



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 27, 2011

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

FIRST 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 2.20

Preparation for Worship

We Come to Worship at His Bidding

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!"

Psalm 150.6

Call to Worship

The Rev. Patrick Lafferty

Minister: I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.

People: **Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.**

Minister: The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him; He also hears their cry and saves them.

People: **My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.** from Psalm 145

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

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Confession of Faith**

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00

The Rev. Julian Russell 9:30

The Rev. Tommy Overton 11:00

To all those for whom Christ has purchased redemption, He does certainly and effectually apply and communicate the same; making intercession for them, and revealing unto them, in and by the Word, the mysteries of salvation; effectually persuading them by His Spirit to believe and obey, and governing their hearts by His Word and Spirit; overcoming all their enemies by His almighty power and wisdom, in such manner, and ways, as are most consonant to His wonderful and unsearchable dispensation.

Westminster confession of Faith, 8.8

***Hymn No. 196**

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

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Public Confession of Sin

O God, I bless You for the happy moment when I first saw Your law fulfilled in Christ, wrath appeased, death destroyed, sin forgiven, my soul saved. I want no other rock to build upon than that which I have, desire no other hope than that of gospel truth, need no other look than that which gazes on the cross. Forgive me if I have tried to add anything to the one foundation, if I have unconsciously relied upon my knowledge, experience, deeds, and not seen them as filthy rags, if I have attempted to complete what is perfect in Christ. May my cry be always, Only Jesus! Only Jesus! In Him is freedom from condemnation, fullness in His righteousness, eternal vitality in His given life, indissoluble union in fellowship with Him. In Him I have all that I can hold; enlarge me to take in more.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

Song of Praise

"Jesus, Your Name"

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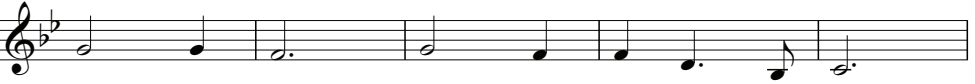
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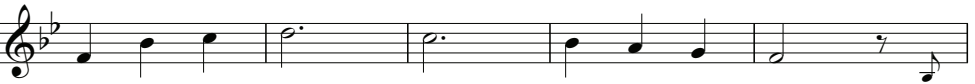
1. Je - sus, Your name, Prince of Peace; Qui - ets my
 2. Je - sus, Your name, Coun - sel - or; Won - der - ful
 3. Je - sus, Your name, Migh - ty God; All Pow'r - ful



soul, trea - sures the least. In per - fect rest
 Way, Life's Com - for - ter. Spi - rit of Truth de -
 One, ru - ling in love. There is a King u -



You will keep all whose hope is in You.
 fend - ing me, though in me was the blame.
 pon the throne earth can - not o - ver - throw.



Je - sus, Your name can sil - ence the storms; the
 Je - sus, Your name has stood in my place and
 Je - sus, Your name, great ban - ner of hope;



striv - ings that trou - ble our world. Je - sus, Your name
 freed me from hope - less shame; Je - sus, Your name
 stead - ies the knees of the weak. Je - sus, the name



re - veals You as Lord; Oh, po - wer - ful name!
 now fa - thers me; with joy I bear His name.
 all na - tions will praise; Oh, glo - ri - ous name!

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

Dr. Deison 8:00
 Mr. Russell 9:30
 Mr. Overton 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

"O Come, O Come Immanuel"

arr. Sleeth

Bea Post, *alto* • Brian C. Post, *baritone*
 Brian Post, *piano*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture in the body and the blood He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-wing'd Seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry. Alleluia, Lord most high.

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: And He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Ephesians 2.17-18

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.

*The Scripture Reading

John 18:28-38a

Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. ²⁹ So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰ They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered Him over to you." ³¹ Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." ³² This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death He was going to die. ³³ So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about Me?" ³⁵ Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to me. What have You done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My Kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My Kingdom is not from the world." ³⁷ Then Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice." ³⁸ Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?"

The Morning Sermon

"Why did Christ Come?
To bear witness to the truth"

Mr. Lafferty

— Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00, continue at closing hymn on page six —

***The Great Thanksgiving 8:00**

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.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing 8:00**

***The Words of Institution 8:00**

The Communion 8:00

*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,
you may use the following Scripture for private meditation.*

Psalm 79.1-8

O God, the nations have come into Your inheritance; they have defiled Your holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in ruins. They have given the bodies of Your servants to the birds of the heavens for food, the flesh of Your faithful to the beasts of the earth. They have poured out their blood like water all around Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them. We have become a taunt to our neighbors, mocked and derided by those around us. How long, O LORD? Will You be angry forever? Will Your jealousy burn like fire? Pour out Your anger on the nations that do not know You, and on the kingdoms that do not call upon Your name! For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his habitation. Do not remember against us our former iniquities; let Your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low.

— Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00, 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 Hymn No. 195 "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"**

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***The Benediction**

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

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

Postlude

"March Upon a Theme of Handel"
Colin Howland, *organ*

Guilmant

**The congregation stands.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 31st wedding anniversary of Sarah Jane and Will Francis by Sarah Katherine and William.

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.

Senior Pastor

The Rev. Mark Davis

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Tommy Bain	Dr. Pete Deison	Rick Owens
Alan Balsler	Will Francis	Bobby Payne
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Frank Bullock	Ed Jarrett	Dan Stewart
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Doug Chesnut	David Newman	

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The Rev. Ron Williams	The Rev. Julian Russell
The Rev. Bill Lamberth	Dr. Jeff White
The Rev. Patrick Lafferty	The Rev. Tommy Overton

Executive Director

Jeff Barber

Shepherding Elders

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

John Bateman	Mark Fulmer	Pat Moore
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David Burgher	John Harper	Stephen Nielson
Rick Bush	John Hawkins	Boots Nowlin
George Chapman	Bob Heinonen	Irv Queal
Jim Chenoweth	Bill Hill	Bob Rasberry
Grady Crosland	Doug Horn	Nelson Somerville
Marvin Culbertson	David Horn	Dick Steele
Charles Debter	Tim Jeffress	Tracy Taylor
John Denman	Russell Johnson	Bill Thomas
Jack Denman	Kent Johnson	Steve Vanderhill
Curt Dobbs	Bryan Keyes	John Vanderveld
Bert Ehrmann	Don King	Ron Wideman
Bill Farrell	Bill Mabus	Steve Williamson
Paul Flowers	Mike McMahon	Arthur Wood
David Franklin	Robert Mighell	

SERMON NOTES

John 18:28-38a

“Why did Christ Come?
To bear witness to the truth”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of November 27, 2011

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.

from Psalm 145

“Jesus, Your Name” *(sing or say these words together)*

Please refer to the hymn on page three.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: John 18:28-38a *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. Why is it good to tell the truth? What’s sometimes hard about telling the truth?
2. We’re not as familiar with kingdoms in America since we have president, but what might Jesus mean when He says He is a king?
3. What truth(s) did Jesus come to point us to?
3. What does it mean to “bear witness” to the truth? Why is it our privilege to bear witness to the truth of Jesus?
4. Jesus says those who love the truth listen to Him. How are you learning to listen to Jesus?

Questions for older children

1. What do you think Pilate means by his question, “What is truth?” Was he curious, cynical, or something else?
2. What are the dangers or bearing witness to the truth? What are the benefits?
3. Jesus says His kingdom is not of this world, but do you think Jesus has interests in how this world is run? How so?

Scripture Memory for November *(memorize these verses of Scripture this month)*

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name! For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

Prayer

Prayer *(saying together)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.