



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 8, 2013

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.

Preparation for Worship “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Davis

9:30/11:00

High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir
Hannah Mowrey, *piano* • Lynda Fray, *director*

Call to Worship

Dr. Joseph “Skip” Ryan

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.**

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, 19-20

***Carol No. 208**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELES

***Prayer of Adoration**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

The Sacrament of Baptism

9:30/11:00

Dr. Pete Deison, Dr. Joseph Ryan, The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30
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

Mr. Fritz Engel Barton III
Charlotte Shaffer Barton
Thomas Samuel Marlar
David Ian McDonald
Mary Margaret Michelson

11:00

Fiona Elizabeth Call
Mary Hicks Mason
Ellie Madelyn Price
Sydney Katherine Taber

Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

Carol No. 227

9:30/11:00

“On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”

SUSSEX CAROL

Public Confession of Sin

Father, I want to know You, but my coward heart fears to give up its toys. I cannot part with them without inward bleeding, and I do not try to hide from You the terror of the parting. I come trembling, but I do come. Please root from my heart all those things which I have cherished so long and which have become a very part of my living self, so that You may enter and dwell there without a rival. Then shall You make the place of Your feet glorious. Then shall my heart have no need for the sun to shine in it, for You Yourself will be the light of it, and there shall be no night there.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance

If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1.6-7

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Overton 8:00
Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Meditation

8:00

“A Slumber Song of the Madonna”
Jane Beasley, *soprano*

M. Head

9:30/11:00

“Prepare the Way”

arr. Jalkeus

Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, *director*

Prepare the way, O Zion; ye awful deeps rise high; sink low ye lofty mountains, the Lord is drawing nigh; the righteous King of glory, foretold in sacred story. O blest is He that came in God the Father's name.

O Zion, He approaches, your Lord and King for aye; strew palms where He advances; spread garments in His way. God's promise faileth never. Hosanna sound forever.

*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

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.

*Scripture Reading

John 1.1-5; 8.12

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. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

^{8.12} *Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

The Morning Sermon THE FIRST WORD OF CHRISTMAS
"Light in a World of Enchantment"

Dr. Ryan

**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!

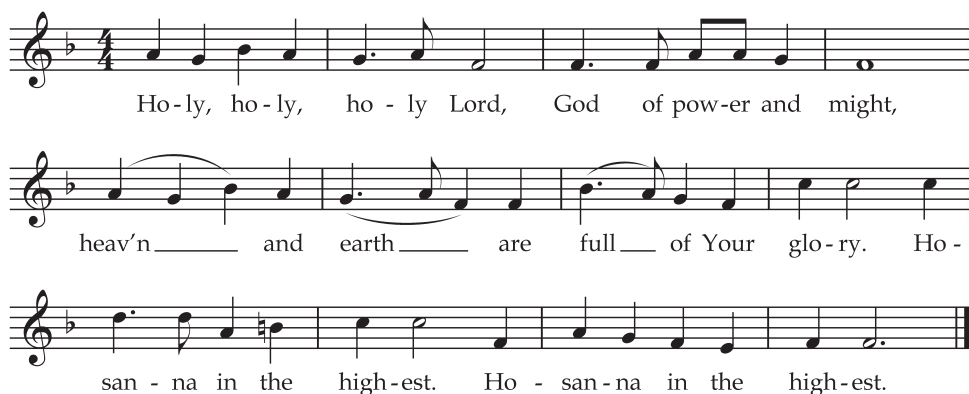
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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:**



***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

***Carol No. 203**

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

***Benediction**

Minister: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5.23

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

Postlude

"Toccata on Veni Emmanuel"
Mr. Howland *organ*

Carter

**The congregation stands.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Thomas Samuel Marlar, the eleventh grandchild of Mary and George Jackson.

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Melinda Dillahunt and Justin Wileman.

The flowers in the foyer are given to the glory and God and in celebration of the marriage of Linda Kim and James Knox on November 30, 2013.

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.

