

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 27, 2016

First Sunday of Advent

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

NOVEMBER 27, 2016
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Prelude and Meditation on
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Dr. Bradley Hunter Welch, *organ*

Matthew Corl

Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00
The Rev. Chad Scruggs 9:30/11:00

Minister: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

People: A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

Minister: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;

People: The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain." Isaiah 40.1-4

*Hymn of Adoration and Anticipation No. 194

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

*Prayer of Adoration

*Profession of Faith

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00
The Rev. Tommy Overton 9:30
Dr. Julian Russell 11:00

For thus says the LORD of hosts:
Yet once more, in a little while,
I will shake the heavens and the earth
and the sea and the dry land.
And I will shake all nations,
so that the treasures of all nations shall come in,
and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts.

Behold, I send My messenger,
and he will prepare the way before Me.
And the Lord whom you seek
will suddenly come to His temple;
and the messenger of the covenant
in whom you delight,
behold, He is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

Haggai 2.6-7, Malachi 3.1

Public Confession of Sin

Lord Christ,
we confess our willingness to be loved
but also our reluctance to love.
We confess our readiness to accept Your forgiving love
but also our refusal to forgive.
We confess our eagerness to grasp Your offer of redeeming love
but also our resistance to follow You without question.
In this Advent time, forgive us our failure
to respond as we should.
Come to us anew, and by Your grace, assist us to receive You
with joy, as the shepherds;
with gratitude, as Simeon;
with obedience, as Mary;
with love, as You have loved us.
Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance

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. Isaiah 9.2

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

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

Musical Offering

8:00 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" arr. Al Travis
Dr. Welch, organ

9:30/11:00 "And the Glory of the Lord" from *Messiah* G. F. Handel
Chancel Choir • Jeff Berta, conductor • Dr. Welch, organ

*And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together:
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.* Isaiah 40.5

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Isaiah 40.5
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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

Genesis 1.1-4; 1.31-2:3

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

² *The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*

³ *And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.*

⁴ *And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.*

^{1.31} *And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.*

^{2.1} *Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.*

² *And on the seventh day God finished His work that He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had done.*

³ *So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all His work that He had done in creation.*

2 Corinthians 4.6

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 Sermon

"Let There Be Light"

Mr. Williams 8:00
Mr. Scruggs 9:30/11:00

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

***The Great Thanksgiving 8:00**

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.*

***The 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

Toccata on "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Dr. Welch, organ

Matthew Corl

**The congregation stands.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of the parents of Sarah Jane and Will Frances.*

We welcome guest organist Dr. Bradley Hunter Welch 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.**

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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Joe Abbate	John Hawkins	Rob Sayles
Dr. Pete Deison	Eric Horan	The Rev. Chad Scruggs
Don Dillahunty	Houston Hunt	Gil Sheehan
Pete Flowers	Ed Jarrett	Jay Turner
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The Rev. Bill Lamberth	The Rev. Brent Baker
Dr. Julian Russell	The Rev. Robby Higginbottom
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Jeff Barber

Shepherding Elders

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

Tommy Bain	Paul Flowers	David Newman
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SERMON NOTES

Genesis 1.1-4, 31; 2.1-3; 2 Corinthians 4.6

“Let There Be Light”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of November 27, 2016

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" *(read or sing these words together)*

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1.1-4, 31; 2.1-3; 2 Corinthians 4.6 *(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 been in complete darkness, unable to see? What did it feel like? What did you do?
2. How does the Bible describe the creation before God made the light? Could it be a description of our hearts apart from God?
3. Why do you think God creates light first? How does light make the world a better place?
4. What does God call the world on the sixth day when He is finished forming and filling it? What does this tell you about God's love for the world?
5. Why do we need the light of Jesus shone into our hearts?
6. With whom can you share the light of Jesus this Christmas season?

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

1 Peter 2.2

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation.

Prayer

Prayer *(saying 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.