



## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 30, 2012

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

*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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### *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**

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*  
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

*arr. Nielson*

### *We Come to Worship at His Bidding*

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

### **Call to Worship:**

Dr. Pete Deison

**Minister:** 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.

**People:** **For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.**

**Minister:** And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

**People:** **And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"**

Luke 2.10-14

### *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. 195**

*"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"*

*ANTIOCH*

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Profession of Faith**

Mr. Bert Ehrmann, *Elder* 8:00  
The Rev. Tommy Overton 9:30  
The Rev. Bill Lamberth 11:00

**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. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. 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, 9-14

**\*Carol Medley**

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| No. 224 | “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” | GO TELL IT            |
| No. 204 | “Away in a Manger”            | MUELLER               |
| No. 229 | “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”  | TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM |

***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

**Public Confession of Sin**

**Our God and Father, when we behold Your Son Jesus, we see Your great love for us, for You sent Your one and only Son into the world to die for sinners like us, so that whoever believes in Him would have eternal life. Since You have given Your Son, we can say with the apostle Paul, “How will You not also with Christ graciously give us all things?” Yet, our Father, our appetite for things of secondary or even of no importance fills our lives with longings that You never intended us to have. Our love and devotion to our possessions and our pleasures reveal again our true need for Jesus. Lord, in this Christmas season would You please give us Christ: fill our hearts with desire to know Him, to love Him, to serve and follow Him; fill our mouths with words to honor Him and proclaim Him; give us His presence to guide us in wisdom, to give peace to our troubled souls, to guard and protect our ways; grant us His grace and favor to forgive our sins, and to bring us to glory. Amen.**

## Private Confession

## Words of Assurance and Comfort of the Gospel

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved!  
Ephesians 2.4-5

**Carol of Praise No. 199** “See, amid the Winter’s Snow” SEE AMID  
9:30/11:00 Caroline Nielson, *soloist* • Stephen Nielson, *piano*  
Stanza 1, *solo* • Stanzas 2-3, *All* • Stanza 4, *solo* • Stanzas 5-6, *All*

**Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer** Mr. Ehrmann 8:00  
Mr. Overton 9:30  
Mr. Lamberth 11:00

**Musical Offering** “Ding, Dong, Merrily on High” *arr. Louis Harris*  
Caroline Nielson, *soprano* • Stephen Nielson, *piano*

## \*The Greeting of Peace

**Minister:** Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Colossians 3.15

**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.*

### ***We Hear and Respond to God’s Word***

*Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules.  
And all the people answered with one voice and said,  
“All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.” Exodus 24.3*

## \*The Scripture Reading

John 10.9-11; Ephesians 2.10

*I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. <sup>11</sup> I am the good Shepherd. The good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.*

*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

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

***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*

**\*The Great Thanksgiving 8:00**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

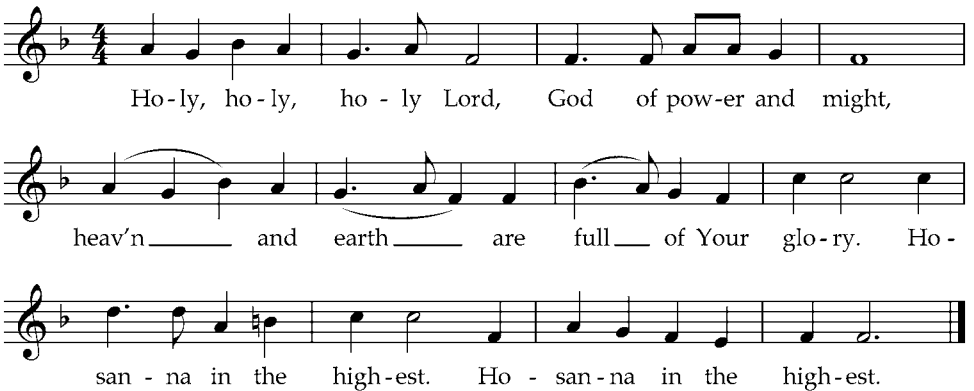
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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 102.23-28*

*He has broken my strength in midcourse; He has shortened my days. "O my God," I say, "take me not away in the midst of my days— You whose years endure throughout all generations!" Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, but You are the same, and Your years have no end. The children of Your servants shall dwell secure; their offspring shall be established before You.*

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

***We go into the World with God's Peace to Live for His Glory***

*"Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."*

*Hebrews 13.20-21*

**\*Closing Hymn No. 203** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

*MENDELSSOHN*

**\*The Benediction**

Minister: The joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the Magi, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of Christ be yours this Christmas. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

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

**Postlude**

*"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"*  
*Colin Howland, organ*

*arr. Roberts*

*\*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.**

## MINISTERS

The members of this church family who, in serving their Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, extend His Kingdom in Dallas and to the world.

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### 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.**

### **Session/Associate Pastor**

Tommy Bain	Will Francis	Rick Owens
Alan Balsler	Harry Hargrave	Mike Skinner
John Bateman	Ed Jarrett	Dan Stewart
Frank Bullock	Louie Little	Tim Wilson
Dr. Pete Deison	Jim Madden	Randy Wood
Jack Denman	David Newman	

### **Assistant Pastors**

The Rev. Ron Williams	Dr. Jeff White
The Rev. Bill Lamberth	The Rev. Tommy Overton
The Rev. Patrick Lafferty	Dr. Joseph "Skip" Ryan
The Rev. Julian Russell	The Rev. Paul Goebel

### **Executive Director**

Jeff Barber

### **Shepherding Elders**

*(Elders not currently on the Session but  
active in ministry at Park Cities Presbyterian Church)*

Ron Baxter	Mark Fulmer	Stephen Nielson
Brad Bradley	David Gowdey	Boots Nowlin
David Burgher	John Harper	Bobby Payne
Rick Bush	John Hawkins	Kirk Pogoloff
Kit Case	Bob Heinonen	Irv Queal
George Chapman	Doug Horn	Bob Rasberry
Jim Chenoweth	David Horn	Nelson Somerville
Doug Chesnut	Tim Jeffress	Dick Steele
Grady Crosland	Russell Johnson	Tracy Taylor
Marvin Culbertson	Kent Johnson	Bill Thomas
Charles Debter	Bryan Keyes	Steve Vanderhill
John Denman	Don King	John Vanderveld
Curt Dobbs	Bill Mabus	Ron Wideman
Bert Ehrmann	Mike McMahon	Steve Williamson
Bill Farrell	Robert Mighell	Arthur Wood
Paul Flowers	Pat Moore	
David Franklin	Henry Morgan	

# SERMON NOTES

John 10.9-11; Ephesians 2.10

“Christ Came to Give Abundant Life”

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**2012**

**2013**

January

February

March

April

May

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August

September

October

November

December



## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 30, 2012

### Praise

#### **Call to Worship** *(everyone together)*

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. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

#### **"Away in a Manger"** *(read or sing these words together)*

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

### Hearing and Learning God's Word

**Scripture Reading:** John 10.9-11; Ephesians 2.10 *(one person may read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. In John 10.9, Jesus compares Himself to a door. What are three things that Jesus says will happen if we enter through Him?
2. What kind of life may we have because of Jesus? (verse 10)
3. Read Psalm 23. What are some of the good things that David's Shepherd God did for him? Do you think He might do those things for you too?
4. Why does Jesus call Himself "the Good Shepherd"?
5. If Jesus laid down His life for you, what else do you think He might do for you?

**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.