

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church December 7, 2014 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

Second 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

9:30/11:00 "Where Shepherds Lately Knelt" Courtney
High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir
Paula Wissler, flute • Lexi Jones, piano • Lynda Fray, director

Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00 The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

Minister: 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. And nations shall come to

your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

People: The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness

shall the moon give you light; but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

Isaiah 60.1-3, 19

*Carol No. 208

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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And He said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent His angel to show His servants what must soon take place. And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."



Prayer of Confession

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. Amen

Private Confession

Words of Assurance

You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.

Matthew 1.21

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

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

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Meditation

8:00 Colin Howland, organ

9:30/11:00

The Proclamation: Gloria in excelsis Deo from *Gloria Jenkins*Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, *director*

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will.*

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. Romans 15.13

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

Mr. Davis

9:30/11:00

Sacrament of Baptism

9:30 Caroline Kaitlyn Rader Abby Newman Ruth Tyler James Standish Andrew Gary House Joseph Reagan Magnuson Thuy Phan Nguyen Connor Andrew Rhodes

*Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42.1-9

Behold My Servant, whom I uphold, My chosen, in whom My soul delights; I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations.

- ² He will not cry aloud or lift up His voice, or make it heard in the street;
- ³ a bruised reed He will not break, and a faintly burning wick He will not quench; He will faithfully bring forth justice.
- ⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged till He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for His law.
- ⁵ Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:
- ⁶ "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations.
- ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.
- ⁸ I am the LORD; that is My name; My glory I give to no other, nor My praise to carved idols.
- ⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

The Morning Sermon

"The Lord Is Come"

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

Worshipers 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

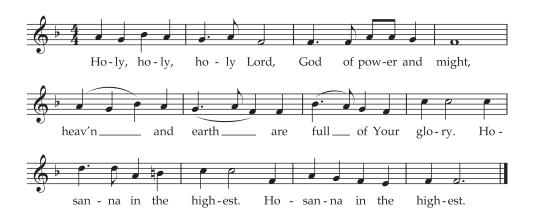
to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,

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.

Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00, continue here

*Carol No. 195

"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

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*The Benediction

Minister: Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus,

direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

1 Thessalonians 3.11-13

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

"Toccata on Veni Emmanuel" Mr. Howland, organ Carter

*The congregation stands.

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

"Behold My Servant, whom I uphold, My chosen, in whom My soul delights; I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations." Isaiah 42.1

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

Session/Associate Pastor

Joe Abbate	Mark Fulmer	Mike Skinner
Tommy Bain	Pat Hamner	Jay Turner
Alan Balser	John Hawkins	Tim Wilson
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Jack Denman	Gil Sheehan	

Assistant Pastors

The Rev. Ron Williams	The Rev. Tommy Overton
The Rev. Bill Lamberth	The Rev. Paul Goebel
Dr. Julian Russell	The Rev. Brent Baker
Dr. Jeff White	The Rev. Chad Scruggs

Executive DirectorJeff Barber

Shepherding Elders

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

John Bateman	David Franklin	Stephen Nielson
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David Burgher	John Harper	Bobby Payne
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Charles Debter	Don King	Bill Thomas
John Denman	Louie Little	Steve Vanderhill
Curt Dobbs	Bill Mabus	John Vanderveld
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Bill Farrell	Robert Mighell	Steve Williamson
Paul Flowers	Pat Moore	Arthur Wood
Will Francis	David Newman	

Sermon Notes

Isaiah 42.1-9

"The Lord Is Come"

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 7, 2014

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. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

"From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable" (read or sing these words together)

Please see the hymn on page two.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42.1-9 (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 first line of "Joy to the World"? Why is the word "is" important?
- 2. What does the word "Advent" mean? What does the season of Advent teach us about Jesus?
- 3. What did Jesus come to do?
- 4. Why do we sing songs at Christmas?

Questions for older children

- 1. What is the "second Advent" of Jesus Christ?
- 2. What is justice? How did Jesus make things right?
- 3. Why does John refer to Jesus as the "true light"? What is the difference between true light and false light?
- 4. What does the return of Jesus have to do with Christmas?

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

Isaiah 9.6-7

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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.