

*“Christmas Sermon”*

*O Child, Creator of All!*

*How humbly You lie in the manger.*

*You who rule powerfully in heaven!*

*There the heaven of heavens cannot contain You;*

*Here, however, You are held in the narrowest manger:*

*There, in the beginning of the world*

*You decorated the earth with green grasses that produced seed,  
with fruit-bearing trees that produced fruit,*

*You ornamented the heavens with the sun,*

*the moon,*

*and the stars,*

*the sky with winged birds,*

*the waters with fish,*

*You filled the land with reptiles,*

*draft animals, and beasts;*

*Here, however, in the end of the world*

*You are wrapped in swaddling clothes!*

*O majesty!*

*O lowness!*

*O sublimity!*

*O humility!*

*O immense, eternal and Ancient of days!*

*O small, temporal infant*

*whose life is not yet one day upon the earth!*

—Adam of Dryburgh (D. 1212)



## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church  
December 24, 2019

*Christmas Eve*  
8:00 p.m.

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### Prelude

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”  
Instrumental Ensemble

*arr. Mack Wilberg*

“Carillon on a Ukrainian Carol”  
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

*Gerald Near*

“Gesù Bambino”  
Andrea Miller, *soprano*

*Pietro Yon*

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

*SUSSEX CAROL*  
*arr. Stephen Nielson*

“Thou Who Wast Rich”  
Instrumental Ensemble

*arr. Colin Howland*

### Call to Worship

The Rev. Mark Davis

**Minister:** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

**People:** **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 9.2, 6

\*Carol No. 208

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*ADESTE FIDELES*

**\*Prayer of Adoration concluding with**

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, 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.

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 and adore,  
my eyes uplifted to a reconciled Father.

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.  
Amen!

**Musical Acclamation**

“Star Carol”  
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

*Sing this night, for a Boy is born in Bethlehem, Christ our Lord in a lowly manger lies; bring your gifts, come and worship at His cradle; hurry to Bethlehem and see the Son of Mary!*

*See His star shining bright in the sky this Christmas night! Follow me joyfully; hurry to Bethlehem and see the Son of Mary!*

*Angels bright, come from heaven's highest glory, bear the news with its message of good cheer: Sing, rejoice, for a King is come to save us, hurry to Bethlehem and see the Son of Mary!*

*See, He lies in His mother's tender keeping; Jesus Christ in her loving arms asleep. Shepherds poor, come to worship and adore Him, offer their humble gifts before the Son of Mary!*

*Let us all pay our homage at the manger, sing His praise on this joyful Christmas night; Christ is come, bringing promise of salvation; hurry to Bethlehem and see the Son of Mary!*

**Public Confession of Sin**

The Rev. Dr. Pete Deison

O Lord, I marvel that You purposed to become flesh  
so that You might be crucified, dead, and buried for me.  
Grant me to die with You that I may rise to new life.  
Purge me from selfishness, pride, and the fear of man.  
Lord, high and holy, meek and lowly,  
let me learn by paradox  
that the way down is the way up,  
that to be low is to be high,  
that the broken heart is the healed heart,  
that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit,  
that the repenting soul is the victorious soul,  
that to have nothing is to possess all,

that to bear the cross is to wear the crown,  
 that to give is to receive,  
 that the valley is the place of vision.

**Private Confession**

**Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel**

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. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2.10-11

**\*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

Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, conducting • Mr. Nielson, piano, Dr. Davy, organ

*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?*

*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 Christmas Greeting of Peace**

**Minister:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to all people! The peace of Christ be with you always.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**\*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.*

<sup>19</sup> *And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.*

<sup>20</sup> *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.*

<sup>21</sup> *She will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”*

<sup>22</sup> *All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:*

<sup>23</sup> *“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).*

<sup>24</sup> *When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife,*

<sup>25</sup> *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?”*

<sup>35</sup> *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.*

<sup>36</sup> *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.*

<sup>37</sup> *For nothing will be impossible with God.”*

<sup>38</sup> *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.*

**Christmas Eve Meditation** THE REST OF CHRISTMAS  
"The Rest of His Parents"

Mr. Davis

**Musical Acclamation**

"O Holy Night"

arr. Bob Krogstad

**Carol**

"Silent Night! Holy Night!"

STILLE NACHT

1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm,  
2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
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**

**\*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**

“Bring A Torch, Jeanette, Isabella”  
Dr. Davy, *organ*

*Keith Chapman*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

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

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

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