



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 13, 2015

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.

The Prelude

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”

arr. JM Cope

The Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00

The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

Minister: Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

People: **For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.**

Isaiah 35.5-6

Minister: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder,

People: **And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Isaiah 9.6

***Carol No. 207**

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

IN DULCI JUBILO

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Profession of Faith**

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00
The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30
Dr. Julian Russell 11:00

The true light, which gives light to everyone,
was coming into the world.

He was in the world,
and the world was made through Him,
yet the world did not know Him.

He came to His own,
and His own people did not receive Him.

But to all who did receive Him,
who believed in His name,
He gave the right to become children of God,
who were born,
not of blood nor of the will of the flesh
nor of the will of man,
but 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 1.9-14

***Carol No. 214**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

GLORIA

Public Confession of Sin

O God, in the beginning You spoke,
and creation was born, the object of Your loving care.

In the fullness of time You spoke,
and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of Your love.

We wonder at the miracle of creation;
we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation.

Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith,
lacking in love, needful of hope.

This year let the miracle and mystery of Christmas happen for us again.

We wait upon You with ready hearts, O God,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the
darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1.4-5

***Carol No. 216**
9:30/11:00

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

W ZLOBIE LEZY

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

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

Musical Offering

8:00

“Once in Royal David’s City”
Mr. Nielson, *piano*

IRBY
arr. S. Nielson

9:30/11:00

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
Jennifer Barnes, *solo* • Paul Unger, *bass*

HYFRYDOL

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.
The peace of the Lord be with you always. Psalm 36:9
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.

***The Scripture Reading**

Luke 2.22-35

Mr. Williams 8:00
Ralph McLeod 9:30/11:00

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ *Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸ he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹ “Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen Your salvation ³¹ that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel.”*

³³ *And His father and His mother marveled at what was said about Him. ³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”*

Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please
continue at the 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!

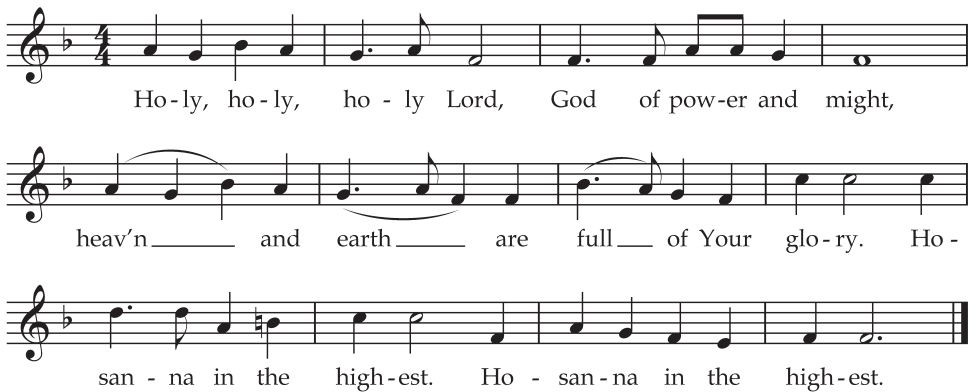
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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:**



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

“Joy to the World”
Mr. Nielson, *piano*

ANTIOCH
arr. S. Nielson

9:30/11:00

“Joy to the World”
Mr. Cope, *organ*

arr. Lasky/Fox

**The congregation stands.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of our 45 year adventure called marriage, which would never have been possible without the love and mercy of God and the love of our PCPC family that carried us through Leonard’s illness. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ.
Linda and Leonard Sessions*

**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

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

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Curt Dobbs	Mike McMahon	Arthur Wood
Bert Ehrmann	Robert Mighell	Randy Wood
Bill Farrell	Pat Moore	

SERMON NOTES

Luke 2.22-35

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

1.
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 every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.
2.
Joy to those who long to see Thee,
Day-spring from on high appear.
Come Thou promised Rod of Jesse,
Of Thy birth we long to hear.
O'er the hills the angels singing,
News glad tidings of a birth.
Go to Him your praises bringing,
Christ the Lord has come to earth.
3.
Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end.
By His life He brings us gladness,
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born Lord of all.
4.
Born Thy people to deliver;
Born a Child and yet a King.
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 13, 2015

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

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.

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

Please see the hymn text on page eight.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Luke 2.22-35 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What does it mean to long for something?
2. What is something you are longing for?
3. What was Simeon longing for?
4. Look at the Christmas Carol “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus.”
What four things does this hymn tell us about why Jesus was born?
5. Why should we long for Jesus?

Questions for older children

1. What is the relationship between longing and waiting?
2. What does the phrase “Israel’s hope and consolation” mean?
3. How can we long more for Jesus?

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.