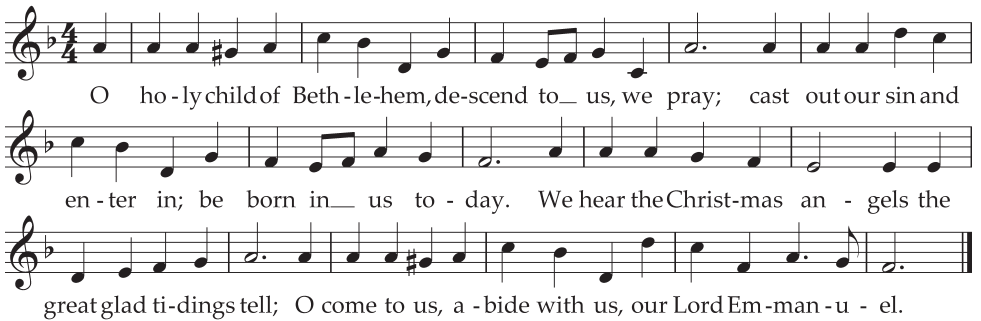
The Rev. Bill Lamberth 8:00

The Rev. Patrick Lafferty 9:30/11:00

We profess that God fulfilled the promise that He had made to the early fathers by the mouth of His holy prophets when He sent His only and eternal Son into the world at the time set by Him. The Son took the “form of a servant” and was made in the “likeness of man,” truly assuming a real human nature, with all its weaknesses, except for sin; being conceived in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit, without male participation. And He not only assumed human nature as far as the body is concerned but also a real human soul, in order that He might be a real human being. For since the soul had been lost as well as the body, He had to assume them both to save them both together. In this way, He is truly our Immanuel—that is “God with us.”

from Belgic Confession, Art. 18

**\*Hymn of Praise** “O Little Town of Bethlehem” *ST. LOUIS*



O ho-ly child of Beth-le-hem, de-scend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and  
en-ter in; be born in us to-day. We hear the Christ-mas an-gels the  
great glad ti-dings tell; O come to us, a-bide with us, our Lord Em-man-u-el.

**\*Christmas Carols**

**No. 224** “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” *GO TELL IT*

**No. 205** “Away in a Manger” *CRADLE SONG*

**Public Confession of Sin**

Lord Christ, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept Your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp Your offer of redeeming love but also our resistance to follow You without question. In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by Your grace, assist us to receive You with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as You have loved us. Even so: come, Lord Jesus.

Private Confession

Song of Assurance

9:30/11:00

“Immanuel”

Card

Please sing when so directed.

Im-man-u - el, Our God is with us. And if God is  
with us, who could stand a - gainst us? Our  
God is with us, Im - man - u - el.

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. Lamberth 8:00

Mr. John Bateman, Elder 9:30/11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

“Immanuel”

Card

Steve Williamson, Tenor

9:30/11:00

“Bogoroditsye Devo”

Sergei Rachmaninov  
based on Luke 1.42-43

Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, Director  
(sung in Russian)

Богородице Дево, радуйся,  
Theotokos\* virgin, rejoice,  
Благодатная Марие,  
Mary full of grace,  
Господь с Тобою.  
The Lord is with thee.  
Благословенна Ты в женах,  
Blessed art thou among women,  
И благословен Плод чрева Твоего,  
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb,  
Яко Спаса родила, еси душ наших.  
For thou hast borne the Savior of our souls.

\*Theotokos is an ancient title given to Mary, the mother of Jesus. It means, literally, “God-bearer,” and its original intent was to say something not primarily about Mary but about the Babe she bore—that He was fully God as well as fully man.

## **\*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**

Matthew 24:29-31

*Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>30</sup>Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup>And He will send out His angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*

Acts 1:10-11

*And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven."*

1 Thessalonians 4:15-18

*For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.*

Revelation 22:7, 20

*<sup>7</sup>"And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."*

*<sup>20</sup>He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!*

## **The Morning Sermon**

THE LORD IS COME—HE IS COMING AGAIN  
"Anticipating His Return"

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

### \*The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

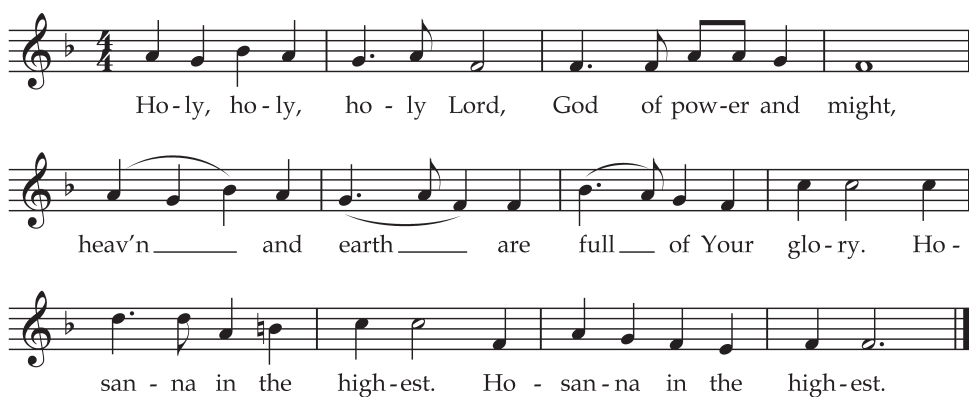
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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 25.1-10*

*To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.  
O my God, in You I trust;  
let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.  
Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.  
Make me to know Your ways, O LORD;  
teach me Your paths.  
Lead me in Your truth and teach me,  
for You are the God of my salvation;  
for You I wait all the day long.  
Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.  
Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to Your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!  
Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore He instructs sinners in the way.  
He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble His way.  
All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.*

☞ 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 Carols**

<b>No. 203</b>	<i>"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"</i>	<i>MENDELSSOHN</i>
<b>No. 195</b>	<i>"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"</i>	<i>ANTIOCH</i>

**\*Benediction**

**Minister:** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.  
**People:** Thanks be to God! Amen.

**Postlude**                      *"Postlude on Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"*                      *arr. Willcocks*  
Mr. Colin Howland, Organ

*\*The congregation stands.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God  
and in celebration of the marriage of Elisabeth Hill and Austin Jordan.*

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**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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### **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.**

**The 6:00 pm Sunday evening worship service  
is replaced tonight with our annual  
Christmas Concert**

***“Dawn Upon Our Darkness”  
Candlelight Christmas Concert***

In this cherished tradition, the adult, youth, and  
children's choirs of PCPC will present Christmas favorites  
with orchestra and with host Ralph McLeod.

**7:00 pm  
Sanctuary**

*Admission is free. The offering will be given to PCPC's Urban Ministries.*

### **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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Jim Chenoweth	Russell Johnson	Tracy Taylor
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John Denman	Don King	Steve Williamson
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## **Park Cities Presbyterian Church**

### **DIACONATE**

2008

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Will Francis	Walter Sullivan
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