



## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 27, 2015

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

*First Sunday after Christmas Day*

*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**

*"Bring A Torch, Jeannette, Isabella"  
Amy Stewart, organ*

*Robert Lau*

### **The Call to Worship**

Dr. Pete Deison

**Minister:** And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

**People:** **For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.**

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

**People:** **And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"**

Luke 2.10-14

### **\*Carol No. 211**

*"God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" GOD REST YOU MERRY*

### **\*Prayer of Adoration**

The Son of God,  
the second person of the Trinity,  
being truly and eternally God,  
of one substance and equal with the Father, did,  
when the fullness of time had come,  
take upon Himself man's nature,  
with all its essential properties and common frailties,  
yet without sin.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
in the womb of the virgin Mary and of her substance.

In this way, two whole natures,  
the divine and the human, perfect and distinct,  
were inseparably joined together in one person  
without being changed, mixed, or confused.

This person is truly God and truly man,  
yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and man.

Westminster Confession (Modern English Study Version)

Chapter VIII, Section 2

### Public Confession of Sin

Our God and Father,  
when we behold Your Son Jesus,  
we see Your great love for us,  
for You sent Your one and only Son into the world to die for sinners like us,  
so that whoever believes in Him would have eternal life.

Since You have given Your Son,  
we can say with the apostle Paul,  
"How will You not also with Christ graciously give us all things?"

Yet, our Father,  
our appetite for things of secondary or even of no importance fills our lives  
with longings that You never intended us to have.

Our love and devotion to our possessions and our pleasures  
reveal again our true need for Jesus.

Lord, in this Christmas season would You please give us Christ:  
fill our hearts with desire to know Him,  
to love Him, to serve and follow Him;  
fill our mouths with words to honor Him and proclaim Him;  
give us His presence to guide us in wisdom,  
to give peace to our troubled souls,  
to guard and protect our ways;  
grant us His grace and favor to forgive our sins,  
and to bring us to glory. Amen.

### Private Confession

## Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved! Ephesians 2:4-5

**Carol No. 213**  
9:30/11:00

“What Child Is This?”

GREENSLEEVES

## Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Overton 8:00  
Mr. Scruggs 9:30  
Dr. Russell 11:00

## Musical Offering

8:00

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”  
Mrs. Stewart, *organ*

Sondra Tucker

9:30/11:00

“Gesù Bambino”  
William R. Park, *solo* • Stephen Nielson, *piano*

Pietro Yon

*When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night,  
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, The King of Love and Light.  
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced;  
And at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.*

*O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

*Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night,  
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light.  
Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell.  
From paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell.*

## \*The Greeting of Peace

**Minister:** For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Colossians 1:19-20

**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

Psalm 98

*Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.*

<sup>2</sup> *The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.*

<sup>3</sup> *He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

<sup>4</sup> *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*

<sup>5</sup> *Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!*

<sup>6</sup> *With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!*

<sup>7</sup> *Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!*

<sup>8</sup> *Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together*

<sup>9</sup> *before the LORD, for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.*

**The Sermon**

“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

Dr. Deison

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

\*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

“Caroling, Caroling”  
Mrs. Stewart, organ

Alfred Burt  
arr. Joyce Merman

*\*The congregation stands.*

*We welcome guest organist Amy Stewart to our services this morning.*

**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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**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 Pastors

Joe Abbate	Eric Horan	Gil Sheehan
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Dr. Jeff White	The Rev. Matthew Fray

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

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Bill Farrell	Pat Moore	

## SERMON NOTES

Psalm 98

“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

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Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.



## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 27, 2015

### Praise

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

And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

#### **“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”** *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn text on page eight.

### Hearing and Learning God’s Word

#### **Scripture Reading:** Psalm 98 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What do you like most about singing “Joy to the World”?
2. How do we prepare room in our hearts for Jesus?
3. The song says Jesus comes to *make His blessings flow*. What does that mean?
4. Who can you tell about the wonders of Christ’s love?

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

1. Is “Joy to the World” about the first or second coming of Jesus?
2. What are the rooms in your heart where Jesus is King?
3. Where do you see the “curse” of the fall in your world?
4. What are the wonders of Christ’s love and who can you tell?

#### **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.