Music by permission: CCLI #364068

Sunday Morning Communities

8:00 am

Adult classes

GO! GROUP Jackson Room 305
KOINONIA Dotson Room 303 (8:30 am)

9:30 am

Nursery (birth-1 1/2 years)

Visitors, please check in at the Red Desk by Room 176.

INFANTS Room 175
CRAWLERS Room 173
TODDLER 1A Room 177
TODDLER 1B Room 171
TODDLER 2 Room 174
TODDLER 3 Room 169
TODDLER 4 Room 172
TODDLER 5 Room 170

Preschool (2 years-K)

Visitors, please check in at the Preschool Red Desk.

TWO-YEAR-OLDS Rooms 166, 167, 168
THREE-YEAR-OLDS Rooms 163, 164, 165
FOUR-YEAR-OLDS Rooms 162, 123, 125
FIVE-YEAR-OLDS/KINDER Rooms 121, 122, 124
CHERUB CHURCH (9:30 only) Rooms 107

Elementary - Bible Explorers

FIRST-THIRD GRADES Room 104/106

Visitors, please check in at the Elementary Red Desk.

Fourth Graders, please enjoy corporate worship with your family.

Adult classes

BELIEVERS' FELLOWSHIP OLW
GOOD NEWS Williams/Warstler/Hobin Room 263
GOOD SHEPHERD Olles Room 301
VERITAS Shull Room 262
WOMEN OF GRACE (meets second/third Sundays) Room 303

Lao Presbyterian Fellowship

WORSHIP SERVICE Sribounheuang Chapel
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL Room 305

Want to know more about...

the New City Class?

The New City community welcomes all types of people - whether you are single, dating, engaged, newlyweds, or marriage veterans. More than a class on Sunday, this community seeks to daily live out the Gospel within the context of human relationships. We believe that every Christian is a minister and that every Christian is a messenger (2 Corinthians 5: 18-20). This means that Small Groups and Mission opportunities contribute to the sense of community that is a distinctive of this class. Taught by Paul Goebel, the class meets in Room 302/304 at 11:00 am. Join us in our series through the book of 1 Peter.

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FOUR-YEAR-OLDS Rooms 162, 123, 125
FIVE-YEAR-OLDS/KINDER Rooms 121, 122, 124

Elementary

Visitors, please check in at the Elementary Red Desk.

FIRST GRADE GIRLS Room 114
FIRST GRADE BOYS Room 112
SECOND GRADE GIRLS Room 115
SECOND GRADE BOYS Room 113
THIRD/FOURTH GRADE - KIDZ COURT Room 104/106

Middle school

FIFTH-EIGHTH GRADE Oak Lawn Building

High school

NINTH-TWELFTH GRADE Oak Lawn OR

Adult classes

COLLEGE Higginbottom Room 303
COVENANT Deison/Wood Room 261
DOULOS (YOUNG ADULTS) Wilson/Schulze Room 301
GROUND SCHOOL Jeffress Room 259
KALEO Lamberth Room 263
LAO FELLOWSHIP Sribounheuang Room 430
NEW CITY Goebel Room 302/304
NEW CREATIONS Fulmer/Vanderhill Room 262
SHEPHERDS OF SOULS Russell/Hobin Room 300
VINEYARD Gowdey Oak Lawn West

More information on Sunday Morning Communities is available in our literature racks.

SERMON NOTES

John 1.4-5; 8.12

THE FIRST WORD OF CHRISTMAS
"Light in a World of Enchantment"

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 8, 2013

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.

Isaiah 60.1-2

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” *(read or sing these words together)*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;
*O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.*

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: John 1.1-5; 8.12 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What is the brightest Christmas light you've ever seen?
2. Why do we like the light but sometimes fear the darkness?
3. Why do we believe that Jesus is the Light of the world?
4. Is the Light of Jesus in your heart?

Questions for older children

1. The “Word” is not a force or a power. What does it mean to say the Word is “God speaking and effecting (*making happen*) what He says.”
2. If God created light and Jesus is the Light, then Jesus is ____?
3. In the Bible, what does light do? (*Brings revelation and guides*)
4. If Jesus is the Light of the world, and Jesus says we are the light of the world, what, if anything, does that change for you?

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.