



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 1, 2013

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

First 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.

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00

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

Minister: Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

People: **Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and His arm rules for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him.**

Minister: He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms;

People: **He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.**

Isaiah 40.9-11

***Hymn of Adoration No. 196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"**

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***Prayer of Adoration**

***Confession of Faith**

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 9:30

Dr. Joseph “Skip” Ryan 11:00

We believe that Jesus Christ, according to His divine nature, is the only begotten Son of God, begotten from eternity, not made, nor created (for then He would be a creature), but co-essential and co-eternal with the Father, the very image of His substance and the effulgence of His glory, equal unto Him in all things. He is the Son of God, not only from the time that He assumed our nature but from all eternity, as these testimonies, when compared together, teach us. Moses says that God created the world; and St. John says that all things were made by that Word which he calls God. The apostle says that God made the world by His Son; likewise, that God created all things by Jesus Christ. Therefore it must needs follow that He who is called God, the Word, the Son, and Jesus Christ, did exist at that time when all things were created by Him. Therefore the prophet Micah says: His goings forth are from of old, from everlasting. And the apostle: He hath neither beginning of days nor end of life. He therefore is that true, eternal, and almighty God whom we invoke, worship, and serve.

Belgic Confession of Faith, Article 10

***Hymn No. 198**

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”

TRURO

Public Confession of Sin

God of salvation, in Christ You have done great things—our hearts are filled with joy. By Your power You lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy and laughter into Your kingdom. Salvation is Your gift to us. But we confess that often we try to replace Your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us to focus on Your grace. Help us to live grateful lives in return. For Jesus’ sake alone, we pray.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance

“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.”

Isaiah 12.2

Hymn No. 193

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

PICARDY

9:30/11:00

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison 8:00

Mr. Lamberth 9:30

Dr. Ryan 11:00

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Meditation

8:00

"Immanuel"
Colin Howland, soloist

Card

9:30/11:00

"Comfort, Comfort"

arr. Ferguson

Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director

"Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!" so says our God. Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load. To God's people now proclaim that His pardon waits for them! Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever!

For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near, calling us to true repentance, since the Kingdom now is here. Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way! Let the valleys rise to meet Him, and the hills bow down to greet Him!

Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain! Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits His holy reign! For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad, and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Colossians 1.19-20

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.

Extending the Kingdom: A Report from Cuba

9:30/11:00

***Scripture Reading**

John 1.1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

Colossians 1.15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

The Morning Sermon	THE FIRST WORD OF CHRISTMAS "The Word Creates All Things"	Mr. Williams 8:00 Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00
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**Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please
continue at closing hymn on page six.**

***The Great Thanksgiving 8:00 only**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

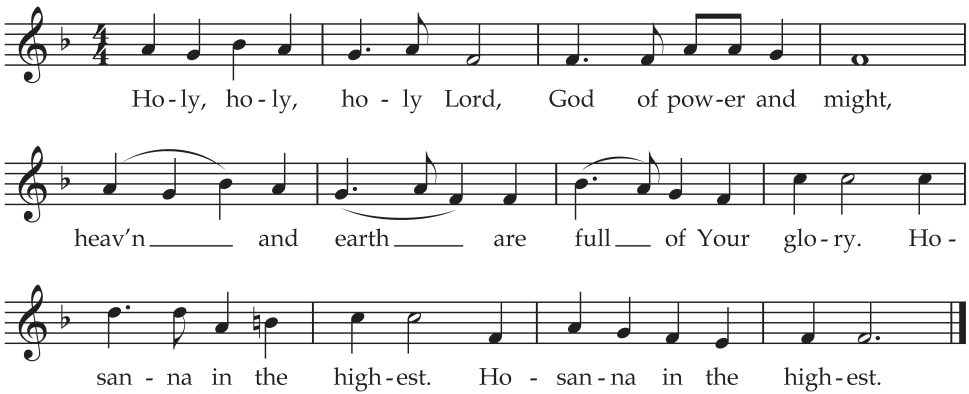
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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. 218 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”**

REGENT SQUARE

***Benediction**

Minister: Peace be to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible. Ephesians 6.23-24

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

March on “Lift Up Your Heads”
Mr. Howland *organ*

Guilmant

**The congregation stands.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in love and thanksgiving for our entire extended family by the Figaris.

*Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve....
But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24.15*

*“A man ought to live so that everybody knows he is a Christian....
and most of all, his family ought to know.” -D. L. Moody*

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

Session/Associate Pastor

Tommy Bain	Pat Hamner	Dan Stewart
Alan Balser	Ed Jarrett	Jay Turner
Frank Bullock	Jim Madden	Tim Wilson
Dr. Pete Deison	Bob McCamey	Randy Wood
Jack Denman	David Newman	Jeff Wilson
Will Francis	Mike Skinner	

Assistant Pastors

The Rev. Ron Williams	Dr. Joseph “Skip” Ryan
The Rev. Bill Lamberth	The Rev. Paul Goebel
Dr. Julian Russell	The Rev. Brent Baker
Dr. Jeff White	The Rev. Chad Scruggs
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	Stephen Nielson
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Brad Bradley	Harry Hargrave	Rick Owens
David Burgher	John Harper	Bobby Payne
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Doug Chesnut	Tim Jeffress	Dick Steele
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John Denman	Don King	John Vanderveld
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Bill Farrell	Mike McMahon	Arthur Wood
Paul Flowers	Robert Mighell	
David Franklin	Pat Moore	

SERMON NOTES

John 1.1-3; Colossians 1.15-20

THE FIRST WORD OF CHRISTMAS
"The Word Creates All Things"

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 1, 2013

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" *(read or sing these words together)*

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: John 1.1-3; Colossians 1.15-20 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. Who is the Word?
2. Why do you think Jesus is called the Word?
3. What does the Bible say Jesus created?
4. As we begin our celebration of Christmas, how can remembering that Jesus is the creator of all things, transform the way we worship Him?
5. Make a list of things that you are thankful for that Jesus created.

Questions for older children

1. What is significant about the Word being the creator of all things?
2. How often do you think about Jesus being the creator of all things?
3. Do you think this truth is missing from the way many people think about Jesus?
4. How might this truth change the way people view Jesus?
5. Spend some time thinking about and meditating on Colossians 1.15-20.

Scripture Memory for December: *(memorize this verse of Scripture this month)*

John 1.14

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.

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.