



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 14, 2014

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

Third 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 *"Mary, Did You Know?"* *arr. Greer*
9:30/11:00 Laurie and Taylor Hargrave, *vocalists*
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

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

Minister: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior...for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name.

People: **And His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation...He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to His offspring forever.** from Luke 1.46-55

***Carol No. 218** *"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"* *REGENT SQUARE*

***Prayer of Adoration**

And He said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy. Behold, I am coming soon, bringing My recompense with Me, to repay everyone for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates."

Prayer of Confession

My Father, in a world of created changeable things, Christ and His Word alone remain unshaken. O to forsake all creatures, to rest as a stone on Him the foundation, to abide in Him, be borne up by Him! For all my mercies come through Christ, who has designed, purchased, promised and effected them. I frequently sin against You and cross Your will, love, life, and have no comforter, no creature, to go to. My sin is the continual separation, disunion, and distance from You; and my spirit often carries a care-free attitude towards You. But You have given me a present, Jesus Your Son, as Mediator between Yourself and my soul, for only He can span the chasm breached by sin, and satisfy divine justice. May I always lay hold upon this Mediator by faith. If I oppose the Word, I oppose my Lord when He is most near; if I receive the Word I receive my Lord wherein He is most nigh. O You who has the hearts of all people in Your hand, form my heart according to Your Word, according to the image of Your Son; so shall Christ the Word be my strength and comfort.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Comfort of the Gospel

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

John 3.16-17

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

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”
Colin Howland, organ

arr. Chapman

9:30/11:00

“My Song in the Night”
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director

arr. Wilberg

*O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night,
Come to us with Thy tender love, my soul’s delight,
Unto Thee O Lord in affliction I call,
My comfort by day and my song in the night.
O why should I wander an alien from Thee,
Or cry in the desert Thy face to see,
My comfort and joy, my soul’s delight,
O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night.*

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: And He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Ephesians 2.17-18

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.

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother He named my name.

² He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand He hid me; He made me a polished arrow; in His quiver He hid me away.

³ And He said to me, "You are My servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God."

⁵ And now the LORD says, He who formed me from the womb to be His servant, to bring Jacob back to Him; and that Israel might be gathered to Him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—

⁶ He says: "It is too light a thing that you should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷ Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and His Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

⁸ Thus says the LORD: "In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages,

⁹ saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,' to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.' They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture;

¹⁰ they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for He who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them.

¹¹ And I will make all My mountains a road, and My highways shall be raised up.

¹² Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene."

¹³ Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted His people and will have compassion on His afflicted.

The Morning Sermon

Servant Song No. 2

Mr. Williams 8:00

"Shedding Light on the Lord's Mission"

Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

**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

*Carol No. 225

“Once in Royal David’s City”

IRBY

***The Benediction**

Minister: Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.” 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. Romans 15.12-13

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

Postlude

“Fanfare for Christmas”

Pelz

Mr. Howland, *organ*

**The congregation stands.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Susie and Jerry Wilson.

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
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Frank Bullock	Jim Madden	Jeff Wilson
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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 Director

Jeff 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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Bill Farrell	Robert Mighell	Steve Williamson
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Will Francis	David Newman	

SERMON NOTES

Isaiah 49.1-13

Servant Song No. 2

“Shedding Light on the Lord’s Mission”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 14, 2014

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior...for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name.

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

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 49.1-13 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What does the Lord command in Isaiah 49.1?
2. What is the Lord's mission?
3. Who is called to His mission? (Who is the servant of the Lord?)
4. Who does the Lord seek to save?
5. How does the Lord seek to save?

Questions for older children

1. What surprises you about this passage?
2. How does the Lord reveal His rescue?
3. Why should we sing according to Isaiah 49.13?

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.