



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 18, 2011

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 2.20

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. Ron Williams 8:00

The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

Minister: The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God;

People: **To comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.**

Isaiah 61:1-3

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. 218

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

REGENT SQUARE

*Prayer of Adoration

*Confession of Faith

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 9:30/11:00

The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience, and sacrifice of Himself, which He, through the eternal Spirit, once offered up unto God, hath fully satisfied the justice of His Father; and purchased, not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father hath given unto Him.

Westminster Confession of Faith, 8.5

*Hymn of Praise No. 213

"What Child Is This"

GREENSLEEVES

The Sacrament of Baptism

9:30/11:00

Mr. Lamberth 9:30

Mr. Lamberth, Mr. Davis 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

Byron Benjamin Cook
Sloane Ava Lyles
Lee Allison Robertson IV
Duncan Arthur Swope

11:00

Barrett Michael Benson
Alana Marie Schroeder
Penelope Jane Singleton

Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

Musical Meditation

9:30/11:00

“Mary, Did You Know?”

Laurie and Taylor Hargrave, *soloists*

Lowrey/Green

Public Confession of Sin

Lord Christ, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept Your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp Your offer of redeeming love but also our resistance to follow You without question. In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by Your grace, assist us to receive You with joy as the shepherds; with gratitude as Simeon; with obedience as Mary; with love as You have loved us. Even so, come Lord Jesus.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

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 40:1-2

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. Lamberth 9:30/11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Amy Mackenroth, soprano

VENI EMMANUEL

9:30/11:00

“Candlelight Carols”
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director

John Rutter

How do you capture the wind on the water? How do you count all the stars in the sky? How can you measure the love of a mother, or how can you write down a baby’s first cry?

Candlelight, angel light, firelight and starglow shine on His cradle till breaking of dawn. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Angels are singing; the Christ Child is born.

Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore Him; Seraphim round Him their vigil will keep; nations proclaim Him their Lord and their Savior, but Mary will hold Him and sing Him to sleep.

Find Him at Bethlehem laid in a manger: Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay. Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation: a Child with His mother that first Christmas Day.

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Romans 5.1

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

Mark 10.35-45

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to Him and said to Him, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You.”³⁶ And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?”³⁷ And they said to Him, “Grant us to sit, one at Your right hand and one at Your left, in Your glory.”³⁸ Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?”³⁹ And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized,⁴⁰ but to sit at My right hand or at My left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John.⁴² And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

The Morning Sermon “He Came Not to be Served but to Serve...” Mr. Williams 8:00
Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

***The Great Thanksgiving 8:00**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

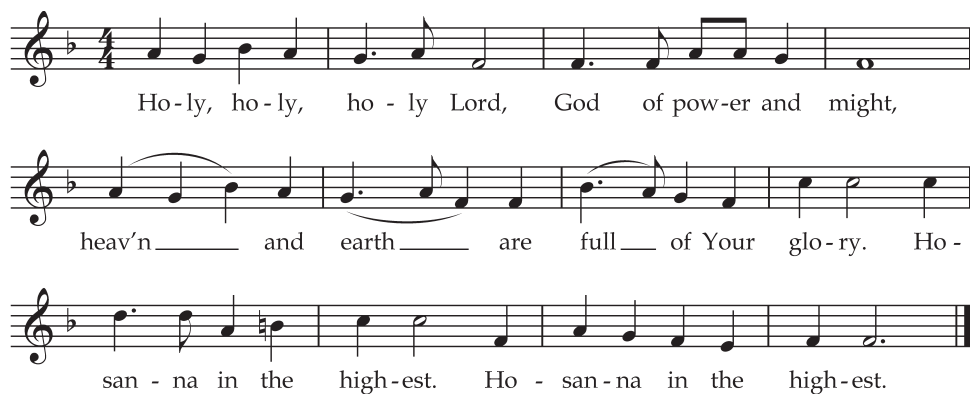
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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.

*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 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 80.8-15

You brought a vine out of Egypt; You drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches. It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River. Why then have You broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it. Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that Your right hand planted, and for the son whom You made strong for Yourself.

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

***Closing Hymn No. 203 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”**

MENDELSSOHN

***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

Colin Howland, *organ*

**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 our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

*The flowers in the narthex this morning are given to the glory of God and
in celebration of the marriage of Carley Runyon and Chris Cagle.*

**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

Alan Balser

Ron Baxter

Frank Bullock

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Will Francis

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The Rev. Patrick Lafferty

The Rev. Julian Russell

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The Rev. Tommy Overton

Executive Director

Jeff Barber

SERMON NOTES

Mark 10.35-45

“He Came Not to be Served but to Serve...”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 18, 2011

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God.

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" *(sing or say these words together)*

Hark! the Herald angels sing, "Glory to the Newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the Herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: Mark 10.35-45 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What did James and John request?
2. Why was their request bold?
3. Should they have made this request?
4. How did Jesus respond?
5. What is the cup that Jesus refers to?
6. Why were the other ten disciples upset with James and John?
7. How does Jesus radically change the view of a leader?

Questions for older children

1. After reading what Jesus said in verses 43-45, what should James and John have requested?
2. What is a ransom?
3. How are we to be like Christ?

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.