



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church

December 20, 2009

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

"The LORD is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him."

Habakkuk 2.2

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 Praise and Profess Our Faith in God

*"My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever."*

Psalm 145.21

Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00
The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

Minister: Sing to God, sing praises to His name; lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts; His name is the LORD; exult before Him! Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation.

People: Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.

Minister: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.

People: Awesome is God from His sanctuary; the God of Israel—He is the one who gives power and strength to His people. Blessed be God!

Psalm 68:4-5, 19, 34-35

***Hymn of Adoration No. 208** “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELES

*Prayer of Adoration

*Confession of Faith

The Rev. Don Admire 8:00
The Rev. Patrick Lafferty 9:30
The Rev. Jeff White 11:00

It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of His church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

Westminster Confession of Faith VIII.1

***Carol of Praise No. 211** “God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen” *GOD REST YOU MERRY*

Sacrament of Baptism

9:30/11:00

Mr. Davis 9:30
The Rev. Bill Lamberth 11:00

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?

9:30

Anna Margaret Little
Megan Grace Marlar
Connor Horan Whitcomb

11:00

James Lee Flowers
Hannah Katherine Franklin
Luke Campbell Rogers

Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

Mr. Rick Bush, *Elder* 9:30
Mr. Paul Flowers, *Elder* 11:00

Carol of Assurance No. 201 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

9:30/11:00

Stanzas: 1, 2 and 4

ST. LOUIS

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.

Help us to focus on Your grace.

Help us to live grateful lives in return.

For Jesus' sake alone, we pray.

Silent Confession

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. Admire 8:00
Mr. Lafferty 9:30
Mr. White 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

“He Shall Feed His Flock”
Megan Knapp, *Soprano*

Handel

9:30/11:00

“Mary’s Lullabye”
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, *Director*

John Rutter

*See the Child that Mary bore on her lap so softly sleeping: in a stable cold and poor,
ox and ass their vigil keeping.*

Sing lullaby, my own son, my child; lullaby.

*Flights of angels round His head sing Him joyful hymns of greeting: peace on
earth, goodwill to men. Each to each the song repeating.*

*Shepherds kneeling by His bed offer homage without measure; wise men, by a
bright star led, bring Him gifts of richest treasure.*

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill 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

Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules.

*And all the people answered with one voice and said,
“All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.”*

Exodus 24.3

*The Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9.6-7

*For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon
His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish
it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and
forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.*

The Morning Sermon AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED
“Everlasting Father”

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:

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

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 14:6

***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 45.6-12

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness; You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness beyond Your companions; Your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

From ivory palaces stringed instruments make You glad; daughters of kings are among Your ladies of honor; at Your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir. Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear: forget your people and your father's house, and the king will desire your beauty. Since He is your Lord, bow to Him. The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts, the richest of the people.

— Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00, please continue here —

We go into the World with God's Peace to Live for His Glory

"Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

Hebrews 13:20-21

***Closing Carol No. 225** *"Once in Royal David's City"*

IRBY

***Benediction**

Minister: To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

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

Postlude *"Improvisation on God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"*
Mr. Colin Howland, Organ

Roberts

**The congregation stands.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of the marriage of Virginia Anne Farris and Matthew Robert Olson.

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Connor Horan Whitcomb, son of Kristina and Phil Whitcomb.

Senior Pastor

The Rev. Mark Davis

Session/Associate Pastors

Ron Baxter

Kit Case

Doug Chesnut

The Rev. Pete Deison

Harry Hargrave

Doug Horn

Tim Jeffress

Kent Johnson

Louie Little

Pat Moore

Boots Nowlin

Rick Owens

Bobby Payne

Kirk Pogoloff

Dick Steele

Bill Thomas

The Rev. Tim Tinsley

Steve Vanderhill

Assistant Pastors

The Rev. Ron Williams

The Rev. Bill Lamberth

The Rev. Patrick Lafferty

The Rev. Julian Russell

The Rev. Jeff White

The Rev. Don Admire

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 20, 2009
6:00 pm • Oak Lawn West**

Mr. Russ Whitfield
Philippians 4.1-7

Home Worship Guide

This page is to help you get started worshipping in your home. For more ideas and in-depth resources, be sure to check out the PCPC website by going to the Family Worship link on the pcpc.org home page. The Family Worship site is under development, so keep checking back for new updates!

