



## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 6, 2015

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.*

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### **The Prelude**

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

*arr. John Ferguson*

### **The Call to Worship**

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00

The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

Minister: O Zion, messenger of good news, shout from the mountaintops!

**People: Shout it louder, O Jerusalem. Shout, and do not be afraid. Tell the towns of Judah, “Your God is coming!”** Isaiah 40.9

Minister: 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 40.11

**People: Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel, which means, God with us.** Isaiah 7.14; Matthew 1.23(b)

**\*Hymn of Adoration No. 208** “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*ADESTE FIDELES*

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Profession of Faith**

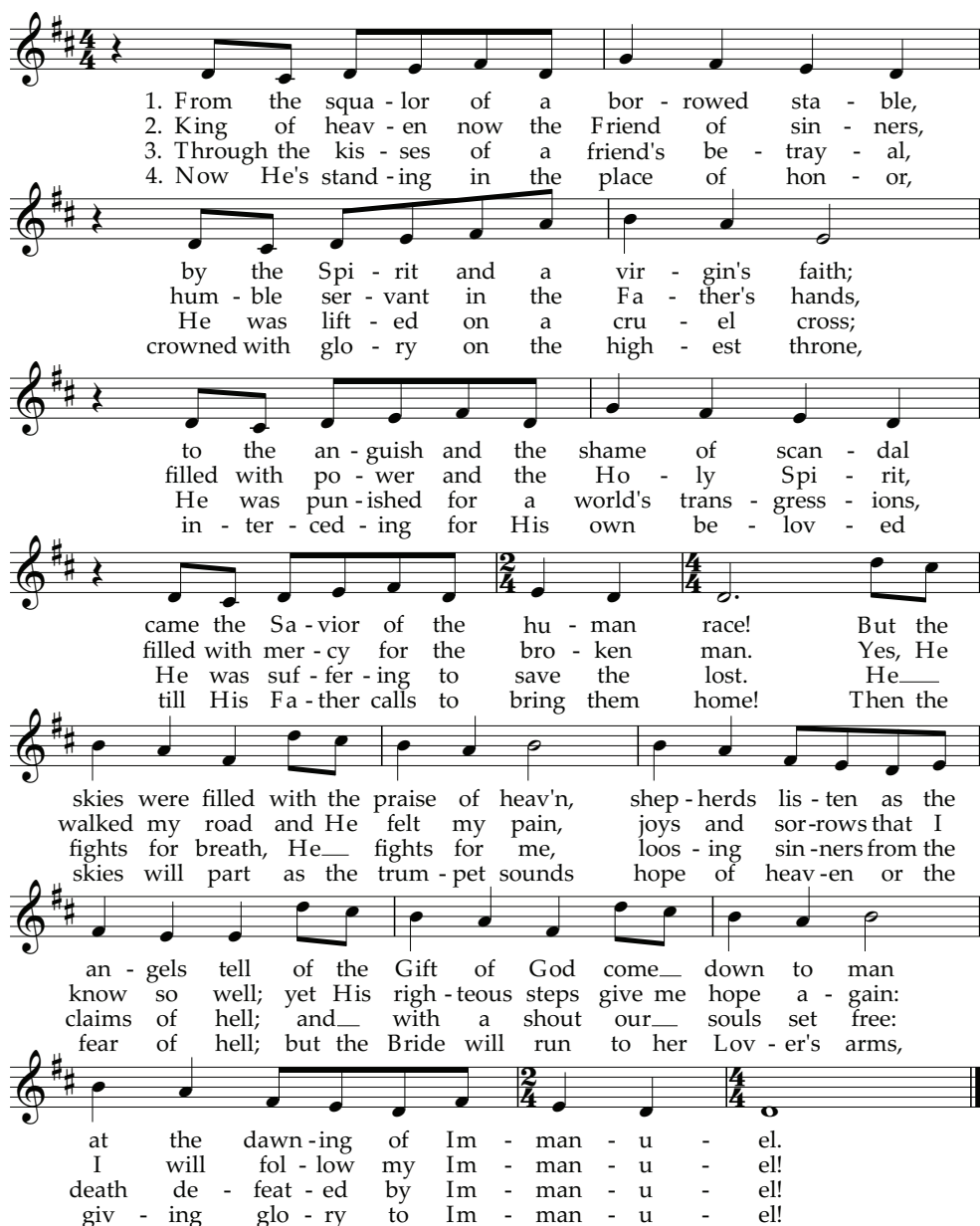
Dr. Julian Russell 8:00  
The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 9:30  
The Rev. Matt Fray 11:00

