

Christmas Eve

**Park Cities Presbyterian Church
Dallas, Texas
December 24, 2017
10:00 pm**

*This little babe, so few days old,
Is come to rifle Satan's fold;
All hell doth at his presence quake.
Though he himself for cold do shake,
For in this weak unarmèd wise
The gates of hell he will surprise.*

*With tears he fights and wins the field;
His naked breast stands for a shield;
His battering shot are babish cries,
His arrows looks of weeping eyes,
His martial ensigns cold and need,
And feeble flesh his warrior's steed.*

*His camp is pitchèd in a stall,
His bulwark but a broken wall,
The crib his trench, hay stalks his stakes,
Of shepherds he his muster makes;
And thus, as sure his foe to wound,
The angels' trumps alarum sound.*

*My soul, with Christ join thou in fight;
Stick to the tents that he hath pight;
Within his crib is surest ward,
This little babe will be thy guard.
If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy,
Then flit not from this heavenly boy.*

— Robert Southwell (1561–1595)

**ORDER FOR THE
WORSHIP OF GOD**

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Prelude

“The Holly and the Ivy”
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

Herbert Sumsion

“Sweet Little Jesus Boy”
Donnie Ray Albert, *baritone*

Robert MacGimsey

“Angels We Have Heard on High”
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

GLORIA
arr. S. Nielson

“Gesù Bambino”
Andrea Miller, *soprano*

Pietro Yon

“The First Noel”
Donnie Ray Albert, *baritone*

arr. Mack Wilberg

Call to Worship

The Rev. Mark Davis

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 shined.

People: **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.**

***Carol No. 208**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELES

*Prayer of Adoration concluding with

O Source of all good,
what shall I render to Thee for the gift of gifts,
Thine own dear Son,
begotten, not created,
my redeemer, surety, substitute,
His self-emptying incomprehensible,
His infinity of love beyond the heart's grasp.

Herein is wonder of wonders:

He came below to raise me above,
was born like me that I might become like Him.

Herein is love: when I cannot rise to Him,
He draws near on wings of grace,
To raise me to Himself.

O God, take me in spirit to the watchful shepherds,
and enlarge my mind;
let me hear good tidings of great joy,
and hearing, believe, rejoice, praise and adore,
my eyes uplifted to a reconciled Father.

Let me with Simeon clasp the new-born Child to my heart,
embrace Him with undying faith,
exulting that He is mine and I am His.

In Him Thou hast given me so much that heaven can give no more.
Amen!

*Carol

"The First Noel"

THE FIRST NOEL



The first Noel the angel did say was to
They looked up and saw a star shin- ing
Then let us all with one accord sing



cer- tain poor shep- herds in fields as they lay, in
in the east be- yond them far, and
prais- es to our heav- 'nly Lord that



fields where they lay keep- ing their sheep on a
to the earth it gave great light, and
hath made heav'n and earth of naught, and



cold win- ter's night that was so deep.
so it con- tin- ued both day and night.
with His blood man- kind hath bought.

Refrain



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



Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Public Confession of Sin

Dr. Pete Deison

O God, in the beginning You spoke,
and creation was born,
the object of Your loving care.
In the fullness of time You spoke,
and the Word became flesh,
Jesus, gift of Your love.
We wonder at the miracle of creation;
we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation!
Forgive us, Father,
if we have only thought of Jesus as a great teacher,
or a good example.
Forgive us,
for though Jesus came so that we might be Your sons and daughters,
we have been wayward children,
lacking in our love for You and for one another.
This year, would You lift the veil from our eyes,
so that we might behold Jesus for who He really is,
the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the Great I Am!
We wait upon You with ready hearts, O God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons and daughters. Galatians 4:4-5

Musical Meditation

“Away in a Manger”
Donnie Ray Albert, *baritone*

arr. JM Cope

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison

*A portion of tonight's offering will be given to the
Presbyterian Church in America Ministerial Relief Fund.*

Musical Offering**“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”***arr. JM Cope*

Chancel Choir • Brass Ensemble,

J. Marty Cope, *director* • Nathan Davy, *organ*

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay; remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day; to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy. From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came; and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same; how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

"Fear not then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright, this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright, to free all those that trust in Him from Satan's might."

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place and with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace; this holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface.

***The Scripture Reading**

Luke 2.8-20

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹ *And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.*

¹⁰ *And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.*

¹¹ *For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

¹² *And this will be a sign for you: you will find a Baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."*

¹³ *And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,*

¹⁴ *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"*

¹⁵ *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.*

Christmas Eve MeditationSigns and Wonders
"Searching for The Sign"

Mr. Davis

Musical Meditation

“O Holy Night”
Mr. Albert, *baritone*

*arr. Bob Krogstad***Carol**

“Silent Night! Holy Night!”

STILLE NACHT

1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight!
3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light



round yon vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,



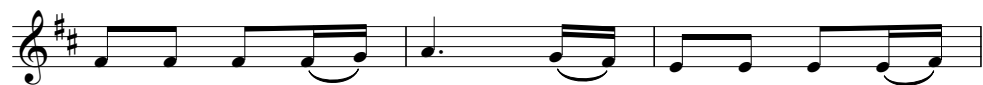
sleep in heav - en - ly peace,___ sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ, the Sav - ior is born!___ Christ, the Sav - ior is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth,___ Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Christmas Prayer***Carol of Celebration** “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”*ANTIOCH*

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re -
2. Joy to the earth! The Sa - vior reigns: let men their
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the



ceive her King;___ let ev - ery_ heart___ pre - pare Him room,___ and
songs em - ploy;___ while fields and_ floods,___ rocks, hills, and_ plains_ re -
fest the ground;___ He comes to___ make___ His bless - ings flow___ far
na - tions prove___ the glo - ries_ of___ His righ - teous - ness___ and



heav'n and na - ture___ sing, and_ heav'n and na - ture___
peat the sound - ing_ joy, re - peat the sound - ing___
as the curse is___ found, far___ as the curse is___
won - ders of His___ love, and_ won - ders of His___



sing, and_ heav'n, and heav'n___ and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat,___ re - peat___ the sound - ing joy.
found, far___ as,___ far___ the curse is found.
love, and_ won - ders, won - ders of His love.

***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

“Carison-Sortie”
Dr. Davy, *organ*

Henri Mulet

**Please stand if you are able.*

J. Marty Cope, *Director of Music and Arts*
Dr. Nathan Davy, *Organist and Associate Director of Music and Arts*

We thank the following musicians who assisted in tonight's service:

Jason Bergman, *trumpet*
Cody McClarty, *trumpet*
Reese Farnell, *French horn*
Steve Menard, *trombone*
Jarrod Robertson, *tuba*
Drew Lang, *timpani, percussion*
Stephen Nielson, *piano*
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

**Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the transforming presence
of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.**

*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.*