

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 25, 2016

Christmas Day

so that you too may have fellowship with us;
and indeed our fellowship is with the Father
and with His Son, Jesus Christ.

And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.
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.

I John 1.1-5

*Carol No. 224

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

GO TELL IT

Public Confession of Sin

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

He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe
through Him.

I John 1.7

Musical Meditation “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”
Mr. Nielson, *piano*

arr. Nielson

*Carol No. 213

“What Child Is This?”

GREENSLEEVES

Musical Offering

“Cradle Carol”

Dan Forrest

Claire Dillahunty, *solo* • Stephen Nielson, *piano*

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD
has risen upon you. Isaiah 60.1
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**

Isaiah 9.1-7

Dr. Myrna Little

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time He brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time He has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² *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.*

³ *You have multiplied the nation; You have increased its joy; they rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.*

⁴ *For the yoke of His burden, and the staff for His shoulder, the rod of His oppressor, You have broken as on the day of Midian.*

⁵ *For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.*

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.*

⁷ *Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*

The Sermon

INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT
"Joy to the World: God's Light Has Come"

Dr. Russell

***Closing Carol No. 195** "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

ANTIOCH

***The Benediction**

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6.24-26

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

Prelude, Fugue, and Toccata on
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
Mr. Cope, *organ*

arr. David Lowe

**The congregation stands.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in most humble thanksgiving for the gift of His Son and for our children, Alexandra and Coleman Easley and Audrey Figari by Mom and Dad.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2.11

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

Session/Associate Pastors

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
Mark Fulmer	Bob McCamey	Jeff Wilson
The Rev. Paul Goebel	Gregory Morris	
Pat Hamner	Boots Nowlin	

Assistant Pastors

The Rev. Ron Williams	The Rev. Tommy Overton
The Rev. Bill Lamberth	The Rev. Brent Baker
Dr. Julian Russell	The Rev. Robby Higginbottom
Dr. Jeff White	The Rev. Matthew Fray

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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
Alan Balsler	Will Francis	Stephen Nielson
John Bateman	David Franklin	Rick Owens
Brad Bradley	David Gowdey	Bobby Payne
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George Chapman	Tim Jeffress	Nelson Somerville
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Doug Chesnut	Russell Johnson	Dan Stewart
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Charles Debter	Louie Little	Steve Vanderhill
Jack Denman	Bill Mabus	Ron Wideman
John Denman	Jim Madden	Steve Williamson
Curt Dobbs	Mike McMahon	Tim Wilson
Bert Ehrmann	Robert Mighell	Arthur Wood
Bill Farrell	Pat Moore	Randy Wood

SERMON NOTES

Isaiah 9.1-7

INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT
“Joy to the World: God’s Light Has Come”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 25, 2016

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.

Isaiah 9.6

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

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!

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9.1-7 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. Why did God’s people walk in darkness?
2. What are some differences between darkness and light?
3. How were God’s people able to see?
4. What is so unique about this Child who is born, this Son who is given?
5. Can you think of times when it is more advantageous to be a child?
6. How is Christmas the ultimate picture of God with us?

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

Isaiah 9.2, 6

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. ⁶For 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

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.