



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 4, 2011

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

SECOND 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

9:30/11:00

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"
High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir
Lynda Fray, *director*

arr. Erickson

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

Minister: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

People: **A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God."**

Minister: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

People: **And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."**

Isaiah 40:1-5

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

***Hymn No. 208**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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***Prayer of Adoration**

***Confession of Faith**

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00

The Rev. Patrick Lafferty 9:30

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 11:00

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten
of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of
very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by
whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down
from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He
suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of
the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living
and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who pro-
ceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we
believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one
baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Nicene Creed

From the squa - lor of a bor - rowed sta - ble,
 King of heav - en now the Friend of sin - ners,
 Through the kis - ses of a friend's be - tray - al,
 Now He's stand - ing in the place of hon - or,
 by the Spi - rit and a vir - gin's faith;
 hum - ble ser - vant in the Fa - ther's hands,
 He was lift - ed on a cru - el cross;
 crowned with glo - ry on the high - est throne,
 to the an - guish and the shame of scan - dal
 filled with po - wer and the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
 He was pun - ished for a world's trans - gress - ions,
 in - ter - ced - ing for His own be - lov - ed
 came the Sa - vior of the hu - man race! But the
 filled with mer - cy for the bro - ken man. Yes, He
 He was suf - fer - ing to save the lost. He
 till His Fa - ther calls to bring them home! Then the
 skies were filled with the praise of heav'n, shep - herds lis - ten as the
 walked my road and He felt my pain, joys and sor - rows that I
 fights for breath, He fights for me, loos - ing sin - ners from the
 skies will part as the trum - pet sounds hope of heav - en or the
 an - gels tell of the Gift of God come down to man
 know so well; yet His righ - teous steps give me hope a - gain:
 claims of hell; and with a shout our souls set free:
 fear of hell; but the Bride will run to her Lov - er's arms,
 at the dawn - ing of Im - man - u - el.
 I will fol - low my Im - man - u - el!
 death de - feat - ed by Im - man - u - el!
 giv - ing glo - ry to Im - man - u - el!

New Member Recognition

9:30/11:00

Sacrament of Baptism

9:30

- Bridge Maeve Lovell
- Hunter Alan Starnes
- Parker Wesley Starnes
- Landon Taylor Starnes
- Alexa Kathleen Starnes

11:00

- Lindsey Anderson
- Robert Stephen Lee
- Rebekah Garrison Bailey
- James Patrick DeYoung

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 again for looking to ourselves and not to Christ, who came to seek and save us. Help us to focus on Your grace, so that we might return to You sacrifices of praise.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:1-2

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. Lafferty 9:30
Mr. Lamberth 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00 “Cantique de Noel” (O Holy Night) Adolphe Adam
Beth McDow, soprano

9:30/11:00 “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen” arr. J. M. Cope
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day to save us all from Satan’s power when we were gone astray. O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came; and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same; how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. O tidings of comfort and joy.

“Fear not, then,” said the angel, “let nothing you affright, this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright, to free all those that trust in Him from Satan’s pow’r and might.” O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place, and with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace; this holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface. O tidings of comfort and joy.

*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.

Children's Sermon

9:30/11:00

Mr. Davis

*The Scripture Reading

Luke 19.1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through. ² And there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small of stature. ⁴ So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was about to pass that way. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried and came down and received Him joyfully. ⁷ And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." ⁸ And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." ⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

The Morning Sermon "Christ Came to Seek and Save the Lost"

Mr. Williams 8:00
Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

— 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 79.9-13

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for Your name's sake! Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Let the avenging of the outpoured blood of Your servants be known among the nations before our eyes! Let the groans of the prisoners come before You; according to Your great power, preserve those doomed to die! Return sevenfold into the lap of our neighbors the taunts with which they have taunted You, O Lord! But we Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.

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

***Closing Hymn No. 207** "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

IN DULCI JUBILO

***The Benediction**

Minister: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. 1 Thessalonians 5.23-24

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

“Choral Improvisation on *In Dulci Jubilo*”
Colin Howland, organ

Karg-Elert

**The congregation stands.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of Mary Jackson by her 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 School Communities

If you have questions about the PCPC Sunday School Community classes, please go to the Information Center in the south foyer for assistance.

SERMON NOTES

Luke 19.1-10

“Christ Came to Seek and Save the Lost”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 4, 2011

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. Isaiah 40.1

“From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable” *(sing or say these words together)*

Please refer to the hymn on page three.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Luke 19.1-10 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. According to verse 10, why did Christ come?
2. How do we know Zacchaeus was lost?
3. Why did he climb the tree?
3. What did he discover about Jesus?
4. How did Zacchaeus respond?

Questions for older children

1. Why do we need to get above the crowd to see the real Jesus?
2. How can we become the crowd and act as a stumbling block?
3. How did he show a fast repentance?
4. What motivated his change?

Scripture Memory for December *(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

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.