



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church

December 21, 2008

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

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.

We Prepare Our Hearts

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

Psalms 46.10

Preparation for Worship

9:30/11:00

"Joy Has Dawned"

Lindsay Lamberth, Solo • Brian Piper, *Piano*

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arr. Piper*

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: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness on them has light
shined.

People: **You have multiplied the nation; You have increased its joy;
they rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest, as they are
glad when they divide the spoil.**

Minister: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the govern-
ment shall be upon His shoulder,

People: **And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty
God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Isaiah 9.2, 3, 6

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. 214 “Angels We Have Heard on High”**

GLORIA

***Prayer of Adoration**

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

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 8:00

The Rev. Tim Tinsley 9:30

The Rev. Patrick Lafferty 11:00

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. 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.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

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.

John 1.1-5, 9-14

***Hymns of Praise**

No. 213

“What Child Is This”

GREENSLEEVES

No. 211

“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”

GOD REST YOU MERRY

Sacrament of Baptism

9:30

Dr. Pete Deison, Mr. Tinsley

Mr. Davis

Parental Vows

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregational Vow

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of these children?

Elle Marie Tyson
Aidan Robert Loberg
Walter Price Whitcomb
John Reagan Maggard

Prayer for the Families

9:30

Mr. Rick Bush, *Elder*

Baptism Carol No. 216

9:30

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

W ZLOBIE LEZY

Public Confession of Sin

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 and mystery of Christmas happen for us again. We wait upon You with ready hearts, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Private Confession

Carol No. 216

11:00

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

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Words of Assurance

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3.4-7

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

Dr. Mark Fulmer, *Elder* 9:30/11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

"Joy Has Dawned"
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9:30/11:00

"For unto Us a Child Is Born" from Messiah
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, Director
For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

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Isaiah 9.6

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will 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.

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 25.1-13

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Morning Sermon

THE LORD IS COME—HE IS COMING AGAIN
"Ready and Waiting"

Mr. 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!

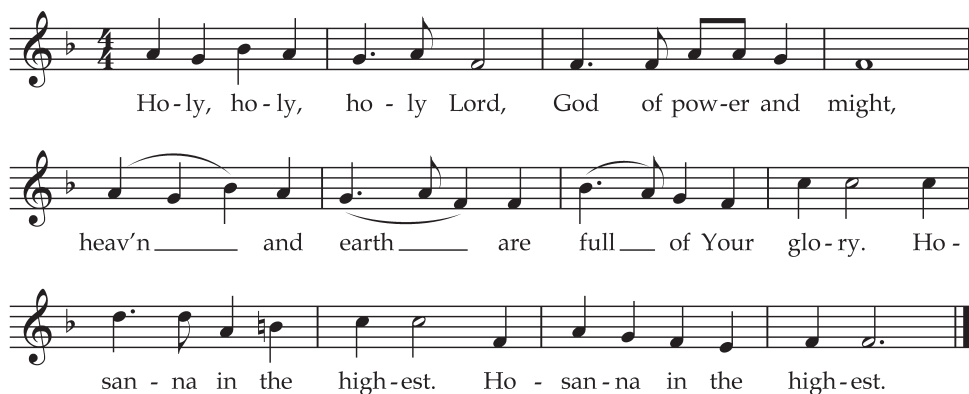
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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 25.11-22

*For Your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.
Who is the man who fears the LORD?
Him will He instruct in the way that he should choose.
His soul shall abide in well-being,
and his offspring shall inherit the land.
The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear Him,
and He makes known to them His covenant.
My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for He will pluck my feet out of the net.
Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.
The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses.
Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.
Consider how many are my foes,
and with what violent hatred they hate me.
Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!
Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in You.
May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You.
Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.*

☞ 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**

No. 208	<i>“O Come, All Ye Faithful”</i>	<i>ADESTE FIDELES</i>
No. 195	<i>“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”</i>	<i>ANTIOCH</i>

***Benediction**

Minister: The joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the Magi, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ Child be yours this Christmas. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

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

Postlude *“Variations on God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”* *Roberts*
 Mr. Colin Howland, Organ

**The congregation stands.*

*The flowers are given in thanks to our Lord and Savior for our two precious miracles,
Aidan Loberg and Price Whitcomb, who are being baptized in the church family.*

**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.

**Sunday Evening Worship Service
Tonight • December 21, 2008
6:00 pm • Oak Lawn West**

The Rev. Tim Tinsley
Luke 2.8-14
“An Army of Angels”

Christmas Eve Services

Family Service
5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Late Service
10:00 pm

***There will be no Vespers service on
Christmas Eve and New Years Eve.***

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

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)*

Tommy Bain	Paul Flowers	Henry Morgan
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Brad Bradley	Harry Hargrave	Stephen Nielson
Frank Bullock	John Hawkins	Irv Queal
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Rick Bush	Bill Hill	Frank Seay, Jr.
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Jim Chenoweth	Russell Johnson	Tracy Taylor
Grady Crosland	Bill Jones	John Vanderveld
Charles Debter	Bryan Keyes	Ron Wideman
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