



## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 15, 2013

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

*Third 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.*

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### Preparation for Worship

#### Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00  
The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

Minister: Comfort, comfort My people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

People: **A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

Minister: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

People: **And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."**

Isaiah 40.1-5

\*Carol No. 195

"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

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\*Prayer of Adoration

## \*Confession of Faith

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00

The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30

The Rev. Tommy Overton 11:00

Minister: What was the estate of Christ's humiliation?

**People:** The estate of Christ's humiliation was that low condition, wherein He for our sakes, emptying Himself of His glory, took upon Him the form of a servant, in His conception and birth, life, death, and after His death, until His resurrection.

Minister: How did Christ humble Himself in His conception and birth?

**People:** Christ humbled Himself in His conception and birth, in that, being from all eternity the Son of God, in the bosom of the Father, He was pleased in the fullness of time to become the Son of Man, made of a woman of low estate, and to be born of her; with divers circumstances of more than ordinary abasement.

Larger Catechism, Questions 46-47

## \*Carol No. 201

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ST. LOUIS

## 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.

## Private Confession

## Words of Assurance

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 4.9-10

## Musical Meditation

"Fullness of Grace"

Getty/Townend

9:30/11:00

Brianne Coleston, *soloist* • Brian Piper, *piano*

## Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison 8:00

Mr. Goebel 9:30

Mr. Overton 11:00

## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

## Musical Meditation

8:00

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"  
Colin Howland, organ

arr. Chapman

9:30/11:00

"Prepare the Way"  
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director

arr. Jalkeus

*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: Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Romans 5.1

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.*

## Reception of New Members

9:30/11:00

## Sacrament of Baptism

9:30

Rebecca Dyer Maberry  
Sima Myers  
Katherine Elizabeth Rogers

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

*<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. <sup>11</sup> He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.*

*<sup>3.19</sup> And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.*

<b>The Morning Sermon</b>	THE FIRST WORD OF CHRISTMAS	Mr. Williams 8:00
	“The World Rejects the Word”	Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

**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!

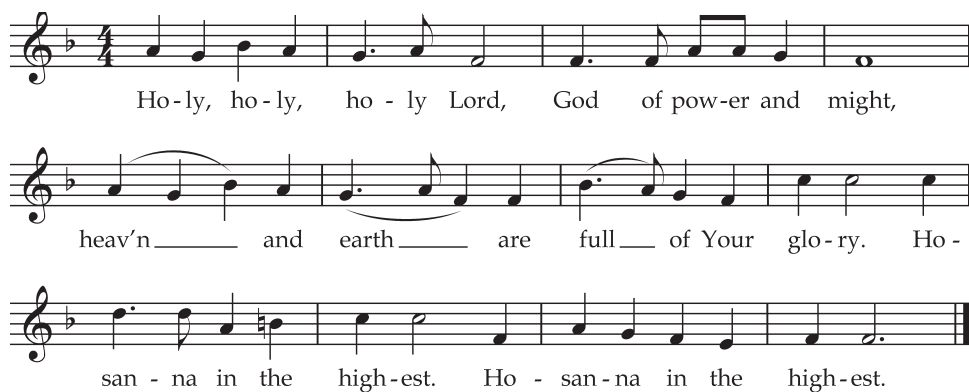
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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

**\*Closing Hymn**

"From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable"

*Townend*



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 Spi - rit and a vir - gin's faith;  
 hum - ble ser - vant in the Fa - ther's hands,  
 He was lift - ed on a cru - el cross;  
 crowned with glo - ry on the high - est throne,  
 to the an - guish and the shame of scan - dal  
 filled with po - wer and the Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
 He was pun - ished for a world's trans - gress - ions,  
 in - ter - ced - ing for His own be - lov - ed  
 came the Sa - vior of the hu - man race! But the  
 filled with mer - cy for the bro - ken man. Yes, He  
 He was suf - fer - ing to save the lost. He  
 till His Fa - ther calls to bring them home! Then the  
 skies were filled with the praise of heav'n, shep - herds lis - ten as the  
 walked my road and He felt my pain, joys and sor - rows that I  
 fights for breath, He fights for me, loos - ing sin - ners from the  
 skies will part as the trum - pet sounds hope of heav - en or the  
 an - gels tell of the Gift of God come down to man  
 know so well; yet His righ - teous 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 Lov - er'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!

**\*Benediction**

Minister: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*\*The congregation stands.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Carrie Jane, my beloved wife of 35 years on her birthday today and in celebration of Morgan, the newest member of our family joining our church family today by Kirk Pogoloff.*

*"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen."*

**Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.**

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**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.**

## SERMON NOTES

John 1.1-11; 3.19-20

THE FIRST WORD OF CHRISTMAS  
"The World Rejects the Word"

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## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 15, 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

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

Please see the hymn on page six.

### Hearing and Learning God’s Word

#### **Scripture Reading:** John 1.1-11; 3.19-20 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. Why is Jesus called the “true light”?
2. What does it mean that, “the world did not know Him”?
3. Who were the people who did not receive Him?
4. Why do you think the world rejected Jesus?
5. How do people reject Jesus today?

#### **Questions for older children**

1. Why do people love darkness?
2. How does darkness appear as light?
3. What are the different levels of people’s rejection of Jesus?
4. How have you rejected Jesus?
5. What does this phrase mean: “He was rejected by man, so that those who trust in Him would not be rejected”?

#### **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.