

December 13, 2020

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 13, 2020
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Third 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

“In the Bleak Midwinter”
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

*Harold Darke
arr. S. Nielson*

“Variations on the Huron Carol”
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

Denis Bedard

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

Welcome

The Rev. Mark Davis

Call to Worship

“Angels We Have Heard on High”
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

*GLORIA
arr. S. Nielson*

Minister: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior . . . for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name.

People: **And His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation . . . He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to His offspring forever.**

from Luke 1.46-55

1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2. Shep - herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions
 4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in
 5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with man is now re - sid - ing,
 beam a - far; seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
 Spir - it, Son; ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
 ye have seen His na - tal star: Come and wor - ship,
 in His tem - ple shall ap - pear:
 to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

When the fullness of time came
 God sent His Son,
 His eternal wisdom,
 the substance of His own glory, into this world,
 Who took the nature of humanity
 from the substance of a woman, a virgin,
 by means of the Holy Ghost.
 And so was born the "just seed of David,"
 the "Angel of the great counsel of God,"
 the very Messiah promised,
 whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel,
 true God and true man,
 two perfect natures united and joined in one Person.

from *The Scots Confession*, Chapter 6

*Carol

"What Child Is This?"

GREENSLEEVES



1. What Child is this, Who, laid to rest, on Ma - ry's lap — is
 2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass — are
 3. So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here the
 own Him; the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear, shall
 lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:
 pierce Him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
 song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:



haste, haste, to bring Him laud, the babe, the Son of Mar - y.
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the Son of Mar - y.
 joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the Son of Mar - y.

O God, in the beginning You spoke,
and creation was born, the object of Your loving care.
In the fullness of time You spoke,
and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of Your love.
We wonder at the miracle of creation;
we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation.
Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith,
empty of hope, lacking in love.
We wait upon You with ready hearts, O God,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1.4-5

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

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Goebel

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

“Carol of Joy”

Berry/Forrest

Alicia Ucciferri Iwema, vocalist • Mr. Nielson, piano

*Green leaves all fallen, withered and dry; brief sunset fading, dim winter sky.
Lengthening shadows, dark closing in...then, through the stillness, carols begin!
Oh fallen world, to you is the song—Death holds you fast and night carries
long. Jesus is born, your curse to destroy! Sweet to your ears, a carol of Joy!
Pale moon ascending, solemn and slow; cold barren hillside, shrouded in snow;
Deep, empty valley veiled by the night; hear angel music—hopeful and bright!
Oh fearful world, to you is the song—Peace with your God, and pardon for wrong!
Tidings for sinners, burdened and bound—A carol of joy! A Saviour is found!
Earth wrapped in sorrow, lift up your eyes! Thrill to the chorus filling the skies!
Look up sad-hearted—witness God’s love! Join in the carol swelling above!
Oh friendless world, to you is the song! All Heaven’s joy to you may belong! You
who are lonely, laden, forlorn—Now unto you, a Saviour is born!*

***The Scripture Reading:** 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.

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.

The Sermon

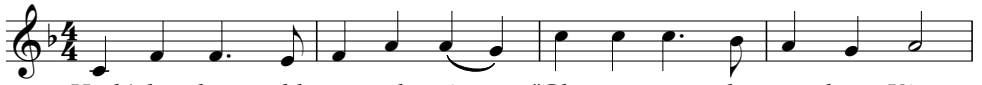
“Everlasting Father”

Mr. Davis

***Closing Carol**

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

MENDELSSOHN



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, — "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, — God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, — join the tri - umph of the skies; —
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; — hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty, —
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, — born that man no more may die, —



with th'an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem!"
pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, — our Em - man - u - el.
born to raise the sons of earth, born to — give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry — to the new - born King."

***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

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

arr. David Willcocks

Dr. Davy, organ

**Please stand if you are able.*



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, 6-7
“Everlasting Father”

Highlights

DECEMBER 13, 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. We are now offering childcare for ages 0-4 each week. Reservations will open Monday at 7:00 a.m. 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.

Emmanuel - Christmas at PCPC

Today 4:30 & 7:00 P.M.

PCPC's sold out 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 live stream of the 7:00 p.m. concert will be available tonight at pcpc.org/live.

Advent Memorial Service

Wednesday, December 16

5:30 P.M. | SANCTUARY

This is an opportunity for those grieving the loss of loved ones to remember them while worshipping through prayer, song, and the reading of God's Word - pcpc.org/advert.

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. Reserve your seat at pcpc.org/events.

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.

Text to Give

Did you know that you can text to give? From your mobile device, text the word "give" to 214-997-9973. You will receive a text message with a one-time link to set-up your account. Follow the instructions to set-up all future gifts. All donations will be included with your church giving record.

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.

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 at pcpc.org/advert.

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-December 6, 2020 Budget	\$4,965,193
July 1-December 6, 2020 Giving	\$3,954,222
Budget Variance	-\$1,010,971