



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 1, 2017

9:30 and 11:00 am

Epiphany Sunday

*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.*

The Prelude

“Saga of a Star”

Ron Owens

Jenni Rasberry, *solo* • Stephen Nielson, *piano*

Call to Worship

The Rev. Matt Fray

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.**

Psalm 19.1-4



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.

Please be seated.

Public Confession of Sin

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 9:30

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 11:00

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to Your steadfast love.
My sin has been against You,
although others have been hurt as well.
It is against You that I have rebelled.
It is against You that I have been angry –
and yet it is to You that I cry for mercy!
Even with my best intentions sin seems ever to creep in.
Even with my firmest resolve I keep on sinning.
Wash me, that I be clean, fresh, and new.
Cleanse me, that I have integrity,
that I do right from inside out.
Purge me, that I be pure with a strong purity.
In the name of Christ deliver me, O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of Your deliverance.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.

John 15.5, 8



Solo When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
All Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
All For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



When the temp - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let mysoul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;
Raised with Him to end-less life, He will hold me fast



for my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast. ___
bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. ___
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! ___

Refrain



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



for my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Lamberth 9:30
Mr. Higginbottom 11:00

Musical Offering

"Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
"Be Thou My Vision"

Walker
Runyan
Traditional

William R. Park, *solo* • Stephen Nielson, *piano*

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. John 15.12-13
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

1 Peter 2.11-12

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

¹² *Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.*

Mark 14.26-31

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

²⁷ *And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'*

²⁸ *But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."*

²⁹ *Peter said to Him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not."*

³⁰ *And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times."*

³¹ *But he said emphatically, "If I must die with You, I will not deny You." And they all said the same.*

The Sermon

"Resolutions of Faithfulness"

Mr. Fray

***Closing Hymn No. 498** "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

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*The 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

“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star” WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET
J. Marty Cope, *organ*

**The congregation stands.*

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in joyful celebration and in gratitude for Peggy Skidmore’s special birthday in love from Michele, Tommy, Austin and Courtney Reynolds and Eugenia, David, Allie, Brittany and Maggie Fersing.

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.

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The Rev. Mark Davis

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*(Elders not currently on the Session but
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SERMON NOTES

1 Peter 2.11-12; Mark 14.26-31

“Resolutions of Faithfulness”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of January 1, 2017

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.

“He Will Hold Me Fast” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page four.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2.11-12; Mark 14.26-31 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. Describe a time you worked hard to accomplish a goal.
2. Loving and obeying God should be our primary goal in life. Why do we often fail to accomplish this goal?
3. Jesus knew that Peter would deny Him, but He still died to save Peter. How do you think that made Peter feel?
4. Does God’s love for you encourage you to love and obey Him? Why?
5. What is one way you can work hard to love and obey God this year?

Questions for older children

1. What is a resolution? According to 1 Timothy 4.7-8, what is the most valuable kind of resolution?
2. Did Peter keep his resolution to be faithful to Jesus? What happened?
3. Jesus knew Peter would deny Him, but He still died to save Peter. What does tell you about Jesus’ love for Peter? What does this tell you about Jesus’ love for you?
4. Read 1 Peter 2.11-12. What should be our main motivation for living in this way?
5. Write an example of a resolution that could help you love and obey God this year.

Scripture Memory for this week: *(memorize this verse of Scripture this week)*

John 15.5

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

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.