

*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*

Park Cities Presbyterian Church
Dallas, Texas
December 24, 2017
5:00 pm

“The Gift of Gifts”

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, proxy, 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.*

Herein is power;

*when Deity and humanity were infinitely apart
He united them in indissoluble unity, the uncreated and the created.*

Herein is wisdom;

*when I was undone, with no will to return to Him,
and no intellect to devise recovery,
He came, God-incarnate, to save me to the uttermost,
as man to die my death,
to shed satisfying blood on my behalf,
to work out a perfect righteousness for me.*

*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, adore,
my conscience bathed in an ocean of repose,
my eyes uplifted to a reconciled Father;*

*place me with ox, camel, goat,
to look with them upon my Redeemer's face,
and in Him account myself delivered from sin;*

*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.

—The Valley of Vision

Order for the Worship of God

December 24, 2017

5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Family Service

Welcome

The Rev. Brent Baker

Introit

“Sing We Now of Jesus”

NOEL NOUVELET

High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir
Emma Jennings and Abby May, handbells

French Carol

*Sing we now of Jesus, born on Christmas Day. Sing we now of Jesus,
born on a bed of hay. Lift up your voice, with all the world rejoice;
sing we now of Jesus, born the world to save.*

*Call to Worship

Mr. Baker

Minister: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace
and truth!

People: We have beheld His glory! Alleluia!

*Carol

“Once in Royal David’s City”

IRBY

Stanza 1: Abigail Dunn, Elizabeth Hatch, Emma Jennings, Faith Jennings,
Katie Little, Abby May, Emilie Miller, Claire Ponder

Choir 1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's_ ci - ty Stood a
All 2. He came down to earth_ from_ hea - ven Who is
All 3. And through all His won - drous child - hood He would
All 4. And our eyes at last_ shall_ see Him, Through His
All 5. Not in that poor low - ly_ sta - ble, With the
low - ly cat - tle_ shed, Where a mo - ther laid_ her_
God and Lord_ of_ all, And His shelt - er was_ a_
hon - or and_ o - bey, Love, and watch the low - ly_
own re - deem - ing_ love, For that child so dear_ and_
ox - en stand - ing_ by, We shall see Him; but_ in_
ba - by In a man - ger for_ His_ bed: Ma - ry
sta - ble, And His cra - dle was_ a_ stall; With the
mai - den In whose gen - tle arms_ He_ lay: Christ - ian
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He
hea - ven, set at God's right hand_ on_ high; When like
was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle_ child.
poor, and mean, and low - ly, Lived on earth our Sa - vior. ho - ly.
chil - dren all must be_ Mild, o - be - dient, good as_ He.
leads His chil - dren on_ To the place where He_ is_ gone.
stars His chil - dren crowned All in white shall wait a - round.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Carol**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

unison 1. O Come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
parts 2. God of God, Light of Light,
unison 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
unison 4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; Come and be -
Lo! He ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb; Ve - ry
sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove; Glo - ry to the
Je - su, to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the

Refrain
hold Him born the King of An - gels:
God be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted: O come, let us a -
God in the high - est:
Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing

dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, O

come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:6-7

Margaret Golik
eighth grade

Anthem

“He Is Born” and “Sing Noel” French Carol/African Tune
Chapel Choir and Carol Choir arr. Vicki H. Wright
Emma Jennings, *piano*

Elizabeth Clark, Abigail Dunn, Andrew Dunn, Elizabeth Hatch, Abby May,
Howard May, Josh Nash, Hayden Ponder, Jared Sanders, Sage Steffen,
Virginia Waterman, *handbells*

*He is born, the divine Christ Child, play the musette, play the tuneful oboe.
He is born, the divine Christ Child, sing we all of the Savior mild. Through long
ages of the past, prophets have foretold His coming; through long ages of the
past, now the time has come at last! Jesus, Lord of all the world, coming as a
child among us. Jesus, Lord of all the world, grant to us Thy heav'nly peace.*

Please join in singing when so directed.



