

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

We Come to Worship at His Bidding

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

Call to Worship:

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00

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

Minister: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. 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.

People: **Violence shall no more be heard in your land, devastation or destruction within your borders; you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise.**

Minister: The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

People: **Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself; for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.**

Isaiah 60.1-2, 18-20

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

*Carol of Praise No. 208

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

*Prayer of Adoration

***New Testament Reading: from 1 John 5**

The Rev. Tommy Overton 8:00

The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 11:00

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

***Carol No. 194**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

The Sacrament of Baptism

Mr. Davis, Dr. Joseph “Skip” Ryan, Mr. Goebel 9:30

9:30/11:00

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 their child?

9:30

11:00

Hunter Havens Beasley
Howard Tulloss Beasley
MacKenzie Alexis McLane
Ashton William Griffin
Abigail Miller Moffitt

Asher Ramsay Estes
Isabella Rose Glover
Lauren Elizabeth King
Thomas Miller Sylvan, Jr.

Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

Hymn of Praise "From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable"

Townend

9:30/11:00



1. From the squalor of a borrowed stable,
 2. King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,
 3. Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,
 4. Now He's standing in the place of honor,

by the Spirit and a virgin's faith;
 humble servant in the Father's hands,
 He was lifted on a cruel cross;
 crowned with glory on the highest throne,

to the anguish and the shame of scandal
 filled with power and the Holy Spirit,
 He was punished for a world's transgressions,
 interceding for His own beloved

came the Savior of the human race! But the
 filled with mercy for the broken man. Yes, He
 He was suffering to save the lost. He
 till His Father calls to bring them home! Then the

skies were filled with the praise of heav'n, shepherds listen as the
 walked my road and He felt my pain, joys and sorrows that I
 fights for breath, He fights for me, losing sinners from the
 skies will part as the trumpet sounds hope of heaven or the

an-gels tell of the Gift of God come down to man
 know so well; yet His righteous 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 Lover'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!

Public Confession of Sin

O Father of mercies, rich in mercy toward all that call upon You; I have sinned against heaven and before You, neither am I worthy to be called a son, neither am I worthy to be made a hired servant, no, not the lowest of them all. O Lord, be pleased to help my impenitence; be merciful to me a sinner. Deep calls unto deep, the deep of our misery unto the deep of Your mercy. Where sin abounds, let grace much more abound; overcome our evil with Your good. O Christ who takes away the sins of the world, take away my sins. I have deserved death, but even now I appeal from the seat of Your justice to the throne of Your grace.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Comfort 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

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Overton 8:00

Mr. Goebel 9:30

Mr. Lamberth 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

“Sleep, My Little One”
Frances Cope, solo

Hansford

9:30/11:00

“And the Glory of the Lord”
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director

Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: We are the body of Christ; in one Spirit we were all baptized in one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

The Service of Friendship

*The Scripture Reading

John 16.20-33

Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹ When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²² So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. ²³ In that day you will ask nothing of Me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you. ²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. ²⁵ I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷ for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” ²⁹ His disciples said, “Ah, now You are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰ Now we know that You know all things and do not need anyone to question You; this is why we believe that You came from God.” ³¹ Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³² Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave Me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with Me. ³³ I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

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

***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.*

—Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00 continue here —

***Closing Hymn No. 195** “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

ANTIOCH

***The Benediction**

Minister: Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Jude 24-25

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

“Toccata on Von Himmel Hoch”
Mr. Colin Howland, organ

Edmundson

**The congregation stands.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God.

*“ . . . in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation.
But take heart; I have overcome the world.”*

John 16.33

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.

SERMON NOTES

John 16.20-33

WHY DID CHRIST COME?
"Christ Came to Overcome the World"

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 9, 2012

Praise

Call to Worship (*everyone together*)

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. 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.

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

Please see the hymn on page four.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: John 16.20-33 (*one person may read the Scripture aloud*)

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

1. When Jesus says, “I have overcome the world,” what does He mean by *the world*?
2. What about *the world* can make us sad?
3. How does Jesus encourage His disciples?
4. What does it mean to “take heart”?
5. How can we encourage each other to take heart during this Advent season?

Questions for older children

1. What about the world makes you sorrowful?
2. What does Christ offer us to help us “be of good cheer”?
3. What does it ultimately mean that *He has overcome the world*?
4. Which images of Advent help make this abundantly clear?

Scripture Memory for December: (*memorize these verses of Scripture*)

Matthew 1.20-21

But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

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.