

November 29, 2020

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 29, 2020
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

*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.*

The Prelude

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Stephen Nielson, *pianist*

PICARDY
arr. S. Nielson

“Savior of the Nations, Come” BWV 659

Dr. Nathan Davy, *organist*

J. S. Bach

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

Welcome

The Rev. Paul Goebel

Call to Worship

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *arr. Nelson/McDonald*
Keira Fullerton, *cellist* • Stephen Nielson, *pianist*

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

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2. O come, O come, Thou Lord ___ of might, Who to Thy
3. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from
4. O come, Thou Day - spring from ___ on high, and cheer us
5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
tribes, on Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give ___ the
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell Thy peo - ple
by Thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
wide our heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads ___ on



here, un - til the Son of God ___ ap - pear.
law in cloud and maj - es - ty ___ and awe.
save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er ___ the grave. Re - joice!
night, and death's dark shad - ows put ___ to flight.
high, and close the path to mis - er - y.



Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

*Prayer of Adoration

Mr. Goebel

Children's Sermon



Choir 1. Of the Fa - ther’s love be - got - ten
 All 2. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed,
 All 3. This is He whom heav’n - taught sing - ers
 All 4. O ye heights of heav’n, a - dore — Him;
 All 5. Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther,



ere the worlds be - gan — to be, He is Al - pha
 when the Vir - gin, full — of grace, by the Ho - ly
 sang of old with one — ac - cord, whom the Scrip - tures
 an - gel hosts, His prais - es sing; all do - min - ions,
 and, O Ho - ly Ghost, — to Thee, hymn, and chant, and



and O - me - ga, He the Source, the End - ing He,
 Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sav - ior of — our race;
 of the proph - ets prom - ised in their faith - ful word;
 bow be - fore Him and ex - tol our God and King;
 high thanks - giv - ing, and un - wea - ried prais - es be,



of the things that are, that have ———— been,
 and the babe, the world’s Re - deem - - - - er,
 now He shines, the long - ex - pect - - - - ed;
 let no tongue on earth be si - - - - lent,
 hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - - - - ion,



and that fu - ture years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! —
 first re - vealed His sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! —
 let cre - a - tion praise its Lord, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! —
 ev - ’ry voice in con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! —
 and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! —

Confession of Sin

The Rev. Bill Lamberth

O 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.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. Isaiah 9.2

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Lamberth

In lieu of giving via passed offering plates, you are welcome to place your offering in one of the wooden giving-boxes as you leave Worship. They are located near the exits. You may also give online at pcpc.org/give.

Musical Offering “And the Glory of the Lord” from *Messiah* G.F. Handel
Members of the Chancel Choir
Dr. Davy, organist • J. Marty Cope, conductor

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it. Isaiah 40.5

*The Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9.2-7, 1 Corinthians 1.18-25

Isaiah 9.2-7

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

³ *You have multiplied the nation; You have increased its joy; they rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.*

⁴ *For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, You have broken as on the day of Midian.*

⁵ *For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.*

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.*

⁷ *Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His Kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*

1 Corinthians 1.18-25

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹ *For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”*

²⁰ *Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?*

²¹ *For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.*

²² *For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,*

²³ *but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,*

²⁴ *but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.*

²⁵ *For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*

The Sermon

“Wonderful Counselor”

Mr. Goebel

***Closing Carol**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

HYFRYDOL



1. Come, Thou long ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set Thy
 2. Joy to those who long to see Thee, Day-spring from on
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, He whose glo - ries
 4. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a Child and



peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us
 high, ap - pear; come, Thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of Thy
 knew no end; by His life He brings us glad - ness, our Re -
 yet — a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er, now Thy



find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion,
 birth we long to hear! O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing
 deem - er, Shepherd, Friend; Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber,
 gra - cious King - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it



hope of all the earth Thou art, dear De - sire of
 news, glad ti - dings of a birth: “Go to Him, your
 born with - in a cat - tle stall; this the e - ver -
 rule in all our hearts a - lone; by Thine all suf -



ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth.”
 last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
 fi - cient mer - it, raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

***The Benediction**

Mr. Goebel

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

“Savior of the Nations, Come” BWV 661
 Dr. Davy, 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.

SERMON NOTES

Isaiah 9.2-7, 1 Corinthians 1.18-25
“Wonderful Counselor”

Highlights

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

EVERYONE

Welcome

Thank you for your flexibility week to week as we work to ensure the safety of our worshipers. We appreciate you wearing your mask while you are in the building and maintaining a 6-foot safe distance between parties. Reservations will open Monday at 7:00 a.m., and we are now offering childcare for ages 0-4 each week. If you develop any symptoms related to COVID-19, we ask that you abstain from joining us in person and worship with us online at pcpc.org/live.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many Christmas volunteer opportunities with PCPC Ministry Partners like Mercy Street, Vickery Trading Company, For the Nations, Voice of Hope and others! You can learn more by visiting PCPC.org/volunteer and typing in the keyword "holiday." Also available is a great opportunity to greet guests on Sunday mornings with our Frontline Ministry.

Emmanuel - Christmas at PCPC

Saturday, December 12 7:00 P.M.

Sunday, December 13 4:30 & 7:00 P.M.

PCPC's beloved candlelight Christmas concert features the Chancel Choir with symphony orchestra, presenting carols and music of the season to celebrate the wonder of the Incarnation. **A free ticket is REQUIRED for entry.** There will be no childcare for these concerts. Reserve your ticket at pcpcconcerts.org.

Christmas Eve Services

Family Services 2:00 & 4:00 P.M.

Evening Service 7:00 P.M.

All of the Advent season points toward this beautiful and glorious event we celebrate on Christmas Eve — the birth of our Savior.

pcpc.org/advent

WOMEN

Advent Prayer

Tuesday, December 1 7:00 P.M.

Come be a part of this incredible time to focus on our Savior's Incarnation through a short devotional and time of prayer. Please reserve your seat at pcpc.org/events. This event will also be live streamed.

Advent & Christmas Prayer Guide 2020

Our Daily Prayer Guide theme is "The Word Became Flesh", and it will run from November 29 – January 5. Join us wherever you find yourself over Advent and Christmas as we read and pray together.

Available on the PCPC app and in limited print.

Advent Family Devotional

Our Family Devotional has Scripture readings that correspond to the PCPC Prayer Guide, a family devotional, and instructions for family activities to re-enforce this wonderful reality that God is with us! Download the PDF at pcpc.org/advent.

EXTEND CAMPUS PLAN

For updates on EXTEND, please visit extend.pcpc.org/updates

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General Fund

2020/2021 Operating Budget	\$13,500,000
July 1–November 15, 2020 Budget	\$3,745,976
July 1–November 15, 2020 Giving	\$3,348,354
Budget Variance	–\$397,623