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Park Cities Presbyterian Church  
Dallas, Texas  
December 24, 2018  
5:00 p.m.

*“Christmas Eve”*

*Christmas hath a darkness  
Brighter than the blazing noon,  
Christmas hath a chillness  
Warmer than the heat of June,  
Christmas hath a beauty  
Lovelier than the world can show:  
For Christmas bringeth Jesus,  
Brought for us so low.*

*Earth, strike up your music,  
Birds that sing and bells that ring;  
Heaven hath answering music  
For all the angels soon to sing:  
Earth, put on your whitest  
Bridal robe of spotless snow:  
For Christmas bringeth Jesus,  
Brought for us so low.*

— Christina Rossetti

# Order for the Worship of God

December 24, 2018

5:00 p.m.

## Christmas Eve Family Service

Welcome

The Rev. Brent Baker

Prelude

“Fanfare”

Dan Miller

Brass and Percussion Ensemble

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!

\*Processional Carol

“Once in Royal David’s City”

IRBY

Stanza 1: Choir • Stanzas 2-5: Congregation



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****"Angels We Have Heard on High"**

GLORIA



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep - herds why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
 Say what may the tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



Glo - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,



glo - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

**Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 9.6-7

Mary Neuhoff

ninth grade

**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****"Away in a Manger"**

arr. John Rutter

High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet  
 head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord  
 Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying He  
 makes. I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my  
 side until morning is nigh.*

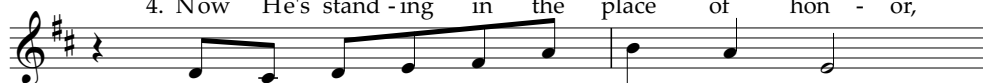
*Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I  
 pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven,  
 to live with Thee there.*

**\*Carol****"From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable"**

Townend



1. From the squa - lor of a bor - rowed sta - ble,
2. King of heav - en now the Friend of sin - ners,
3. Through the kis - ses of a friend's be - tray - al,
4. Now He's stand - ing in the place of hon - or,



by the Spi - rit and a vir - gin's faith;  
 hum - ble ser - vant in the Fa - ther's hands,  
 He was lift - ed on a cru - el cross;  
 crowned with glo - ry on the high - est throne,

to the an - guish and the shame of scan - dal  
 filled with po - wer and the Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
 He was pun - ished for a world's trans - gress - ions,  
 in - ter - ced - ing for His own be - lov - ed

came the Sa - vior of the hu - man race! But the  
 filled with mer - cy for the bro - ken man. Yes, He  
 He was suf - fer - ing to save the lost. He  
 till His Fa - ther calls to bring them home! Then the

skies were filled with the praise of heav'n, shep - herds lis - ten as the  
 walked my road and He felt my pain, joys and sor - rows that I  
 fights for breath, He fights for me, loos - ing sin - ners from the  
 skies will part as the trum - pet sounds hope of heav - en or the

an - gels tell of the Gift of God come down to man  
 know so well; yet His righ - teous 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!

**New Testament Reading**

Luke 1.26-33

Emily Barnes  
*ninth grade*

**Anthem**

“What Sweeter Music”

*arr. John Rutter*

High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir  
 Claire Ponder, *interpretive movement*

*What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing the birth of this our  
 heavenly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string!*

*Dark and dull night, fly hence away and give the honour to this day that sees  
 December turned to May.*

*Why does the chilling winter's morn smile like a field beset with corn? Or smell  
 like a meadow newly shorn thus on the sudden? Come and see the cause,  
 why things thus fragrant be:*

*'Tis He is born, whose quickening birth gives life and lustre, public mirth, to  
 heaven and the under-earth. We see Him come, and know Him ours, who,  
 with His sunshine and His showers turns the patient ground to flowers.*

*The darling of the world is come, and fit it is, we find a room to welcome Him.*

*The nobler part of all the house here is the heart which we will give Him;  
 and bequeath this holly and this ivy wreath, to do Him honour, who is our  
 King and Lord of all this revelling.*

**New Testament Reading**

John 1.1-5, 14

Rebecca Russell  
*twelfth grade*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by:  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently the wondrous Gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

#### \*The Scripture Reading

Matthew 2.1-12

- Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,*  
<sup>2</sup> *saying, "Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him."*  
<sup>3</sup> *When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;*  
<sup>4</sup> *and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.*  
<sup>5</sup> *They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:*  
<sup>6</sup> *"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."*  
<sup>7</sup> *Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.*  
<sup>8</sup> *And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the Child, and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him."*  
<sup>9</sup> *After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the Child was.*  
<sup>10</sup> *When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.*  
<sup>11</sup> *And going into the house, they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.*  
<sup>12</sup> *And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.*

