

*"And this will be a sign for you: you will find a Baby wrapped in
swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2.12*

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DALLAS, TEXAS
December 24, 2015
5:00 pm

“The Gift of Gifts”

O SOURCE OF ALL GOOD,

*What shall I render to Thee for the gift of gifts,
Thine own dear Son, begotten, not created,
my Redeemer, proxy, surety, substitute,
His self-emptying incomprehensible,
His infinity of love beyond the heart's grasp.*

Herein is wonder of wonders:

*He came below to raise me above,
was born like me that I might become like Him.*

Herein is love;

*when I cannot rise to Him He draws near on wings of grace,
to raise me to Himself.*

Herein is power;

*when Deity and humanity were infinitely apart
He united them in indissoluble unity, the uncreated and the created.*

Herein is wisdom;

*when I was undone, with no will to return to Him,
and no intellect to devise recovery,
He came, God-incarnate, to save me to the uttermost,
as man to die my death,
to shed satisfying blood on my behalf,
to work out a perfect righteousness for me,*

O God, take me in spirit to the watchful shepherds, and
enlarge my mind;

*let me hear good tidings of great joy,
and hearing, believe, rejoice, praise, adore,
my conscience bathed in an ocean of repose,
my eyes uplifted to a reconciled Father;*

place me with ox, camel, goat,

*to look with them upon my Redeemer's face,
and in Him account myself delivered from sin;*

*let me with Simeon clasp the new-born Child to my heart,
embrace Him with undying faith,
exulting that He is mine and I am His.*

In Him Thou hast given me so much that heaven can give no more.

—The Valley of Vision

Order for the Worship of God

December 24, 2015

5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Family Service

Welcome

The Rev. Chad Scruggs

Introit

“Sing We Now of Jesus”

NOEL NOUVELET

High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir
Emma Jennings and Faith Jennings, handbells

French Carol

*Sing we now of Jesus, born on Christmas Day. Sing we now of Jesus,
born on a bed of hay. Lift up your voice, with all the world rejoice;
sing we now of Jesus, born the world to save.*

*Call to Worship

The Rev. Matt Fray

Minister: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace
and truth!

People: **We have beheld His glory! Alleluia!**

*Carol

“Once in Royal David’s City”

IRBY

Stanza 1:

*Claire Dillahunty, Elizabeth Hatch, Claire Jennings, Emma Jennings,
Faith Jennings, Josh Nash, Anna Thomas*

Choir 1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's_ ci - ty Stood a
All 2. He came down to earth from_ hea - ven Who is
All 3. And through all His won - drous child - hood He would
All 4. And our eyes at last_ shall_ see Him, Through His
All 5. Not in that poor low - ly_ sta - ble, With the
low - ly cat - tle_ shed, Where a mo - ther laid_ her_
God and Lord_ of_ all, And His shelt - er was_ a_
hon - or and_ o - bey, Love, and watch the low - ly_
own re - deem - ing_ love, For that child so dear_ and_
ox - en stand - ing_ by, We shall see Him; but_ in_
ba - by In a man - ger for_ His_ bed: Ma - ry
sta - ble, And His cra - dle was_ a_ stall; With the
mai - den In whose gen - tle arms_ He_ lay: Christ - ian
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He
hea - ven, set at God's right hand_ on_ high; When like
was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle_ child.
poor, and mean, and low - ly, Lived on earth our Sa - vior. ho - ly.
chil - dren all must be_ Mild, o - be - dient, good as_ He.
leads His chil - dren on_ To the place where He_ is_ gone.
stars His chil - dren crowned All in white shall wait a - round.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Carol

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

unison 1. O Come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
parts 2. God of God, Light of Light,
unison 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
unison 4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; Come and be -
Lo! He ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb; Ve - ry
sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove; Glo - ry to the
Je - su, to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the

Refrain
hold Him born the King of An - gels:
God be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted: O come, let us a -
God in the high - est:
Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing

dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, O

come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9.6-7

Nash Garvey
seventh grade

Anthem

“He Is Born” and “Sing Noel” *French Carol/African Tune*
 Chapel Choir *arr. Vicki H. Wright*

Ian Fischer, Patrick Fischer, Elizabeth Hatch, Emma Jennings,
 Faith Jennings, Claudya Josselyn, Logan McClure, Claire Ponder,
 Caleb Sanders, Jared Sanders, Anna Thomas, *handbells*

He is born, the divine Christ Child, play the musette, play the tuneful oboe. He is born, the divine Christ Child, sing we all of the Savior mild. Through long ages of the past, prophets have foretold His coming; through long ages of the past, now the time has come at last! Jesus, Lord of all the world, coming as a child among us. Jesus, Lord of all the world, grant to us Thy heav'nly peace.