What is home worship?

Home worship is time set aside to love, adore, and enjoy our Heavenly Father in our homes and with our families.

Who is home worship for?

Everyone! If you belong to Christ, He wants you to know the joy of spending time with Him daily. Home worship is for children, parents, couples, singles, grandparents, empty-nesters, anyone who is a child of the King!

When and where should we have home worship?

Do your best to schedule a regular time. Make it part of your routine. That way, everyone who participates will know when it is supposed to happen. Some good times are:

1. First thing in the morning right after breakfast;
2. At the dinner table immediately following the meal;
3. Right before bedtime.

If you are just beginning to try home worship, try this once or twice a week. If you already are doing it once or twice a week, try to increase the frequency. Ultimately, you will enjoy your Heavenly Father the most when you spend the most time with Him! Resources for daily worship will be available at worship.pcpc.org.

How do we do home worship?

1. **How do I know what to do?** There is a simple order in this worship bulletin to help guide you. Home worship is simply an extension and simplification of what happens in corporate worship every Sunday morning. Use your experience on Sunday mornings to guide you in worshipping at home. The elements of worship taken from Sunday mornings into the home are praise, prayer, and reading and learning the scriptures. If a family is able, singing is encouraged. If not, no big deal! Be flexible in adapting this guide to suit the needs of your family situation. Home worship also offers the opportunity to ask questions, give prayer requests, and have discussion in ways which do not happen in corporate worship.
2. **How long should it take?** No more than 10 or 15 minutes. If your family loves to go longer, then go longer!
3. **How do I deal with wiggly children?** Make parts of home worship wiggly! Move while you are singing, act out the scripture reading, ask the discussion questions while taking a family walk. Be creative and your children will love it. Be sure to teach the discipline of listening. See worship.pcpc.org for more ideas for families with young children!
4. **How do I get help?** Contact one of our pastors or elders. Check out the PCPC website.

Daily Prayer Guide

Monday: Pray for one another (What's happening this week? Any sickness? Problems? If able, share with one another some area in your life in which God wants you to grow. Confess sins to one another)

Tuesday: Pray for your relatives and friends

Wednesday: Pray for those in authority: President Obama, government officials, local leaders, teachers at school.

Thursday: Pray for people you know who don't know Jesus.

Friday: Pray for the Church around the world, for missionaries, for the extending of God's Kingdom.

Saturday: Pray for PCPC, for the pastors and elders, the deacons and staff members. Pray for those who are sick and in need of care. Pray for the worship which is going to take place on Sunday morning.

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 20, 2009
Praise

Psalm 98.4 *(all together saying)*

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

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" *(sing or say these words together)*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above; glory to God in the highest;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9.6-7

Questions for Discussion *(may be answered in one worship time, or spread over several times)*

Read Isaiah 9.6-7

1. Why is Jesus called Everlasting Father?
2. What attributes does Jesus possess that are like a father?
3. What does it mean that Jesus is the provider of our faith?
4. How does Jesus protect His people?

For older children:

9. What does it mean to know Jesus is the Good Shepherd?
10. How have you experienced Jesus' protection in your life?
11. How does Jesus provide for us presently and in the future?

Scripture Memory *(memorize these verses of scripture this month)*

Luke 1.30-33

And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His Kingdom there will be no end."

Prayer

(Additional prayer ideas may be found on page eight of the bulletin.)

Prayer *(all saying together)*

All glory to You, great God, for the gift of Your Son, light in the darkness and hope of the world, whom You sent to save us. With singing angels, let us praise Your name and tell the earth His story, that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down, acknowledging Your love through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" *(sing or say these words together)*

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

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.