



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church

December 28, 2008

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

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

"The First Noel"

THE FIRST NOEL

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our
heav-en-ly Lord, who hath made heav'n and earth of naught, and
with His blood man-kind hath bought. No - el, No - el, No -
el, No - el, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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: God is here! The Messiah has come!

People: By faith we open our eyes to see Him and lift our hearts to worship Him. We have come to exalt the name of Jesus, our Savior and King, and to bring glory to God the Father.

Minister: In our worship we demonstrate the mind of Christ in declaring to God that He is the supreme authority in our lives.

People: We bow before Him in submission to our Lord and King. Come, worship the Lord!

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!”

Psalms 100.4

***Hymn of Adoration No. 195 “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”**

ANTIOCH

***Prayer of Adoration**

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

The Rev. Julian Russell 8:00

The Rev. Tim Tinsley 9:30

Mr. Russell 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

***Carols of Praise**

No. 214 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

GLORIA

No. 204 “Away in a Manger”

MUELLER

Public Confession of Sin

God of love, all year long we pursue power and money, yet You come in weakness. All season long we covet great material gifts, when You alone offer what is lasting. Through the work of this Lord Jesus, who comes among us full of grace and truth, forgive us, heal us, correct us. Then open our lips, that we may sing Your praise with the angels, and remake our lives, that we may bear witness to your transforming love. Through Christ, our Lord.

Private Confession

Song of Assurance "From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable"

Townend

9:30/11:00

From the squalor of a borrowed stable,
King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,
Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,
Now He's standing in the place of honor,
by the Spirit and a virgin's faith;
humble servant in the Father's hands,
He was lifted on a cruel cross;
crowned with glory on the highest throne,
to the anguish and the shame of scandal
filled with power and the Holy Spirit,
He was punished for a world's transgressions,
interceding for His own beloved
came the Savior of the human race! But the
filled with mercy for the broken man. Yes, He
He was suffering to save the lost. He
till His Father calls to bring them home! Then the
skies were filled with the praise of heav'n, shepherds listen as the
walked my road and He felt my pain, joys and sorrows that I
fights for breath, He fights for me, loosening sinners from the
skies will part as the trumpet sounds hope of heaven or the
angels tell of the Gift of God come down to man
know so well; yet His righteous steps give me hope again:
claims of hell; and with a shout our souls set free:
fear of hell; but the Bride will run to her Lover's arms,
at the dawning of Immanuel.
I will follow my Immanuel!
death defeated by Immanuel!
giving glory to Immanuel!

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

Mr. Tinsley 9:30

Mr. Russell 11:00

Musical Offering

“All Is Well”

Smith

Rachel Yeates, Vocalist • Morgan Yeates, Piano

***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.”

Psalms 1.1-2

***The Scripture Reading**

Philippians 3.8-16

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ⁹ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—¹⁰that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death,¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize

of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

The Morning Sermon

“Resolution”

Mr. Lafferty

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

*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:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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 26

*Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind.
For Your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in Your faithfulness.
I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.
I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.
I wash my hands in innocence and go around Your altar, O LORD,
proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your wondrous deeds.
O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men, in
whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.
But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.
My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.*

☞ 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 Carol No. 203** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

***Benediction**

Minister: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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

Postlude

**The congregation stands.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Thomas Kinder Farris, Sr., exceptional father, father-in-law and grandfather, by Elizabeth, Ernie, Alexandra and Audrey Figari.

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 28, 2008
6:00 pm • Oak Lawn West**

The Rev. Tim Tinsley
1 Corinthians 10.13
“Established in His Strength During Temptation”

Senior Pastor

The Rev. Mark Davis

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The Rev. Bill Lamberth	The Rev. Jeff White
The Rev. Patrick Lafferty	The Rev. Don Admire

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

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