



## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 22, 2013

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

*Fourth 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

“The First Noel”

THE FIRST NOEL

*Please sing when so directed.*

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
Who hath made heaven and earth of naught,  
And with His blood mankind hath bought.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

### Call to Worship

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

Minister: And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked on the humble estate of His servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

People: **For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation.”**

Luke 1.46-50

### \*Carols

No. 207

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

IN DULCI JUBILO

No. 214

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

GLORIA

### \*Prayer of Adoration

**\*Confession of Faith**

The Rev. Tommy Overton 8:00  
Dr. Joseph “Skip” Ryan 9:30/11:00

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. 1 John 3.1-2

**\*Carol No. 213**

“What Child Is This”

GREENSLEEVES

**Public Confession of Sin**

O God, in the beginning You spoke, and creation was born, the object of Your loving care. In the fullness of time You spoke, and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of Your love. We wonder at the miracle of creation; we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation! Forgive us, Father, if we have only thought of Jesus as a great teacher, or a good example. Forgive us, for though Jesus came so that we might be Your sons and daughters, we have been wayward children, lacking in our love for You and for one another. This year, would You lift the veil from our eyes, so that we might behold Jesus for who He really is, the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the Great I Am! We wait upon You with ready hearts, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Private Confession**

**Words of Assurance**

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2.1-2

**Musical Meditation**

“Mary, Did You Know?”

Green

9:30/11:00 Laurie Hargrave, *soprano* • Taylor Hargrave, *tenor*

**Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer**

Mr. Overton 8:00  
Dr. Ryan 9:30/11:00

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

## Musical Meditation

8:00

“Thou Who Wast Rich”  
Colin Howland, organ

arr. Wood

9:30/11:00

“Nativity Carol”

Rutter

Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director

*Born in a stable so bare, born so long ago; born 'neath light of star He who loved us so.*

*Far away, silent He lay, born today, your homage pay, for Christ is born for aye, born on Christmas Day.*

*Cradled by mother so fair, tender her lullaby; over her Son so dear angel hosts fill the sky.*

*Wise men from distant far land, shepherds from starry hills worship this Babe so rare, hearts with His warmth He fills.*

*Love in that stable was born into our hearts to flow; innocent dreaming Babe, make me Thy love to know.*

## \*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men! The peace of the Lord be with you always. Luke 2.14

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 1.9-13

*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>12</sup> But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*

**The Morning Sermon** THE FIRST WORD OF CHRISTMAS  
“Receiving the Word  
and Becoming God’s Child”

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

**Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please  
continue at closing hymn on page five.**

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

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

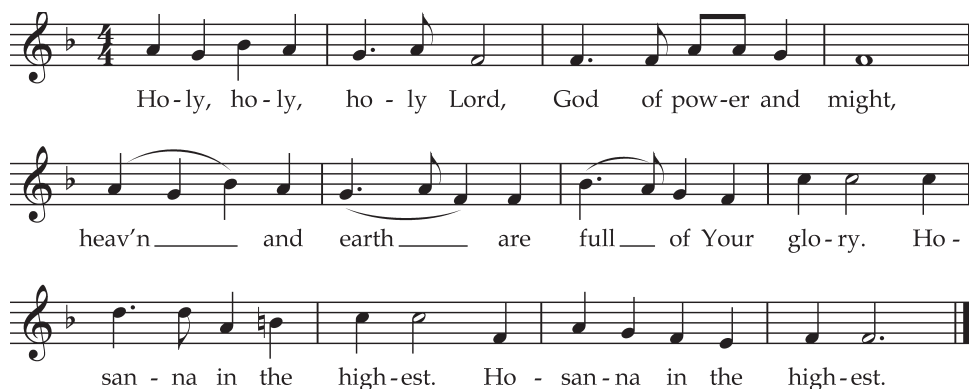
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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. 225**

*“Once in Royal David’s City”*

*IRBY*

**\*Benediction**

Minister: Now to Him who is able to strengthen you according to the gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Romans 16.25-27

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

**Postlude**

*“Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella”  
Mr. Howland organ*

*arr. Chapman*

*\*The congregation stands.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. & Mrs. John Duke Lippincott, parents of Nancy Ashley.*

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

***Christmas Eve Services***

*5:00 pm  
Family Service*

*10:00 pm  
Prelude music begins at 9:40 pm*

## 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

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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.**

# 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 Vineyard?

The Vineyard Community strives to be one community in Body and Spirit through praising the Lord together, eagerly studying God's Word, growing our love for Him, loving, serving and encouraging one another. We welcome and encourage all who are looking for community to join us! Taught by David Gowdey, the class meets in Oak Lawn West at 11:00 am.

## 11:00 am

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**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

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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 1.9-13

THE FIRST WORD OF CHRISTMAS

"Receiving the Word and Becoming God's Child"

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## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 22, 2013

### Praise

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

And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked on the humble estate of His servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation.”

Luke 1.46-50

#### **“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”** *(read or sing these words together)*

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
Earth and heav'n before Him bow, and He is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

### Hearing and Learning God's Word

#### **Scripture Reading:** John 1.9-13 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. Is everyone in the world a child of God?
2. What must happen for someone to be a child of God?
3. What does it mean to believe in His name?
4. What do we possess as children of God? Make as long a list as you can.
5. What does it mean to be born of God?
6. Are you a child of God?

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

1. What is the connection between John 1.9-13 and John 3?
2. Why do you think the Lord calls us His children?
3. How does being His child impact you each day?
4. What benefit of being God's child is most difficult for you to believe?
5. How might your identity as a child of God change the way you see your life?

#### **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.