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PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
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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>	“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” Festival Brass	<i>arr. Procter</i>
	“O Jesus Sweet, O Jesus Mild” Stephen Nielson, <i>piano</i>	<i>arr. Nielson</i>
	“He Shall Feed His Flock” Jenni Rasberry, <i>soprano</i> • Colin Howland, <i>organ</i>	<i>Handel</i>
	“What Sweeter Music” PCPC Chamber Choir	<i>John Rutter</i>
	“Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day” PCPC Chamber Choir	<i>Gardner</i>
	“Scots Nativity” Lindsay Lamberth, <i>soprano</i> • Caroline Nielson, <i>alto</i> • Stephen Nielson, <i>piano</i>	<i>Bullard</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. 207** "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

*IN DULCI JUBILO*

**Musical Meditation** "Where Shepherds Lately Knelt"  
Chancel Choir

*Craig Courtney*

*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—for 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**

The Rev. Bill Lamberth

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

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. Galatians 4.4-5

Carol No. 213

“What Child Is This”

GREENSLEEVES

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Lamberth

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

Musical Offering

“Gloria in Excelsis”  
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director  
Jenni Rasberry, soprano

Jolley  
arr. Hoggard

*Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria. Now sing we Gloria in excelsis Deo! All praise to Thee, eternal Lord, clothed in a garb of flesh and blood, who chose a manger for Thy throne while worlds on worlds are Thine alone.*

*A little Child, Thou art our guest, that weary souls may find their rest; forlorn and lonely is Thy birth, that we may rise to Heav'n from earth; Thou comest in the darksome night to make us children of the Light, to make us in the realms divine like Thine own angels 'round Thee shine.*

*Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria. Now sing we Gloria in excelsis Deo! All this for us Thy love hath done, by this to Thee our love is won, for this we tune our cheerful lays and sing our thanks in ceaseless praise.*

\*The Scripture Reading

Luke 2.8-20

*And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,*

*<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among  
those with whom He is pleased!"*

*<sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.*

**Christmas Eve Meditation** “Christ Came to Create Worshipers” Mr. Davis

**Musical Acclamation** “O Holy Night” *Adam*  
Steve Williamson, *tenor*

**Carol No. 210** “Silent Night! Holy Night!” *STILLE NACHT*

**\*Carol of Praise No. 195** “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come” *ANTIOCH*

**\*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” *arr. Chapman*  
Mr. Howland, *organ*

*\*The congregation stands.*

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The Rev. Mark Davis

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