**We believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God, begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Nicene Creed



1. From the squalor of a borrowed stable,  
 2. King of heav-en now the Friend of sin-ners,  
 3. Through the kis-ses of a friend's be-tray-al,  
 4. Now He's stand-ing in the place of hon-or,  
 by the Spi-rit and a vir-gin's faith;  
 hum-ble ser-vant in the Fa-ther's hands,  
 He was lift-ed on a cru-el cross;  
 crowned with glo-ry on the high-est throne,  
 to the an-guish and the shame of scan-dal  
 filled with po-wer and the Ho-ly Spi-rit,  
 He was pun-ished for a world's trans-gress-ions,  
 in-ter-ced-ing for His own be-lov-ed  
 came the Sa-vior of the hu-man race! But the  
 filled with mer-cy for the bro-ken man. Yes, He  
 He was suf-fer-ing to save the lost. He  
 till His Fa-ther calls to bring them home! Then the  
 skies were filled with the praise of heav'n, shep-herds lis-ten as the  
 walked my road and He felt my pain, joys and sor-rows that I  
 fights for breath, He fights for me, loos-ing sin-ners from the  
 skies will part as the trum-pet sounds hope of heav-en or the  
 an-gels tell of the Gift of God come down to man  
 know so well; yet His righ-teous steps give me hope a-gain:  
 claims of hell; and with a shout our souls set free:  
 fear of hell; but the Bride will run to her Lov-er's arms,  
 at the dawn-ing of Im-man-u-el.  
 I will fol-low my Im-man-u-el!  
 death de-feat-ed by Im-man-u-el!  
 giv-ing glo-ry to Im-man-u-el!

### Public Confession of Sin

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 and Pardon of the Gospel

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.

Isaiah 60.2

### Musical Meditation "Of The Father's Love Begotten" *arr. John Erickson*

9:30/11:00

High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir

Lynda Fray, *director*

*Please join in singing when so directed.*

choir Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be - gan\_ to be,  
choir O ye heights of heav'n a - dore\_ Him; an - gel hosts, His prais - es sing;  
All Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to Thee,  
He is Al - pha and O - me - ga, He the Source, the End - ing He,  
all do - min - ions, bow be - fore\_ Him and ex - tol our God\_ and King;  
hymn, and chant and high thanks - giv - ing, and un - wea - ried prais - es be,  
of the things that are, that have \_\_\_\_\_ been,  
let no tongue on earth be si - - - lent,  
hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - - - ion,  
and that fu - ture years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!\_  
ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!\_  
and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!\_

### Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Russell 8:00

Mr. Higginbottom 9:30

Mr. Fray 11:00

### Musical Offering

8:00

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

PICARDY

Stephen Nielson, *piano*

*arr. Nielson*

9:30/11:00

"Carol of Joy"

Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, *director* • Stephen Nielson, *piano*

*Green leaves all fallen, withered and dry; brief sunset fading, dim winter sky.  
Lengthening shadows, Dark closing in...then, through the stillness, carols begin!*

*Oh fallen world, to you is the song—Death holds you fast and night tarries  
long. Jesus is born, your curse to destroy! Sweet to your ears, a carol of Joy!*

*Pale moon ascending, solemn and slow; cold barren hillside, shrouded in snow;  
Deep, empty valley veiled by the night; hear angel music—hopeful and bright!*

*Oh fearful world, to you is the song—Peace with your God, and pardon for wrong!  
Tidings for sinners, burdened and bound—A carol of joy! A Saviour is found!  
Earth wrapped in sorrow, lift up your eyes! Thrill to the chorus filling the skies!  
Look up sadhearted—witness God’s love! Join in the carol swelling above!  
Oh friendless world, to you is the song! All Heaven’s joy to you may belong!  
You who are lonely, laden, forlorn—Now unto you, a Saviour is born!*

