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# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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*Christmas Eve*

*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.*

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<b>Prelude</b>	“Ding Dong Merrily on High” Festival Brass	<i>arr. Procter</i>
	“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” Stephen Nielson, <i>piano</i>	<i>arr. Nielson</i>
	Improvisation on “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen” Colin Howland, <i>organ</i>	<i>Myron Roberts</i>
	“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”	<i>arr. John Rutter</i>
	“Incarnate Love” Chamber Chorale	<i>Robert Young</i>
	“Jesus Christ the Apple Tree” Mason McCamey, <i>tenor</i> • Stephen Nielson, <i>piano</i>	<i>Elizabeth Poston</i>

## Call to Worship

The Rev. Mark Davis

**Minister:** Arise, shine, for Your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon You.

**People:** For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon You, and His glory will be seen upon You. And nations shall come to Your light, and kings to the brightness of Your rising. Isaiah 60:1-3

**Minister:** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**People:** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:1-5, 14

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

*ADESTE FIDELES*

**\*Prayer of Adoration concluding with**

O Source of all good, what shall I render to Thee for the gift of gifts, Thine own dear Son, begotten, not created, my redeemer, surety, substitute, His self-emptying incomprehensible, His infinity of love beyond the heart's grasp. Herein is wonder of wonders: He came below to raise me above, was born like me that I might become like Him. Herein is love: when I cannot rise to Him He draws near on wings of grace, to raise me to Himself. O God, take me in spirit to the watchful shepherds, and enlarge my mind; let me hear good tidings of great joy, and hearing, believe, rejoice, praise and adore, my eyes uplifted to a reconciled Father. Let me with Simeon clasp the new-born child to my heart, embrace Him with undying faith, exulting that He is mine and I am His. In Him Thou hast given me so much that heaven can give no more. Amen!

**\*Carol of Praise**

No. 227

“On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”

SUSSEX CAROL

**Musical Meditation** “Where Shepherds Lately Knelt”

Carl Schalk

Chancel Choir

*Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel's word, I come in half belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred; but there is room and welcome there for me.*

*In that unlikely place I find Him as they said: sweet, newborn Babe, how frail, and in a manger bed: a still small Voice to cry one day for me.*

*How should I not have known Isaiah would be there, his prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart, I stare: a Child, a Son, the Prince of Peace me.*

*Can I forget how Love was born and burned its way into my heart: unasked, unearned, to die, to live, and not alone for me.*

**Public Confession of Sin**

Dr. Pete Deison

Blessed Lord Jesus, no human mind could conceive or invent the gospel. Acting in eternal grace, Thou art both its messenger and its message, lived out on earth through infinite compassion, applying Thy life to insult, injury, death, that I might be redeemed, ransomed, freed. Blessed be Thou, Father, for contriving this way; Eternal thanks to Thee, O Lamb of God, for opening this way; Praise everlasting to Thee, O Holy Spirit, for applying this way to my heart. Glorious Trinity, impress the gospel to my soul, until its virtue diffuses every faculty; let it be heard, acknowledged, professed, felt. Merciful Lord, pardon all my sins of this day, week, year, all the sins of my life; sins of omission and commission; of lip, life and walk; of hard-heartedness, unbelief, presumption, pride; of impurity in thought, word and deed; in opening my heart to Satan's temptations. I thank Thee for the patience that has borne with me so long, and for the grace that now makes me willing to be Thine. O unite me to Thyself with inseparable bonds, that nothing may ever draw me back from Thee, my Lord, my Savior.

**Private Confession**

## Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

John 3.16-17

**Musical Meditation** “There Was No Room in Bethlehem” *H. Walford Davies*  
Lindsay Lamberth, *soprano* • Stephen Nielson, *piano*

## Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison

*A portion of tonight's offering will be given to the  
PCA Ministerial Relief Fund.*

**Musical Offering** “African Noel” *André Thomas*  
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, *director*

*Sing Noel, sing we all Noel.  
O come, ye people, gather here to hear the news of good cheer.  
The King of kings, the Lamb of God is born today in Bethlehem.*

## \*The Scripture Reading

John 12.44-50

*And Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. And whoever sees Me sees Him who sent Me. I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in Me may not remain in darkness. If anyone hears My words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. The one who rejects Me and does not receive My words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. For I have not spoken on My own authority, but the Father who sent Me has Himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. And I know that His commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told Me.”*

**Christmas Eve Meditation** “He Came to Save the World”

Mr. Davis

**Musical Acclamation** “O Holy Night” *Adam*  
Lindsay Lamberth, *soprano*; Mason McCamey, *tenor*  
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

**Carol No. 210**

“Silent Night! Holy Night!”

*STILLE NACHT*

**\*Carol of Praise No. 203** “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

*MENDELSSOHN*

**\*The Benediction**

**Minister:** May the God of peace Himself make you holy in every way and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**Postlude**

“Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella”  
Colin Howland, *organ*

*arr. Chapman*

*\*The congregation stands.*

**Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.**

*Christmas Day  
worship services  
tomorrow morning  
at 9:30 and 11:00 am*

**Senior Pastor**

The Rev. Mark Davis

**Session/Associate Pastor**

Tommy Bain	Dr. Pete Deison	Rick Owens
Alan Balsler	Will Francis	Bobby Payne
Ron Baxter	Harry Hargrave	Kirk Pogoloff
Frank Bullock	Ed Jarrett	Dan Stewart
Kit Case	Louie Little	Randy Wood
Doug Chesnut	David Newman	

**Assistant Pastors**

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
Brad Bradley	David Gowdey	Henry Morgan
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
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David Franklin	Robert Mighell	