



## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 3, 2016

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

*Epiphany*

*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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*Epiphany comes from the Greek word ἐπιφάνεια (epipháneia), which means "manifestation" or "appearance" and is usually associated in church history with the revelation of Christ to the Magi—who then proceeded to seek, find, worship, and adorn Him.*

### The Prelude

8:00 "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning" MORNING STAR

9:30/11:00 "The Saga of a Star" Ron and Pat Owens  
Jenni Rasberry, *soprano* • Stephen Nielson, *piano*

### The Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00  
The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

**Minister:** The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.

**People:** Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

**Minister:** There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

**People:** Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tent for the sun.



And by the light of the East - ern Star three  
Then en - tered in those Wise Men three, full  
Then let us all with one ac - cord sing



Wise Men came from coun - try far; To  
rev - 'rent - ly up - on their knee, and  
prais - es to our heav - 'nly Lord that



seek for a King was their in - tent, And to  
of - fered there in His pres - ence their  
hath made heav'n and earth of naught, and



fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.  
with His blood man - kind hath bought.



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



Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

\*Prayer of Adoration concluding with

Almighty Lord God,

You gave Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the light of the world:

We praise and magnify Your holy name that in Him

You have revealed the wonder of Your saving love to all people.

With those of old who brought their tribute to His feet,

confessing Him as King of heaven and earth,

we now present the worship of our grateful hearts,

asking You to give us grace to give ourselves to You,

through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Public Confession of Sin

Dr. Julian Russell 8:00  
The Rev. Chad Scruggs 9:30  
The Rev. Bill Lamberth 11:00

Almighty and merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned  
against You and one another  
in both our actions and our inactions.

We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come,  
yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light.

Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us  
the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives. Illumined by Your Word  
and sacrament,  
may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1.5-7

Hymn

"Speak, O Lord"

9:30/11:00

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your  
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -  
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your  
ho - ly Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and  
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the  
plan for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will  
fa - shion us in Your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be  
ra - diance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our  
ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your  
seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of power that can  
pro - mis - es, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your  
fill in us all Your pur - po - ses, for Your glo - ry.  
nev - er fail. Let their truth pre - vail ov - er un - be - lief.  
church is built and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

**Musical Meditation**

9:30/11:00

"May the Words of My Mouth"

Brian Piper, *solo*

Fernando Ortega

**Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer**

Dr. Russell 8:00

Mr. Scruggs 9:30

Mr. Lamberth 11:00

**Musical Offering**

8:00

"Thy Word Is Like a Garden, Lord"

Mr. Nielson, *piano*

CLONMEL

arr. S. Nielson

9:30/11:00

"Walk in the Light"

arr. André J. Thomas

Chancel Choir • Brian Piper, *piano* • J. Marty Cope, *conductor*

*We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,  
 come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.  
 Shine all around us by day and by night,  
 Jesus, the Light of the world.*

*Hark! The herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world;  
 "Glory to the new-born King," Jesus, the Light of the world.*

*Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Jesus, the Light of the world;  
 Christ, the everlasting Lord! Jesus, the Light of the world.*

**\*The Greeting of Peace**

**Minister:** For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

2 Corinthians 4.6

**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.*

*Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.*

<sup>2</sup> *For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.*

<sup>3</sup> *If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well.*

<sup>4</sup> *Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.*

<sup>5</sup> *So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!*

<sup>6</sup> *And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.*

<sup>7</sup> *For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind,*

<sup>8</sup> *but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.*

<sup>9</sup> *With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.*

<sup>10</sup> *From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.*

<sup>11</sup> *Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water?*

<sup>12</sup> *Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.*

<sup>13</sup> *Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.*

**The Sermon**

“The Power of Words”

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Goebel 9:30/11:00

Worshipers 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!

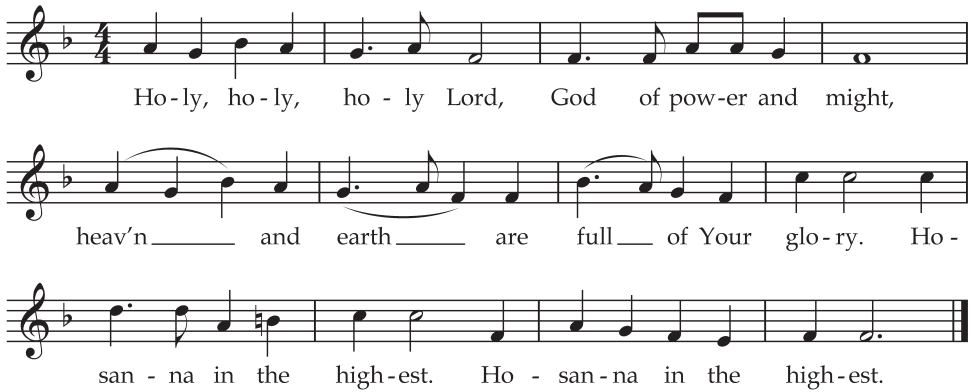
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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: May Christ, the Son of God,  
be manifest in you,  
that your lives may be a light to the world;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

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

**Postlude**

8:00	"Thanks Be to God" Mr. Nielson, <i>piano</i>	<i>G. F. Handel</i> <i>arr. S. Nielson</i>
9:30/11:00	"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" Mr. Cope, <i>organ</i>	<i>WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET</i>

*\*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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**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

James 3.1-13

*“The Power of Words”*

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## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of January 3, 2016

### Praise

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

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

#### **“The First Noel”** *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page two.

### Hearing and Learning God’s Word

#### **Scripture Reading:** James 3.1-13 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. Have you ever said anything that you wish you could take back? Why?
2. How are words powerful? What do words have the power to do?
3. Can words hurt others?
4. What kind of words have the power to help others?

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

1. What does it mean to *tame the tongue*?
2. Why does James call the tongue a “deadly poison”?
3. How can our words be a blessing to others?
4. Why does John’s Gospel refer to Jesus as the Word made flesh?

#### **Scripture Memory for January:** *(memorize this verse of Scripture this month)*

James 3.17

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

### 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.