

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 29, 2019
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Christmas

*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.*

Prelude

“Christmas Medley: *arr. Nielson & Young*
Carol of the Bells/Angels We Have Heard on High”
Stephen Nielson, *piano* • Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

*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. Tommy Overton 9:30/11:00

Minister: 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.

People: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Minister: And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

People: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”

Luke 2.10-14

*Carol No. 207

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

IN DULCI JUBILO

*Prayer of Adoration

Have this mind among yourselves,
which is yours in Christ Jesus,
who, though He was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but emptied Himself,
by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.
And being found in human form,
He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted Him
and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name.
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2.5-11

***Carol No. 230** “Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor” *QUELLE EST CETTE*

Public Confession of Sin

Our God and Father,
when we behold Your Son Jesus,
we see Your great love for us,
for You sent Your one and only Son into the world to die for
sinners like us,
so that whoever believes in Him would have eternal life.
Yet, our Father,
our appetite for things of secondary or even of no importance
fills our lives with longings that You never intended us to have.
Our love and devotion to our possessions and our pleasures
reveal again our true need for Jesus.
Lord, in this Christmas season would You please give us Christ:
fill our hearts with desire to know Him,
to love Him, to serve and follow Him;
fill our mouths with words to honor Him and proclaim Him;
give us His presence to guide us in wisdom,
to give peace to our troubled souls,
to guard and protect our ways;
grant us His grace and favor to forgive our sins,
and to bring us to glory. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved! Ephesians 2.4-5

***Carol No. 200** “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” *CAROL*
9:30/11:00

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Fulmer 8:00
Mr. Higginbottom 9:30/11:00

Musical Offering

8:00 “The Sussex Carol” *Russell Schulz-Widmar*
Dr. Davy, *organ*

9:30/11:00 “How Suddenly a Baby Cries” *Traditional Irish/Getty*
Jennifer Barnes, *soprano* • Dr. Davy, *piano*

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Colossians 1.19-20

People: And also with you.

The Service of Friendship/Announcements

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

¹³ *And no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.*

The Sermon

THE REST OF CHRISTMAS

Mr. Williams 8:00

“The Rest of His Word”

Mr. Higginbottom 9:30/11:00

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!

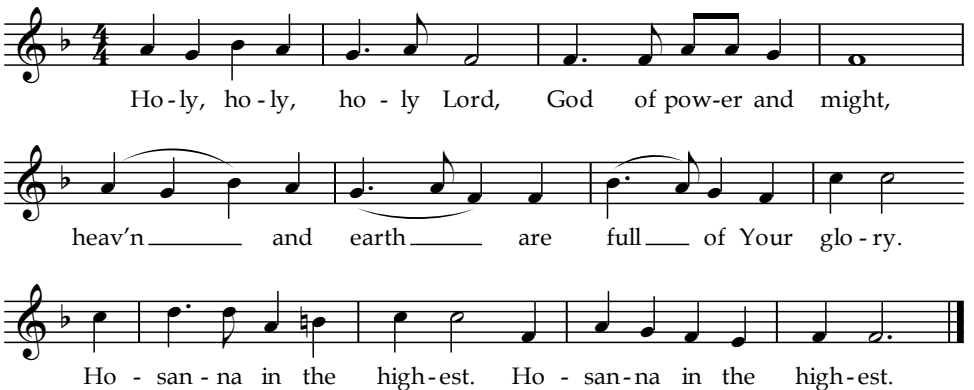
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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.*

***Closing Carol No. 224** “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” *GO TELL IT*

***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

8:00 “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come” *ANTIOCH*
Mr. Nielson, piano *arr. S. Nielson*

9:30/11:00 “In Dulci Jubilo” *J. S. Bach*
Dr. Davy, organ

**Please stand if you are able.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given by the Figari family in
loving memory of Thomas Kinder Farris, Sr., and to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for sending His greatest gift.*

*Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve . . . but as for me
and my household, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24.15*

Senior Pastor
The Rev. Mark Davis

Session/Associate Pastors

John Bateman	George Hanson	Kirk Pogoloff
The Rev. Mark Davis, <i>Moderator</i>	Ed Jarrett	Scott Rohrman
The Rev. Dr. Pete Deison	Tim Jeffress	Rob Sayles
Jack Denman	Jim Madden	Peter Tippen
Don Dillahunty	Mike McMahon	Blake Woodall
Pete Flowers, <i>Clerk</i>	Tom Neuhoff, Jr.	
The Rev. Paul Goebel	David Newman	

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The Rev. Ron Williams	The Rev. Brent Baker
The Rev. Bill Lamberth	The Rev. Robby Higginbottom
The Rev. Tommy Overton	The Rev. Matt Fray

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

SERMON NOTES

THE REST OF CHRISTMAS
“The Rest of His Word”

Hebrews 4.12-13

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 29, 2019

Praise

Call to Worship: *(everyone together)*

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. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!” Luke 2.10-14

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear” *(read or sing these words together)*

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold;
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heav’n’s all-gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 4.12-13 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. Did you receive a gift this Christmas that surprised you?
2. How is the Bible a gift to you?
3. How is the Word of God living and active? What does that mean?
4. How does the Bible reveal our thoughts and motives?
5. Give an example of a time that you trusted a promise from God’s Word

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.