
PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DALLAS, TEXAS
December 24, 2013
5:00 pm

“The Gift of Gifts”

O SOURCE OF ALL GOOD,

What shall I render to Thee for the gift of gifts,
Thine own dear Son, begotten, not created,
my Redeemer, proxy, surety, substitute,
His self-emptying incomprehensible,
His infinity of love beyond the heart's grasp.

Herein is wonder of wonders:

He came below to raise me above,
was born like me that I might become like Him.

Herein is love;

when I cannot rise to Him He draws near on wings of grace,
to raise me to Himself.

Herein is power;

when Deity and humanity were infinitely apart
He united them in indissoluble unity, the uncreated and the created.

Herein is wisdom;

when I was undone, with no will to return to Him,
and no intellect to devise recovery,
He came, God-incarnate, to save me to the uttermost,
as man to die my death,
to shed satisfying blood on my behalf,
to work out a perfect righteousness for me,

O God, take me in spirit to the watchful shepherds, and
enlarge my mind;

let me hear good tidings of great joy,
and hearing, believe, rejoice, praise, adore,
my conscience bathed in an ocean of repose,
my eyes uplifted to a reconciled Father;

place me with ox, camel, goat,
to look with them upon my Redeemer's face,
and in Him account myself delivered from sin;

let me with Simeon clasp the new-born Child to my heart,
embrace Him with undying faith,
exulting that He is mine and I am His.

In Him Thou hast given me so much that heaven can give no more.

— The Valley of Vision

Order for the Worship of God

December 24, 2013

5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Family Service

Welcome

The Rev. Mark Davis

Introit

"Sing We Now of Jesus"

NOEL NOUVELET

High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir

French Carol

Claire Jennings and Olivia Krog, handbells

*Sing we now of Jesus, born on Christmas Day. Sing we now of Jesus,
born on a bed of hay. Lift up your voice, with all the world rejoice;
sing we now of Jesus, born the world to save.*

*Call to Worship

The Rev. Mark Davis

Minister: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace
and truth!

People: We have beheld His glory! Alleluia!

*Carol

"Once in Royal David's City"

IRBY

Stanza 1:

*Joshua Clark, Madison Clark, Claire Jennings, Faith Jennings, Evelina Johnston,
Julia Krog, Olivia Krog, Virginia Krog, Hayden Ponder, Jared Sanders, Austin
Solomon, Bryant Solomon, Florence Solomon, Anna Thomas, Lily Webster*

Choir 1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty Stood a
All 2. He came down to earth from hea - ven Who is
All 3. And through all His won - drous child - hood He would
All 4. And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His
All 5. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, With the
low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a mo - ther laid her
God and Lord of all, And His shelt - er was a
hon - or and o - bey, Love, and watch the low - ly
own re - deem - ing love, For that child so dear and
ox - en stand - ing by, We shall see Him; but in
ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Ma - ry
sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
mai - den In whose gen - tle arms He lay: Christ - ian
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He
hea - ven, set at God's right hand on high; When like
was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
poor, and mean, and low - ly, Lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
chil - dren all must be Mild, o - be - dient, good as He.
leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.
stars His chil - dren crowned All in white shall wait a - round.

***Prayer of Adoration**

Mr. Davis

***Carol**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

unison 1. O Come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
parts 2. God of God, Light of Light,
unison 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
unison 4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; Come and be -
Lo! He ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb; Ve - ry
sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove; Glo - ry to the
Je - su, to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the

Refrain
hold Him born the King of An - gels:
God, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted: O come, let us a -
God in the high - est:
Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing

dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, O

come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9.6-7

Josh Nash
sixth grade

Anthems

"On Christmas Night"

SUSSEX CAROL

Chapel Choir

arr. Lovelace

Faith Jennings, piano

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring: news of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth. Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad: when from our sin He set us free, all for to gain our liberty? All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night: "Glory to God and peace to men, now and forevermore. Amen."

