# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 6, 2020 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Second 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

"Thou Who Wast Rich" Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

Harrison Oxley

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" Stephen Nielson, *piano*  J.S. Bach arr. Hess

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

Welcome

The Rev. Mark Davis

#### Call to Worship

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Brass Ensemble

arr. Sterling Procter

Minister: O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; People: O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

Minister: He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Isaiah 40.11

People: Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Isaiah 7.14a, Matthew 1.23b (KJV)

#### \*Carol of Anticipation and Adoration



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## \*Profession of Faith

We believe in one God,

The Rev. Brent Baker

the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man.

The Nicene Creed



Confession of Sin Mr. Baker

Almighty God, You who shaped out of nothing all that is, forgive us for returning empty-handed.
You who called forth light, forgive our preference for the dark!
You who sent John to be a voice crying, forgive our unwillingness to say anything at all!
Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Private Confession**

#### Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;

shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

O daughter of Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;

He has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;

you shall never again fear evil.

Zephaniah 3.14-15

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

### **Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer**

Mr. Baker

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**

"Who But the Lord"

Boersma/Courtney

Members of the Chancel Choir • Bryan Varenkamp, vocalist

Stephen Nielson, *pianist* • Dr. Davy, *organist* • J. Marty Cope, *conductor*Brass and Percussion Ensemble

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Who but the Lord can give the shadows light, can break into the dark, draw morning from the night? Who but the Lord will hear our cry and answer, "Here am I"?

Who but the Lord makes blinded eyes to see, brings music to the deaf, sets the lonely captive free? Who but the Lord will by His glory show the paths of peace? Who but the Lord?

O shine on us the brightness of Your face, to earth's remotest end, every people, every race. O shine on us until to each is shown Your saving grace. O shine on us. Who but the Lord can give the shadows light? None but the Lord.

#### \*The Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9.2, 6-7; Mark 5.1-20

Isaiah 9.2, 6-7

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.

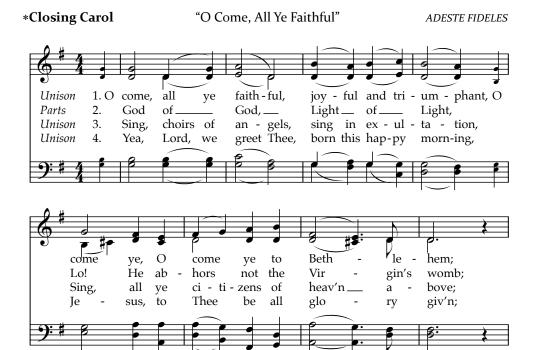
- <sup>6</sup> For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the 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.

#### Mark 5.1-20

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes.

- <sup>2</sup> And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit.
- <sup>3</sup> He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain,
- <sup>4</sup> for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him.
- <sup>5</sup> Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones.
- <sup>6</sup> And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before Him.
- <sup>7</sup> And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have You to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure You by God, do not torment me."
- <sup>8</sup> For He was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!"
- <sup>9</sup> And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many."
- <sup>10</sup> And he begged Him earnestly not to send them out of the country.
- <sup>11</sup> Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside,
- <sup>12</sup> and they begged Him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them."
- <sup>13</sup> So He gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.
- <sup>14</sup> The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened.
- <sup>15</sup> And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid.
- <sup>16</sup> And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs.
- <sup>17</sup> And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region.
- <sup>18</sup> As He was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged Him that he might be with Him.
- <sup>19</sup> And He did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how He has had mercy on you."
- <sup>20</sup> And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

**The Sermon** "Mighty God" Mr. Davis





\*The Benediction

Mr. Davis

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

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Dr. Davy, *organ*  Andrew Carter

 $*Please\ stand\ if\ you\ are\ able.$ 

We thank the following musicians for their leadership in worship this morning:

Kyle Sherman, trumpet Cody McClarty, trumpet Andrew House, trumpet Kelly Cornell, French horn Jeremiah Umholtz, trombone Jarrod Robertson, *tuba* Joe Ferraro, *percussion* Stephen Nielson, *piano* Nathan Davy, *organ* 



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

# Highlights

# **DECEMBER 6, 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, For the Nations, Voice of Hope and others! You can learn more by visiting PCPC.org/volunteer and typing in the keyword "holiday."

#### **PCPC Bookstore**

The Bookstore will be open throughout the Holiday Season. Because of the construction, please call Adair Gregory before you arrive at 214-224-2673.

#### **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

# Advent & Christmas Prayer Guide 2020

Our Daily Prayer Guide theme is "The Word Became Flesh." Join us wherever you find yourself over Advent and Christmas as we read and pray together. Available on the PCPC app.

# Advent Family Devotional

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

# Year End Giving

In order to comply with IRS regulations, Thursday, December 31, is the deadline for donations to be receipted for 2020. Other than offerings given in worship or at pcpc.org/give, you may mail checks postmarked by December 31. Due to the construction, we will not have any provision for hand-delivered donations when the church offices are closed. For stock donation instructions, contact Cheli Conejo at cheli.conejo@pcpc.org or 214-224-2504. Please note that mutual fund donations can take up to one month to process. Thank you for your generosity in supporting all that God is doing at PCPC.

#### **EXTEND CAMPUS PLAN**

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

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#### **GENERAL FUND**

pcpc.org/sermons

2020/2021 Operating Budget \$13,500,000 July 1-November 29, 2020 Budget \$4,150,782

July 1-November 29, 2020 Giving \$3,701,224 -\$449,558 **Budget Variance**