



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 29, 2013

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

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.

**Maker of the sun,
He is made under the sun.**

*In the Father He remains,
From His mother He goes forth.*

**Creator of heaven and earth,
He was born on earth under heaven.**

*Unspeakably wise,
He is wisely speechless.*

**Filling the world,
He lies in a manger.**

*Ruler of the stars,
He nurses at His mother's bosom.*

**He is both great in the nature of God,
And small in the form of a servant.**

St. Agustine of Hippo (354-430 AD)

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Dr. Joseph “Skip” Ryan

Minister: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!

People: **Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven.**

Psalm 148.1-2, 11-13

*Carols No. 218

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

REGENT SQUARE

*Prayer of Adoration

*Confession of Faith

Dr. Julian Russell 8:00

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 9:30/11:00

I believe the Word was in the form of God and did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped. He made Himself nothing, took the form of a servant, and was born in our own likeness. I believe He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death. I believe God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name. I believe that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every knee in heaven and on earth and under the earth. I believe that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

based on Philipians 2

*Carols of Praise

No. 224

“Go, Tell It On the Mountain”

GO TELL IT

No. 199

“See, amid the Winter’s Snow”

AMID THE WINTER’S SNOW

Stanza 1: *solo* • Stanzas 2, 5 and 6: *All*

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, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which means, God with us...and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins. from Matthew 1

Carol No. 216

9:30/11:00

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

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Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Russell 8:00
Mr. Lamberth 9:30/11:00

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Meditation

8:00

Mr. Colin Howland, *organ*

9:30/11:00

"Gesù Bambino"

Yon

Caroline Nielson, Jenni Rasberry, *sopranos* • Stephen Nielson, *piano*

***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.

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. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about Him, and cried out, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because He was before me.'") ¹⁶ For from His fullness we have all received grace upon grace.

The Morning Sermon THE FIRST WORD OF CHRISTMAS

Dr. Ryan

"The Word's Three (Billion) Witnesses"

**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!

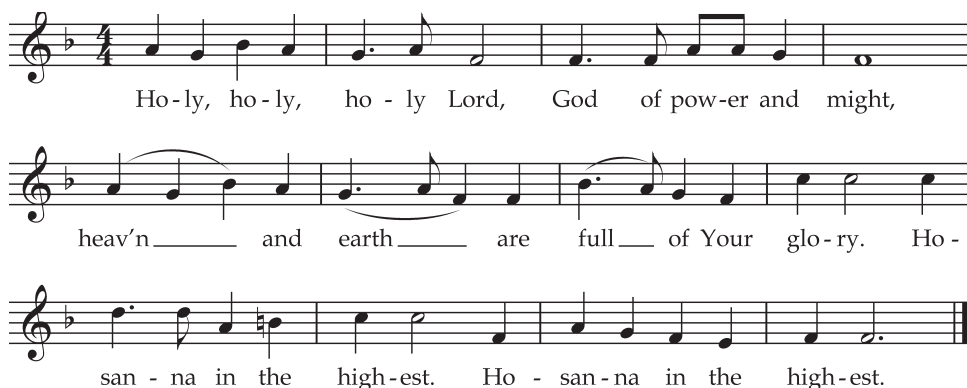
People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

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. 203**

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

***Benediction**

Minister: The joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the Magi, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of Christ be yours this Christmas. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

Mr. Howland *organ*

**The congregation stands.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God.

"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."

John 1.14

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

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.

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
Ron Baxter	David Gowdey	Boots Nowlin
Brad Bradley	Harry Hargrave	Rick Owens
David Burgher	John Harper	Bobby Payne
Rick Bush	John Hawkins	Kirk Pogoloff
Kit Case	Bob Heinonen	Irv Queal
George Chapman	Doug Horn	Bob Rasberry
Jim Chenoweth	David Horn	Nelson Somerville
Doug Chesnut	Tim Jeffress	Dick Steele
Grady Crosland	Russell Johnson	Tracy Taylor
Marvin Culbertson	Kent Johnson	Bill Thomas
Charles Debter	Bryan Keyes	Steve Vanderhill
John Denman	Don King	John Vanderveld
Curt Dobbs	Louie Little	Ron Wideman
Bert Ehrmann	Bill Mabus	Steve Williamson
Bill Farrell	Mike McMahon	Arthur Wood
Paul Flowers	Robert Mighell	
David Franklin	Pat Moore	

SERMON NOTES

John 1.14-16

THE FIRST WORD OF CHRISTMAS "The Word's Three (Billion) Witnesses"

THE WITNESS OF THE ONE AND ONLY SON TO THE FATHER

- 1) What does God look like?
- 2) Everything must be confirmed by two or three witnesses.
(Matthew 18.16)
- 3) Witness in John's Gospel

THE WITNESS OF JOHN THE APOSTLE: *The Word Came Down*—John 1.14

- 1) The Word Became flesh
- 2) Dwelt Among Us
- 3) We Beheld His Glory
- 4) Full of Grace and Truth

THE WITNESS OF JOHN THE BAPTIST: *The Word Came Before*—John 1.15

- 1) "After Me"
- 2) "Before Me"

THE WITNESS OF JOHN DOE, JOHN BROWN, JOHN SMITH, JOHN MILLER: *The Word Comes to Us All*—John 1.16-17

- 1) Received from His Fullness
- 2) Grace Upon Grace
 - a. The Witness of the Law's Grace
 - b. The Witness of the Gospel's Grace

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 29, 2013

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!
Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” *(read or sing these words together)*

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: John 1.14-16 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What is a witness?
2. What did John the Apostle and John the Baptist witness?
3. What are we (all Christians) to witness to?
4. How do you witness to Jesus?

Questions for older children

1. In what ways is John's Gospel a “Book of Witness”? (Overall purpose; Signs)
2. Why is saying, “God changed into a man” not the right way to say what the Incarnation is?
3. Why is it important that Jesus was 100% God and 100% man?
4. How can you bear witness to the sufferings of Christ?

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.