*Tonight marks the 200th anniversary of Silent Night. Please see the note at the end of the service order for information about its origin..*

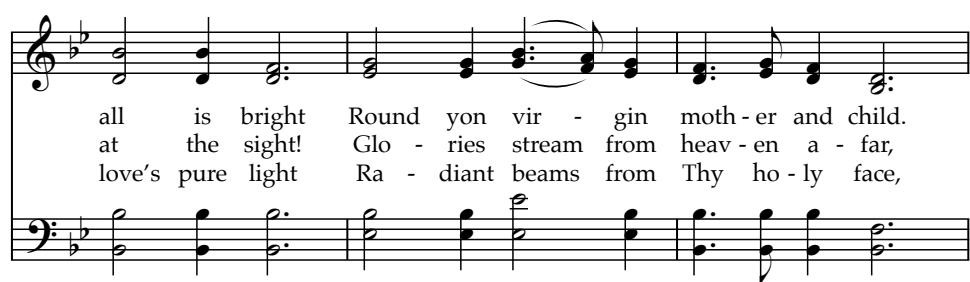
# Carol

## "Silent Night! Holy Night!"

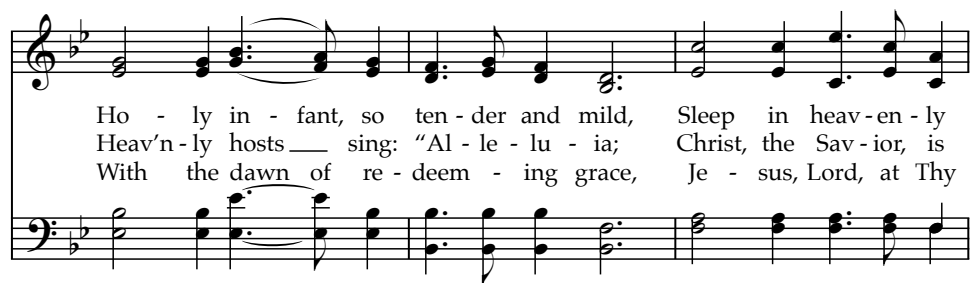
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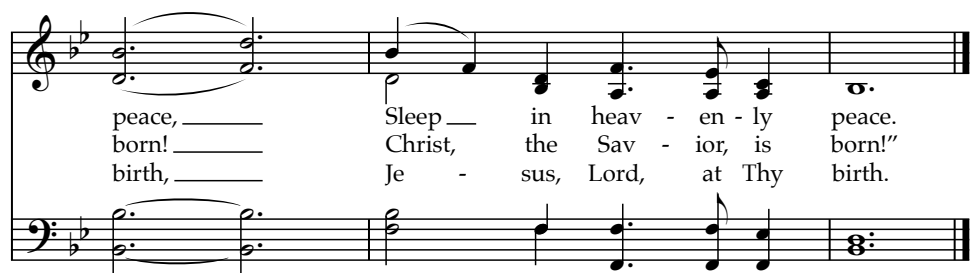
Unison 1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm,  
Unison 2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
Parts 3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
at the sight! Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face,



Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly  
Heav'n - ly hosts — sing: "Al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy



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

# Christmas Prayer

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.

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



*"It was the 24th of December of the year 1818, when the then assistant priest Joseph Mohr at the newly established parish of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf (Austria) handed over to the organist represented by Franz Gruber (who at the time was also a school teacher in Arnsdorf) a poem, with the request to write a fitting melody for two solo voices together with choir and for accompaniment by guitar."*

—Franz Xaver Gruber

*Later the same day, on the 24th of December, Gruber came to the musically talented Mohr and handed over to him his composition. As Mohr liked what he saw, this song was included in the Christmas mass that evening. Mohr sang the tenor part and provided accompaniment with guitar, while Gruber sang bass. According to Gruber, the song was met with "general approval by all" in attendance (mostly shipping laborers, boat builders and their families).*

—the Stille Nacht Association

*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.*

*We celebrate the rich legacy of our student artists whose drawings have graced the cover of our Christmas Eve Family Service for many years. Tonight we reprint a drawing from five years ago by Kirsten Howland, daughter of our former Organist/Director of Music and Arts, Colin Howland.*

J. Marty Cope, *Director of Music and Arts*  
Dr. Nathan Davy, *Organist and Associate Director of Music and Arts*  
Lynda Fray, *Director of Children's and Youth Choirs*

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

Oscar Garcia, *trumpet*  
Aaron Montoya, *trumpet*  
Reese Farnell, *French horn*  
Steve Menard, *trombone*  
Jarrod Robertson, *tuba*  
Drew Lang, *timpani/percussion*  
Stephen Nielson, *piano*  
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ/piano*

— Sermon Notes —

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*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.*

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