



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church

December 24, 2008

10:00 pm

Christmas Eve

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.

Music for Worship Preparation

As the prelude music begins, please use this time to quiet and prepare your heart for worship.

Choral Introit

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, *Director*

PICARDY

Please sing when so directed.

At His feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with sleep - less_ eye,
veil their fac - es to the_ pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Call to Worship

The Rev. Mark Davis

Minister: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation.

People: **Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people.**

Luke 1.46-47, 50, 68.

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

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

Isaiah 9.6

***Prayer of Adoration**
concluding with

O God, what shall we render to You for the gift of gifts, Your own dear Son, begotten, not created, our Redeemer, Surety, Substitute, His self-emptying incomprehensible, His infinity of love beyond the heart’s grasp? Herein is wonder of wonders: He came below to raise us above, was born like us that we might become like Him. Herein is love; when we cannot rise to Him, He draws near on wings of grace, to raise us to Himself. Place us with the watchful shepherds to look with them upon our Redeemer’s face, and in Him account ourselves delivered from sin. Let us with Simeon clasp the newborn Child to our hearts, embrace Him with undying faith, exulting that He is ours and we are His. In Him You have given us so much that heaven can give no more. Amen!

Anthem

“O Thou That Tellest” from *Messiah*
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, *Director*
Bea Post, *Alto*

Handel

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain; O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God! Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Isaiah 40.9, 60.1

***Carol of Praise No. 227** “On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”

SUSSEX CAROL

Song of Praise

“Scots Nativity”
Anna Knight and Sara Call
Stephen Nielson, *Piano*

Alan Bullard

Public Confession of Sin

The Rev. Tim Tinsley

O Source of all good, we render to You only an impoverished soul. Before Your wisdom, we are undone, with no will to return to You, and no intellect to devise recovery. You came, God-incarnate, to save us to the uttermost, as man to die our death, to shed satisfying blood on our behalf, to work out a perfect righteousness for us. Meanwhile, we live in selfishness, hard-heartedness, with a stiff-necked and unforgiving spirit. We are correct when we say, “There is no health in us.” We beg You, through Your incarnate life and willing sacrifice, to pardon and blot out our sins. Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

Private Confession

Song of Assurance

“Rose of Bethlehem”
Jenni Rasberry • Mr. Nielson, *Piano*

Lowell Alexander

Declaration of Forgiveness

If while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. Romans 5.10-11

Carol of Praise No. 230 “Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor” *QUELLE EST*

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Musical Offering

“What Sweeter Music”

Rutter

Chancel Choir • Mr. J. Marty Cope, Director

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing the birth of this our heav'nly King? Awake the voice, awake the string! Dark and dull night, fly hence away, and give the honour to this day that sees December turn'd to May. Why does the chilling winter's morn smile, like a field beset with corn? or smell like a meadow newly shorn thus on the sudden? Come and see the cause, why things thus fragrant be: 'Tis He is born, whose quick'ning birth gives life and lustre, public mirth, to heaven and the under-earth. We see Him come, and know Him ours, who, with His sunshine and His show'rs, turns the patient ground to flow'rs, the darling of the world is come, and fit it is, we find a room to welcome Him. The nobler part of all the house here, is the heart which we will give Him; and bequeath this holly, and this ivy wreath to do Him honour; who's our King and Lord of all this reveling. What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing the birth of this our heav'nly King.

*Christmas Greeting of Peace

Duet

“Mary, Did You Know?”

arr. Greer

Lauren Bell and Adam Bell • Mr. Nielson, Piano

*The Scripture Reading

Luke 2.25-35

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace,

according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation

that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel."

And His father and His mother marveled at what was said about Him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

Christmas Eve Meditation

Mr. Davis

THE LORD IS COME—HE IS COMING AGAIN
“You Will See the Savior”

Song of Praise

“O Holy Night”

Adam

Mason McCamey • Mr. Nielson, *Piano*

Carol

“Silent Night! Holy Night”

STILLE NACHT

Unison 1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm,
Unison 2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
Parts 3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God,

all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight! Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Heav'n - ly hosts — sing: “Al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy

peace, — Sleep — in heav - en - ly peace.
born! — Christ, — the Sav - ior, is born!”
birth, — Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Christmas Prayer

***Closing Proclamation “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”**

ANTIOCH



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re - ceive her
2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; Let men their songs em -
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in - fest the
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room, —
play; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains —
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow —
prove The glo - ries of His right - eous - ness, —



And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing,
Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy,
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His love,



And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
Far as, far as the curse is found.
And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

***Christmas Blessing**

Minister: May the God of peace Himself make you holy in every way and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: *(with a loud voice)* **Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!**
Amen!

Postlude

“Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella”
Mr. Colin Howland, *Organ*

arr. Chapman

**The congregation stands.*

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of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.**

Tonight's offering will be given to the Ministerial Relief Fund of the
Presbyterian Church in America to assist retired and disabled
pastors and missionaries and their dependent children.

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The Rev. Mark Davis

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