

Park Cities Presbyterian Church

January 6, 2019



*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.*



CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

January 6, 2019
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Epiphany Sunday

Christmas ended yesterday, January 5. Today is Epiphany. Our word epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning "manifestation or appearance," and in church history this word has become closely associated with the revelation of Christ in connection with the visit of the Magi. In this "manifestation," light is a reoccurring theme, reflected today, not only in our service liturgy but also in the lights which adorn our sanctuary.

Prelude

"In Dulci Jubilo"
Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

J. S. Bach

*During the Prelude, please join in silent preparation
of heart and mind to worship our God.*

Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00
The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

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.**

Psalms 19:1-4

*Carol of Epiphany

"The First Noel"

THE FIRST NOEL

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.

Refrain

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.

***Hymn No. 226**

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

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Public Confession of Sin

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 8:00

The Rev. Brent Baker 9:30

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 11:00

Almighty and merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned

against You and one another

in both our actions and our inactions.

We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come,

yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light.

Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us

the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives.

Illumined by Your Word and sacrament,

may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:5-7

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Lamberth 8:00

Mr. Baker 9:30

Mr. Higginbottom 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

“Largo” from *Concerto in C*
Dr. Davy, organ

J. S. Bach

9:30/11:00

“Ave Verum Corpus”
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, conductor • Dr. Davy, organ

W. A. Mozart

Ave verum Corpus natum de Maria virgine: vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine: cujus latus perforatum, unda fluxit sanguine: esto nobis prae gustatum in mortis examine.

Hail, true Body, born of the virgin Mary, who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals: whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood: be for us a foretaste (of heaven) during our final examining.

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

2 Corinthians 4.6

People: And also with you.

*The Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 13.1-15

Saul lived for one year and then became king, and when he had reigned for two years over Israel,

² *Saul chose three thousand men of Israel. Two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and the hill country of Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin. The rest of the people he sent home, every man to his tent.*

³ *Jonathan defeated the garrison of the Philistines that was at Geba, and the Philistines heard of it. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, “Let the Hebrews hear.”*

⁴ *And all Israel heard it said that Saul had defeated the garrison of the Philistines, and also that Israel had become a stench to the Philistines. And the people were called out to join Saul at Gilgal.*

⁵ *And the Philistines mustered to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots and six thousand horsemen and troops like the sand on the seashore in multitude. They came up and encamped in Michmash, to the east of Beth-aven.*

- ⁶ When the men of Israel saw that they were in trouble (for the people were hard pressed), the people hid themselves in caves and in holes and in rocks and in tombs and in cisterns,
- ⁷ and some Hebrews crossed the fords of the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. Saul was still at Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.
- ⁸ He waited seven days, the time appointed by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and the people were scattering from him.
- ⁹ So Saul said, "Bring the burnt offering here to me, and the peace offerings." And he offered the burnt offering.
- ¹⁰ As soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came. And Saul went out to meet him and greet him.
- ¹¹ Samuel said, "What have you done?" And Saul said, "When I saw that the people were scattering from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines had mustered at Michmash,
- ¹² I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the favor of the LORD.' So I forced myself, and offered the burnt offering."
- ¹³ And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the LORD your God, with which He commanded you. For then the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.
- ¹⁴ But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought out a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be prince over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."
- ¹⁵ And Samuel arose and went up from Gilgal. The rest of the people went up after Saul to meet the army; they went up from Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people who were present with him, about six hundred men.

The Sermon

"A Man After His Own Heart"

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

*Words of Assurance and The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

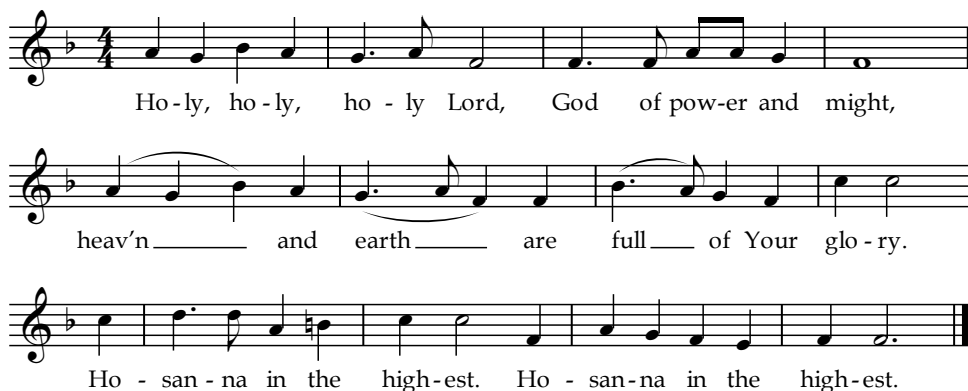
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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:



*The Words of Institution

Communion 8:00

The bread now being served at Communion is gluten-free.

*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.*

Communion 9:30/11:00

The bread now being served at Communion is gluten-free.

*Please come forward to receive the elements as directed by an usher.
Partake of each when served, returning to your seat with your empty cup.*

During the serving of Communion:

9:30/11:00

*“Arise, My Soul, Arise”
Alicia Ucciferri, solo*

arr. Dan Forrest

Please join in singing.

“Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

Papa/Boswell



1. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, in the dawn - ing
2. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, He, the per - fect
3. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, Christ, the Lord up -
4. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, slain by death, the



of the King. He, the theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in
Son of Man in His liv - ing, in His suf - f'ring, nev - er
on the tree. In the stead of ruined — sin - ners, hangs the
God of life. But no grave could e'er re - strain Him, praise the



frail hu - man - i - ty. In our long - ing, in our dark - ness,
trace nor stain of sin. See the true and bet - ter A - dam,
Lamb in vic - tor - y. See the price of our re - demp - tion,
Lord: He is a - live. What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance,



now the light of life has come. Look to Christ, who
come to save the hell-bound man. Christ, the great and
see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold. Bring - ing ma - ny
how un - wa - ver - ing our hope. Christ, in pow - er,



con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
sure ful - fill - ment of the law in Him we stand.
sons to Glo - ry, grace un - mea - sured, love un - told.
res - ur - rect - ed, as will we be when He comes.

***Closing Hymn No. 263**

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

***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

"Praeludium in E"
Dr. Davy, organ

Dieterich Buxtehude

**Please stand if you are able.*

*Members of PCPC who have joined the Church Triumphant
since our last Communion service:*

Dr. Paul "Marty" Garmon, Jr.
Charles "Kevin" LaDue
Dorothy "Kay" Gray
David V. Merritt
Capt. Robert "Bob" E. Courtin, Jr.

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

SERMON NOTES

1 Samuel 13.1-15
“A Man After His Own Heart”



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 January 6, 2019

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.

“Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page six.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 13.1-15 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What is meant by the word “heart” in the Bible? Is it talking about the organ that pumps blood or something else? With this understanding, what role does the “heart” play in our lives?
2. What are you afraid of? Has fear ever caused you to do something silly or even sinful?
3. David tells us in Psalm 53 that a fool is someone who says in their heart that “There is no God.” Has anything ever happened to you that made you question God’s existence? Have you ever acted foolishly because of it?
4. What does it mean to be defiant? How did King Saul defy God? Have you ever been defiant toward God?
5. What does it mean to be a man or woman “after God’s own heart”? What did this look like for David?
6. At Epiphany, we celebrate Jesus Christ as the light of the world. What does Epiphany teach us about God’s heart toward His people?

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

1 Samuel 16.7

But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”

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.