"Sing Noel"

Liberian Folk Song

arr. Vicki Wright

Please join in singing when so directed.

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No-el, No - el ____ Sing No - el, sing No - el,

No-el, No - el. ____ Sing No - el, sing No - el, No-el, No - el. ____

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No-el, No - el. ____ Sing we all No - el,

sing we all No - el, Sing we all No - el, sing we all No - el.

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

The Rev. Chad Scruggs

A portion of tonight's offering will be given to the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund.

Musical Offering**"Where Shepherds Lately Knel't"**

Craig Courtney

High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir

Andrea Thomason, *Flute*

Where shepherds lately knelt, and kept the angel's word, I come in half-belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred; but there is room and welcome there for me.

In that unlikely place I find Him as they said: sweet newborn Babe, how frail! and in a manger bed: a still small Voice to cry one day for me.

How should I not have known Isaiah would be there, his prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare: a Child, a Son, the Prince of Peace for me.

Can I, will I forget how Love was born and burned its way into my heart unasked, unforced, unearned, to die, to live, and not alone for me?

New Testament Reading

Luke 1.26-33

Avery Roossien

*tenth grade****Carol****"Angels We Have Heard on High "**

MENDELSSOHN



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep - herds why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
Say what may the tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,



glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

New Testament Reading

John 1.1-5, 14

Flora Neuhoff

twelfth grade

Anthem

“Mary Did You Know?” Mark Lowry/Buddy Greene

High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir

Victoria Banowsky and Rebecca Howland, *Interpretive Movement*

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would someday walk on water? Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters? Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new? This child that you delivered, will soon deliver you. Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man? Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with His hand? Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod? When you kissed your little baby, then you kissed the face of God. The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again; the lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb. Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation? Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations? Did you know that your baby boy was heaven’s perfect Lamb? This sleeping child you’re holding, is the great, the great “I AM!”

***The Scripture Reading**

Matthew 2.1-2, 9b-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.”

And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Christmas Devotional

“Spoiled at Christmas”

Mr. Scruggs

Anthem

"Night of Silence"

Daniel Kantor

High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir

Spirit among us, shine like the star, with wings You enfold us, You speak of His love. Gentle on the ear, You whisper softly, rising in our hearts with the Son's love; Spirit moving through silent night, Spirit we wait for Your loving light.

Please join in singing when so directed.



1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight!
3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light



round yon vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,



sleep in heav - en - ly peace, — sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ, the Sav - ior is born! — Christ, the Sav - ior is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, — Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Christmas Prayer

Mr. Davis

*Carol

"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

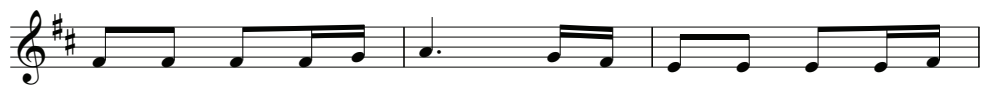
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1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re -
2. Joy to the earth! The Sa - vior reigns: let men their
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the



ceive her King; — let ev - ery heart pre - pare Him room, and
songs em - ploy; — while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains re -
fest the ground; — He comes to make His bless - ings flow far
na - tions prove the glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness and



heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
as the curse is found, far as the curse is
won - ders of His love, and won - ders of His



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of His love.

***The Blessing**

Mr. Scruggs

Minister: Glory be to Thee, O Father Almighty, who hast given us Thine only-begotten Son, that we might live through Him. Glory be to Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, who became man that we might become sons of God. Glory be to Thee, O Holy Spirit, who directs and rules our hearts.

All: *(with a great voice)* **Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! Amen!**

Postlude

**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.



Lynda Fray, *Director of Children's and Youth Choirs*

Colin Howland, *Director of Music and Organist*

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Stephen Nielson, *Pianist*



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The Rev. Mark Davis

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— Sermon Notes —