### **\*The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has  
light shone. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Isaiah 9.2

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**

9:30/11:00

### **The Sacrament of Baptism**

9:30

Allan Milburn Peck II  
Penelope Layne Peck  
Zoë Lucille Peck  
Arthur Allan Peck  
Oliver Edison Peck

### **\*The Scripture Reading**

Matthew 1.18-23

*Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had  
been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with  
Child from the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>19</sup> *And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame,  
resolved to divorce her quietly.*

<sup>20</sup> *But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to  
him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as  
your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>21</sup> *She will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His  
people from their sins."*

<sup>22</sup> *All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:*

<sup>23</sup> *"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and they shall call His name  
Immanuel" (which means, God with us).*

Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please  
continue at the closing hymn on page seven.

**\*The Great Thanksgiving 8:00 only**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

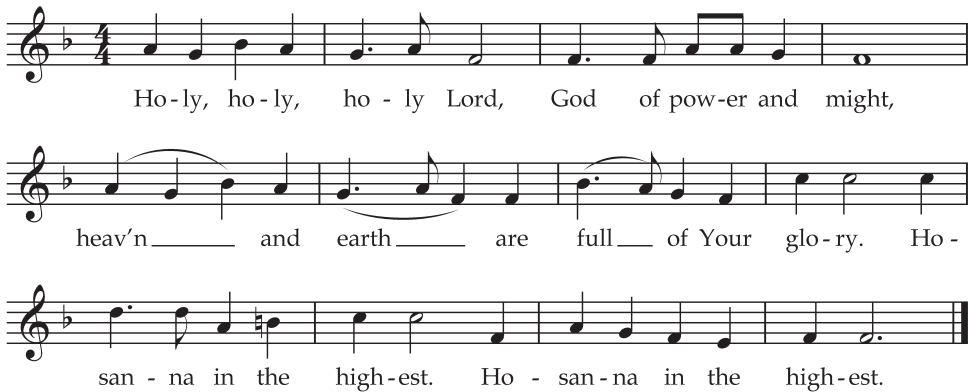
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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.*

\*Benediction

Minister: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD  
has risen upon you. Isaiah 60.1

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

Postlude

8:00 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL  
Mr. Nielson, *piano* arr. Nielson

9:30/11:00 "Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts" Camille Saint-Saëns  
from *Christmas Oratorio*  
Mr. Cope, *organ*

\*The congregation stands.

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory  
of God and celebration of Mary Jackson's birthday from her family.*

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

*Musicians assisting in worship this morning:*

Kyle Sherman, *trumpet*  
Andrew House, *trumpet*  
Eric Swanson, *trombone*  
John Gill, *trombone*  
Joe Ferraro, *percussion*

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**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.**

## SERMON NOTES

Matthew 1.18-23

“O Come, Emmanuel”

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O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
In ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

O come, Thou Day-spring from on high and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, Thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.



## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 6, 2015

### Praise

#### **Call to Worship** *(everyone together)*

O Zion, messenger of good news, shout from the mountaintops! Shout it louder, O Jerusalem. Shout, and do not be afraid. Tell the towns of Judah, "Your God is coming!"

Isaiah 40.9

#### **"Of the Father's Love Begotten"** *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page four.

### Hearing and Learning God's Word

#### **Scripture Reading:** Matthew 1.18-23 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What two names was Christ given at His birth? What do those names mean?
2. Is Jesus a man like us or is He God?
3. Who did Jesus come to save?
4. What does advent mean? What do we mean by the second advent of Jesus?

#### **Questions for older children**

1. What is the *Doctrine of the Incarnation*?
2. Why is the Incarnation such good news?
3. Could the Gospel of Jesus Christ exist without Christmas?
4. Why is it important that our King was born in a manger?

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

Isaiah 9.6

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.

### Prayer

#### **The Lord's Prayer** *(say 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.