

December 1, 2019

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 1, 2019  
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

*First Sunday of Advent*

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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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## Prelude

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *arr. Nelson/McDonald*

8:00

J. Marty Cope, *piano*

9:30/11:00

Stephen Nielson, *piano* • Christopher Adkins, *cello*

## Call to Worship

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

Minister: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins.

**People: A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

Minister: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;

**People: The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.”**

Isaiah 40.1-4

## \*Carol of Anticipation and Adoration

No. 194

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*VENI EMMANUEL*

## \*Prayer of Adoration

**\*Profession of Faith**

Dr. Mark Fulmer 8:00  
The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 9:30/11:00

For thus says the LORD of hosts:  
Yet once more, in a little while,  
I will shake the heavens and the earth  
and the sea and the dry land.  
And I will shake all nations,  
so that the treasures of all nations shall come in,  
and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts.  
Behold, I send My messenger,  
and he will prepare the way before Me.  
And the Lord whom you seek  
will suddenly come to His temple;  
and the messenger of the covenant  
in whom you delight,  
behold, He is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

Haggai 2.6-7, Malachi 3.1

**\*Carol No. 193**

8:00

9:30/11:00

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

all stanzas

stanzas: 1-2

PICARDY

**Recognition of New Members**

9:30/11:00

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

9:30

Suzanna Kindl Tanksley  
John Alexander Forrest Stockdale

**\*Carol No. 193**

9:30/11:00

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

stanzas: 3-4

PICARDY

**Public Confession of Sin**

Lord Christ,  
we confess our willingness to be loved  
but also our reluctance to love.  
We confess our readiness to accept Your forgiving love  
but also our refusal to forgive.  
We confess our eagerness to grasp Your offer of redeeming love  
but also our resistance to follow You without question.  
In this Advent time, forgive us our failure  
to respond as we should.  
Come to us anew, and by Your grace, assist us to receive You  
with joy, as the shepherds;  
with gratitude, as Simeon;  
with obedience, as Mary;  
with love, as You have loved us.  
Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.



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

**\*The Great Thanksgiving 8:00**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

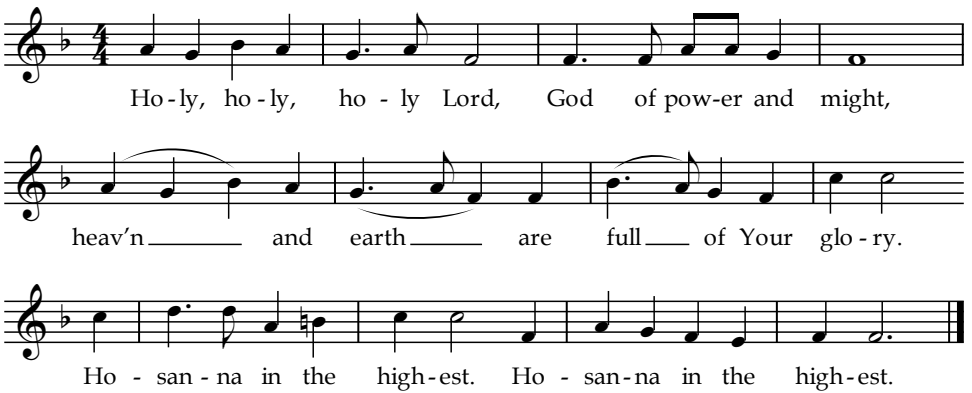
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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 Words of Institution 8:00**

**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.*

**\*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**

“Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland” BWV 659  
“Savior of the Nations, Come”  
Mr. Cope, *organ*

*J.S. Bach*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the  
glory and praise of God and in loving memory of our parents:  
With love and gratitude from Nancy and Randy Best.*

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



*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*

**Ministers:** The members of this church family who, in serving their Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, extend His Kingdom in Dallas and to the world.

**Senior Pastor**

The Rev. Mark Davis

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John Bateman	George Hanson	Kirk Pogoloff
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The Rev. Tommy Overton	The Rev. Matt Fray

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Will Francis	Gregory Morris	Randy Wood
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Mark Fulmer	Boots Nowlin	<i>*Emeritus</i>
David Gowdey	Rick Owens	

## **SERMON NOTES**

THE REST OF CHRISTMAS  
“The Rest of His Presence”

Isaiah 9.2-6

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## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 1, 2019

### Praise

**Call to Worship:** *(everyone together)*

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

Isaiah 40.1-2

**“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”** *(read or sing these words together)*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

### Hearing and Learning God's Word

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 9.2-6 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What does the word “rest” mean?
2. What does it mean to be restless?
3. How were the people of God restless?
4. What was God's promise to His people?
5. How does God's presence bring rest?
6. What is the rest of the story?

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

Isaiah 9.6

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.

### 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.