

Park Cities Presbyterian Church

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 10, 2017
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

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Prelude

8:00

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

J. S. Bach

*“Savior of the nations, come. Virgin’s Son, make here Your home.
Marvel now, both heaven and earth, that our Lord chose such a birth.”*

Choral Prelude

9:30/11:00

“How Great Our Joy”

Chancel Choir • Brass Ensemble

arr. Bob Krogstad

Mr. J. Marty Cope, conductor • Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

*While by the sheep we watched at night glad tidings brought an angel bright.
How great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!
There shall be born in a Bethlehem stall this Child who shall redeem us all.
This gift of God we’ll cherish well, that ever joy our hearts shall fill.*

*Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00
The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

Minister: O Zion, messenger of good news, shout from the mountaintops!

People: **Shout it louder, O Jerusalem. Shout, and do not be afraid.**

Tell the towns of Judah, your God is coming! Isaiah 40.9

Minister: He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms; He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. Isaiah 40.11

People: **Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel, which means, God with us.** Isaiah 7.14; Matthew 1.23(b)

*Carol of Adoration No. 208 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELES

*Prayer of Adoration

*Profession of Faith

The Rev. Tommy Overton 8:00
The Rev. Brent Baker 9:30
The Rev. Chad Scruggs 11:00

**When the fullness of time came
God sent His Son,
His eternal wisdom,
the substance of His own glory,
into this world,
who took the nature of humanity**

from the substance of a woman, a virgin,
by means of the Holy Ghost.

And so was born

the just seed of David,
the Angel of the great counsel of God,
the very Messiah promised,
whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel,
true God and true man,
two perfect natures united and joined in one Person.

from the Scots Confession (1560), Chapter 6

*Carol

“From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable”

Townend

9:30/11:00

1. From the squalor of a borrowed stable,
2. King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,
3. Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,
4. Now He's standing in the place of honor,

by the Spirit and a virgin's faith;
humble servant in the Father's hands,
He was lifted on a cruel cross;
crowned with glory on the highest throne,

to the anguish and the shame of scandal
filled with power and the Holy Spirit,
He was punished for a world's transgressions,
interceding for His beloved

came the Savior of the human race! But the
filled with mercy for the broken man. Yes, He
He was suffering to save the lost. He—
till His Father calls to bring them home! Then the

skies were filled with the praise of heav'n, shepherds listen as the
walked my road and He felt my pain, joys and sorrows that I
fights for breath, He— fights for me, loosing sinners from the
skies will part as the trumpet sounds hope of heaven or the

angels tell of the Gift of God come— down to man
know so well; yet His righteous steps give me hope a— gain:
claims of hell; and— with a shout our— souls set free:
fear of hell; but the Bride will run to her Lov—er's arms,

at the dawn-ing of Im—man—u—el.
I will fol—low my Im—man—u—el!
death de—feat—ed by Im—man—u—el!
giv—ing glo—ry to Im—man—u—el!

The Sacrament of Baptism

9:30/11:00

Parental Vows

1. Do you acknowledge your children's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your children to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregational Vow

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of their children?

9:30

Stella Elizabeth Stimson
Lila Grace Stimson
Avery Claire Fein
Savannah Taylor Prince

11:00

Sarah Frances Martin
Catherine Irina Purcell

Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

*Carol No. 213

"What Child Is This?"

GREENSLEEVES

Public Confession of Sin

Almighty God,
You who shaped out of nothing all that is,
forgive us for returning empty-handed.
You who called forth light,
forgive our preference for the dark!
You who sent John to be a voice crying,
forgive our unwillingness to say anything at all!
Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
He has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.

Zephaniah 3:14-15

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Overton 8:00

Mr. Baker 9:30

Mr. Scruggs 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

“Once in Royal David’s City”
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

IRBY
arr. S. Nielson

9:30/11:00

“Who But the Lord?”
Treble Ensemble • Chancel Choir • Stephen Nielson, *piano*

Boersma/Courtney

O come, Thou bright and morning star and bring us comfort from afar.

Dispel the shadows of the night and turn our darkness into light.

