



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 30, 2014

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

First 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.

We Prepare Our Hearts

"The LORD is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him."

Habakkuk 2.20

Preparation for Worship

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

arr. Nielson

Call to Worship

The Rev. Mark Davis

Minister: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever.

People: **Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"**

Minister: Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and His arm rules for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him.

People: **He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms; He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.**

Isaiah 40.8-11

*Hymn No. 196

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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*Prayer of Adoration

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His servants will worship Him. They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

***Hymn No. 324**

“Christ Is Coming!”

NEANDER

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we have not always watched for You, but have occupied ourselves with our own concerns. We have not waited to find Your will for us. We have not noticed the needs of the people around us. We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us. Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness. Help us to wait to know Your will. Help us to look out for the needs of others. Help us to work and watch for Your coming.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1.13-14

Hymn No. 230

“Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor”

QUELLE EST

9:30/11:00

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Russell 8:00
Mr. Goebel 9:30
Mr. Scruggs 11:00

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Meditation

8:00

Colin Howland, *organ*

9:30/11:00 “Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain” Jennings
Chancel Choir • Stephen Nielson, *piano* • Colin Howland, *director*

Climb to the top of the highest mountain, joyous tidings proclaim to the world; lift up your voice, shout the good news: Behold, your Lord comes to you.

He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will carry the lambs in His arms; He will ever keep them safe from harm: Behold, your Lord comes to you.

He who made the stars in the heaven, He who fashioned the earth and the sea, from time eternal, He was God, the Alpha and Omega, He. Behold, your Lord.

He will come in power; He will rule with mercy and truth; hope of the nations, light of all the world.

He will love the little children; He will hold them in His arms. Love Him and trust Him as a child: Behold your Lord. Love Him, trust Him as a child.

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: Now in Christ Jesus, we who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ, for He Himself is our peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Ephesians 2.13-14

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.

Comfort, comfort My people, says your God.

² *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.*

³ *A voice cries:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the
LORD; make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.*

⁴ *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.*

⁵ *And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."*

⁶ *A voice says, "Cry!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower
of the field.*

⁷ *The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;
surely the people are grass.*

⁸ *The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand
forever.*

⁹ *Go on up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Behold your God!"*

¹⁰ *Behold, the Lord GOD comes with
might, and His arm rules for Him; behold,
His reward is with Him,
and His recompense before Him.*

¹¹ *He will tend His flock like a shepherd;
He will gather the lambs in His arms;
He will carry them in His bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.*

The Morning Sermon "Concrete Hope for a Shattered World"

Mr. Davis

**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:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

***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 No. 194 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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***The 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. He who calls you is
faithful; He will surely do it. 1 Thessalonians 5.23-24

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

Postlude

March on “Lift Up Your Heads”
Mr. Howland, *organ*

Guilmant

**The congregation stands.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory and praise
of God and in celebration of Mildred Kemper on her 100th birthday.
With love and gratitude from Nancy and Randy Best.*

**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.**

Senior Pastor

The Rev. Mark Davis

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*(Elders not currently on the Session but
active in ministry at Park Cities Presbyterian Church)*

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Will Francis	David Newman	

SERMON NOTES

Isaiah 40.1-11

“Concrete Hope for a Shattered World”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of November 30, 2014

Praise

Call to Worship (*everyone together*)

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"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (*read or sing these words together*)

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40.1-11 (*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 condition of the people of Israel when these words are given? (see Isaiah 39.5-6)
2. What does God offer His people?
3. How will God lead His people?
4. How does this passage point to Jesus?
5. How can this passage help us worship the Lord during this Advent season?

Questions for older children

1. Why is God bringing His people comfort?
2. How have you experienced the brokenness of this world?
3. How does this passage offer God's people concrete hope?

Scripture Memory for November: (*memorize these verses of Scripture this month*)

John 1.14-18

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 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.'") For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known.

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.