

“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



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Park Cities Presbyterian Church
December 24, 2019

Christmas Eve Family Service
4:00 p.m.

Welcome

The Rev. Paul Goebel

Prelude

“On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

SUSSEX CAROL
arr. Stephen Nielson

Call to Worship

Mr. Goebel

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: Helen Waterman, Virginia Waterman, Lydia Fray
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**

Anthems

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”
Chapel Choir and Carol Choir

Spiritual

Deborah Waterman, *conducting* • Dr. Nathan Davy, *piano*

Please join in singing the refrain when so directed.

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev’rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.**

*While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.*

Refrain:

*The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! Above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior’s birth.*

Refrain:

*Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.*

“Away in a Manger”
Instrumental Ensemble

arr. Jeff Reeves

*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 cradle till morning is nigh.*

Please join in singing verse three.

**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.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9.6-7

Scarlett Randall
tenth grade

1. O Come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. God of God, Light of Light,
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 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
 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!

New Testament Reading

Luke 1.26-33

Lleyton Horan
eighth grade

Anthem

“Personent Hodie”

arr. John Rutter

Covenant Choir, High School Ensemble, and Adult Ensemble

Mrs. Waterman, *conducting*

Dr. Davy, *organ* • Instrumental Ensemble

*On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing,
To the Son, Christ the King, born on earth to save us;
Him the Father gave us. Ideo, gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*Personent hodie Voces puerulae
Laudantes junde Qui nobis est natus,
Summo Deo datus, Et de virgineo
Ventre procreates.*

*God's bright star, o'er His head, wise men three to Him led;
Kneel they low by His bed, lay their gifts before Him,
Praise Him and adore Him. Ideo, gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring,
Praising Christ, heaven's King, born on earth to save us;
Peace and love He gave us. Ideo, gloria in excelsis Deo!*

New Testament Reading

John 1.1-5, 14

Emma Golik
twelfth grade

***Carol**

“The First Noel”

THE FIRST NOEL



The first Noel the angel did say was to
They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing
Then let us all with one ac - cord 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.

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

"Candlelight Carol"

John Rutter

Covenant Choir, High School Ensemble, and Adult Ensemble
J. Marty Cope, conducting • Stephen Nielson, piano • Dr. Davy, organ
Instrumental Ensemble

*How do you capture the wind on the water?
How do you count all the stars in the sky?
How can you measure the love of a mother,
Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?*

Refrain:

*Candlelight, angel light, firelight and starglow
Shine on His cradle till breaking of dawn.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Angels are singing, the Christ Child is born.*

*Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore Him,
Seraphim round Him their vigil will keep;
Nations proclaim Him their Lord and their Savior,
But Mary will hold Him and sing Him to sleep.*

*Find Him at Bethlehem laid in a manger
Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay.
Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation
A Child with His mother that first Christmas day.*

*The Scripture Reading

Matthew 1.18-25; Luke 1.34-38

Matthew 1.18-25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.
¹⁹ *And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.*
²⁰ *But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.*
²¹ *She will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."*
²² *All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:*
²³ *"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).*
²⁴ *When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife,*
²⁵ *but knew her not until she had given birth to a Son. And he called His name Jesus.*

Luke 1.34-38

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"
³⁵ *And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.*
³⁶ *And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren.*
³⁷ *For nothing will be impossible with God."*
³⁸ *And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.*

Carol

"Silent Night! Holy Night!"

STILLE NACHT

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.

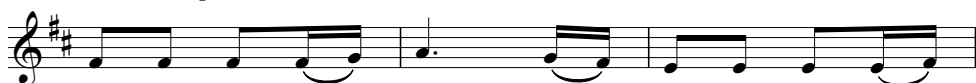
*Christmas Prayer



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

"Bring A Torch, Jeanette, Isabella"
 Dr. Davy, organ

Keith Chapman

*Please stand if you are able.

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 2011 done by Grace McClure when she was a tenth grade student.

J. Marty Cope, *Director of Music and Arts*
Dr. Nathan Davy, *Organist and Associate Director of Music and Arts*
Deborah Waterman, *Interim Director of Carol, Chapel, and Covenant Choirs*
Daniel Tillman, *Coordinator for Music and Arts*
Stephen Bond, *Senior Administrative Assistant to Music and Arts*
Bryan Varenkamp, *Music Specialist*
Faith Jennings, *Administrative Assistant to Children's and Youth Choirs*
Jayne Bjork, *Coordinator for Music and Arts*
Stephanie Byrd, *Graphic Design*

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

Alexandra Adkins, *violin*
Nicole Paglialonga, *violin*
Imelda Tecson, *viola*
Christopher Adkins, *cello*
Ebonee Thomas, *flute/piccolo*
Laura Shouha, *oboe*
Reese Farnell, *French horn*
Drew Lang, *timpani/percussion*
Stephen Nielson, *piano*
Nathan Davy, *organ/piano*

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.*