Please join in singing when so directed.

Sing No - el, sing No - el, No-el, No - el ____ Sing No - el, sing No - el,
 No-el, No - el. ____ Sing No - el, sing No - el, No-el, No - el. ____
 Sing No - el, sing No - el, No-el, No - el. ____ Sing we all No - el,
 sing we all No - el, Sing we all No - el, sing we all No - el.

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Fray

*A portion of tonight's offering will be given to the
 Presbyterian Church in America Ministerial Relief Fund.*

Musical Offering “Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor”

QUELLE EST

CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE

High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir

arr. Howland

*Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor;
 Thrones for a manger didst surrender, sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
 Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor.*

*Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man;
 Stooping so low, but sinners raising, heav'nward by Thine eternal plan.
 Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man.*

*Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship Thee.
 Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what Thou wouldst have us be.
 Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship Thee.*

*Carol

“The First Noel”

THE FIRST NOEL



The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing
Then let us all with one ac - cord sing



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay, in
in the east be - yond them far, and
prais - es to our heav - 'nly Lord that



fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep on a
to the earth it gave great light, and
hath made heav'n and earth of naught, and



cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
with His blood man - kind hath bought.



No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el!



Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Anthem

“Still, Still, Still”

Austrian Carol

High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir *arr. Mack Wilberg*

Claire Ponder, *Interpretive Movement*

Still, still, still, the Child’s eyes softly close; and Mary, breathless, draws Him, weeping, to her heart made pure for keeping. Still, still, still, His bright eyes softly close.

Sing, sing, sing, He hears and sweetly smiles; and kneeling, Joseph joins in chorus with the angels bending o’er us. Sing, sing, sing, He hears and sweetly smiles.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, He breathes a tender sigh; for soon He’ll wake the world from slumber, bringing life and endless wonder. Sleep, sleep, sleep, He breathes a tender sigh. Sleep, Holy Jesus, sleep.

***The Scripture Reading**

Luke 2.1-7; John 1.1,14,16

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn Son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us... [And] from His fullness we have all received grace upon grace...

Christmas Devotional

“Grace upon Grace”

Mr. Scruggs

Anthem

“Night of Silence”

Daniel Kantor

High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir

Spirit among us, shine like the star, with wings You enfold us, You speak of His love. Gentle on the ear, You whisper softly, rising in our hearts with the Son’s love; Spirit moving through silent night, Spirit we wait for Your loving light.

Please join in singing when so directed.



- 1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
- 2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight!
- 3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light



round yon vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts_ sing al - le - lu - ia; ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,



*sleep in heav - en - ly peace,___ sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ, the Sav - ior is born!___ Christ, the Sav - ior is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth,___ Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.*

*Carol

“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

ANTIOCH

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re -
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sa - vior reigns: let men their
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the
 ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare Him room, and
 songs em - ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains re -
 fest the ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness and
 heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of His love, and won - ders of His
 sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of His love.

*The Blessing

Mr. Scruggs

Minister: Glory be to Thee, O Father Almighty, who hast given us Thine only-begotten Son, that we might live through Him. Glory be to Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, who became man that we might become sons of God. Glory be to Thee, O Holy Spirit, who directs and rules our hearts.

All: *(with a great voice)* **Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! Amen!**

Postlude

“Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella”
 Mr. Cope, organ

arr. Keith Chapman

*The Congregation stands.

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

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Lexi Jones, piano

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Laura Liu, violin

Sterling Tyler, viola

David Fray, cello

James South, trumpet

Chelsea Orr, trumpet

Janis South, horn

Ron Wilson, trombone

Sandy Keathley, tuba

Chris Deane, percussion

*High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir joyfully welcome the
High School Ensemble alumni and the guest singers who are participating
with them in this Christmas Eve worship service.*

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a student of Margaret Kunkel.*

— Sermon Notes —

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