Sing No - el, sing No - el, No-el, No - el ____ Sing No - el, sing No - el,
No-el, No - el. ____ Sing No - el, sing No - el, No-el, No - el. ____
Sing No - el, sing No - el, No-el, No - el. ____ Sing we all No - el,
sing we all No - el, Sing we all No - el, sing we all No - el.

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

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

Musical Offering

“Christmas Night”
High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir

John Rutter

*Softly through the winter's darkness shines a light, clear and still in Bethlehem
on Christmas night, 'round the stable where a virgin mother mild watches
over Jesus Christ the holy Child.*

*Shepherds kneel in adoration by His bed; seraphim in glory hover 'round His
head. Wise men guided by the leading of a star, bring Him gifts of precious
treasure from afar.*

*Choirs of angels sing to greet His wondrous birth: Christ our Lord in human
form comes down to earth. 'Glory to God in highest heav'n' their joyful
strain: 'Peace on earth, goodwill to men' the glad refrain.*

*Lullaby! The Child lies sleeping: sing lullaby! Safe in Mary's tender keeping: sing
lullaby! Guardian angels keep their watch till break of day: Lullaby! Sweet
Jesus sleeps among the hay.*

*Alleluia! Let the earth rejoice today! Christ is born to take our sins and guilt
away. Praise the Lord who sent Him down from heav'n above: Holy Infant,
born of God the Father's love.*

*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.

Anthem

“Mary Did You Know?” Mark Lowry/Buddy Greene
High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir
Claire Ponder, *interpretive movement*

Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy would someday walk on water? Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy would save our sons and daughters? Did you know that your Baby Boy has come to make you new? This Child that you delivered, will soon deliver you. Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy will give sight to a blind man? Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy will calm a storm with His hand? Did you know that your Baby Boy has walked where angels trod? When you kissed your little Baby, then you kissed the face of God. The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again; the lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb. Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy is Lord of all creation? Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy will one day rule the nations? Did you know that your Baby Boy was heaven's perfect Lamb? This sleeping Child you're holding, is the great, the great "I AM!"

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 Devotional

"The Strangest of Signs"

Mr. Baker

Anthem

"Night of Silence"

Daniel Kantor

High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir

Spirit among us, shine like the star, with wings You enfold us, You speak of His love. Gentle on the ear, You whisper softly, rising in our hearts with the Son's love; Spirit moving through silent night, Spirit we wait for Your loving light.

Please join in singing when so directed.



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

“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

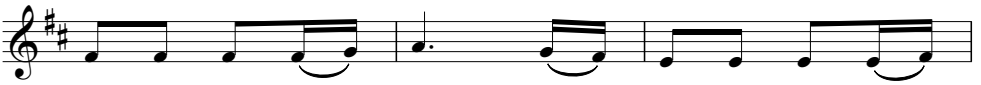
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1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re -
2. Joy to the earth! The Sa - vior reigns: let men their
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the



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 as ___ the curse is found.
love, and ___ won - ders, won - ders of His love.

*The Blessing

Minister: Glory be to Thee, O Father Almighty, who hast given us Thine only-begotten Son, that we might live through Him. Glory be to Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, who became man that we might become sons of God. Glory be to Thee, O Holy Spirit, who directs and rules our hearts.

All: *(with a great voice)* **Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! Amen!**

Postlude

“Carison-Sortie”
Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

Henri Mulet

*Please stand if you are able.

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of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.**

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

Jason Bergman, *trumpet*

Cody McClarty, *trumpet*

Reese Farnell, *French horn*

Steve Menard, *trombone*

Jarrold Robertson, *tuba*

Drew Lang, *timpani, percussion*

Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ, piano*

*High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir joyfully welcome the
High School Ensemble alumni and the guest singers who are participating
with them in this Christmas Eve worship service.*

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