*Who but the Lord can give the shadows light, can break into the dark, draw
morning from night? Who but the Lord will hear our cry and answer,
“Here am I”?*

*Who but the Lord makes blinded eyes to see, brings music to the deaf, sets
the lonely captive free? Who but the Lord will by His glory show the paths
of peace?*

*O shine on us the brightness of Your face, to earth’s remotest end, ev’ry people,
ev’ry race. O shine on us until to each is shown Your saving grace.*

Who but the Lord can give the shadows light? None but the Lord.

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: 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.
The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

Isaiah 9.2

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.*

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.
⁵⁸ And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.
⁵⁹ And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father,
⁶⁰ but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John."
⁶¹ And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name."
⁶² And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called.
⁶³ And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered.
⁶⁴ And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God.
⁶⁵ And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea,
⁶⁶ and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.
⁶⁷ And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,
⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people
⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David,
⁷⁰ as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old,
⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;
⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear,
⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.
⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways,
⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to His people in the forgiveness of their sins,
⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."
⁸⁰ And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

The Sermon

Signs and Wonders
"What Then Will This Child Be?"

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

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

***The Great Thanksgiving 8:00**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

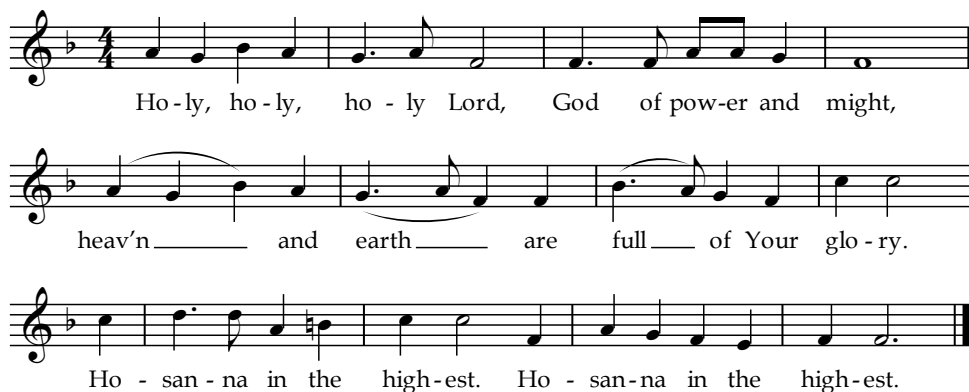
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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.

***The 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.

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

ANTIOCH

***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

8:00

“Angels We Have Heard on High”
Mr. Nielson, piano

GLORIA
arr. S. Nielson

9:30/11:00

“Savior of the Nations, Come”
Dr. Davy, organ

J. S. Bach

**Please stand if you are able.*

We thank the following musicians for their leadership in worship this morning:

Adam Miller, trumpet
Lacey Hays, trumpet
Gerry Wood, french horn
Steve Menard, trombone
Jarrod Robertson, tuba
Bill Klymus, percussion
Stephen Nielson, piano
Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

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SERMON NOTES

Luke 1.57-80

Signs and Wonders

“What Then Will This Child Be?”



Welcome to Park Cities Presbyterian Church. We are glad you joined us today.

We want to come alongside you in hospitality and prayer. At the conclusion of our services, there are men and women at the front and back of the sanctuary to meet and pray with you—in complete confidence.

If you are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, you are loved. For support, please speak with us or call Thrive Women’s Clinic at 214-343-9263 or Kari Stainback at 214-224-2738.

“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

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 10, 2017

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

O Zion, messenger of good news, shout from the mountaintops! Shout it louder,
O Jerusalem. Shout, and do not be afraid. Tell the towns of Judah, your God
is coming! Isaiah 40.9

“From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please refer to the hymn on page three.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Luke 1.57-80 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What happened to Zachariah while his wife was pregnant? Why?
2. After the baby was born, how did people respond to his name being John?
3. What does the name John mean? *(Look it up if you don’t know.)*
4. What does it mean that this child will be a prophet of the Most High?
5. What will the Most High do?

Questions for older children

1. How does Zachariah’s prophecy speak of our rescue?
2. What does Horn of Salvation mean?
3. How might his prophecy influence the way you celebrate Advent?

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

Luke 2.15-20

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby lying in a manger.¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this Child.¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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.