

December 20, 2020

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 20, 2020
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Fourth 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

“The Birthday of a King”
Mary Anna Salo, *piano*

arr. Linda McKechnie

“From Heaven High to Earth I Come”
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

Johann Pachelbel

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

Welcome

The Rev. Paul Goebel

Call to Worship

“Away in a Manger”
Mary Anna Salo, *piano* • Woodwind Trio

arr. John Rutter

Minister: The LORD has made known His salvation;

People: He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Minister: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

People: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Minister: With trumpets and the sound of the horn

People: make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

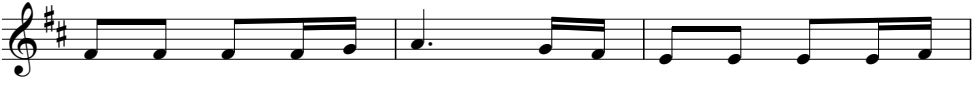
Psalm 98.2-4, 6



1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re -
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sa - vior reigns: let men their
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the



ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare Him room, and
 songs em - ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains re -
 fest the ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness and



heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of His love, and won - ders of His



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of His love.

*Prayer of Adoration

Mr. Goebel

*Profession of Faith

The Rev. Mark Davis

**He is the image of the invisible God,
 the firstborn of all creation.
 For by Him all things were created,
 in heaven and on earth,
 visible and invisible,
 whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—
 all things were created through Him and for Him.
 And He is before all things,
 and in Him all things hold together.
 And He is the head of the body, the church.
 He is the beginning,
 the firstborn from the dead,
 that in everything He might be preeminent.
 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.**

Colossians 1.15-20



1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, that
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with
 3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose
 4. For lo, the days are has - t'ning on, by



glo - rious song of old, — from an - gels bend - ing
 peace - ful wings un - furled, — and still their heav'n - ly
 forms are bend - ing low, — who toil a - long the
 proph - et bards fore - told, — when with the ev - er -



near the earth to touch their harps of gold: “Peace on the
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea ry world: a - bove its
 climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow, look now! for
 cir - cling years comes round the age of gold; when peace shall



earth, good will to men, from heav'n's all - gra - cious King”; the
 sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing, and
 glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on — the wing: O
 o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling, and



world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing.
 the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Sacrament of Baptism

11:00

Parental Vows

1. Do you acknowledge your children’s need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God’s covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your children to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God’s appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregational Vow

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of their children?

Ann Margaret Morrison
John David Morrison
Elizabeth Ann Foose

Prayer for the Families

Confession of Sin

Mr. Davis

Minister: Arise, shine: for your light has come.

People: O God, we live as if the light had never defeated the darkness in the world or in us.

Minister: And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

People: We confess that we ignore Christ, the One You sent to be among us, to be in us.

Minister: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you.

People: We've kept the birth of Your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for His birth each moment in our waiting hearts.

Minister: And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

People: LORD, You came to us in the fullness of time. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Your coming. May we prepare for Your coming. Let the earth ring with song. Let the light break forth. Let us all rejoice in the miracle of the Incarnation. Let Christ come into the fullness of our time. Amen.

—based on Isaiah 60.1-3

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.' Jeremiah 33.15-16

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

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Davis

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

"The First Noel"

arr. Dan Forrest

Men's Vocal Ensemble • Mary Anna Salo, piano • Woodwind Trio

*Noel! The first Noel, the angels did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields
where they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's
night that was so deep.*

Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

*They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far; and to the
earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.*

*Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord; that hath made
heaven and earth of naught, and with His blood mankind hath bought.*

The Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9.6-7; Luke 2.8-14*Isaiah 9.6-7**

*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.*

Luke 2.8-14

*And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch
over their flock by night.*

*⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone
around them, and they were filled with great fear.*

*¹⁰ 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.*

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

*¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a Baby wrapped in swaddling
cloths and lying in a manger."*

*¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host
praising God and saying,*

*¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He
is pleased!"*

The Sermon

"Prince of Peace"

Mr. Goebel

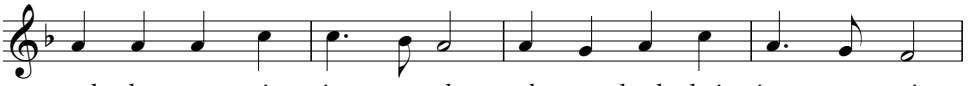
***Closing Carol**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

GLORIA



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep - herds why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
Say what may the tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,



glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

***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

“Il est né, le Divin Enfant”
Dr. Davy, *organ*

Denis Bédard

**Please stand if you are able.*



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SERMON NOTES

Isaiah 9.6-7; Luke 2.8-14
“Prince of Peace”

Highlights

DECEMBER 20, 2020

EVERYONE

Welcome

Thank you for your flexibility week to week as we work to ensure the safety of our worshippers. 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.

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 or live stream at pcpc.org/live.

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/advent.

Church Offices Closed

The church offices will be closed **December 24-25, 31**, and **January 1** for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Communicants Class

Communicants Class begins Sunday, January 10, and will conclude on Sunday, February 28. During the class, students will learn about their faith, their church, and what it means to be a member. For more information and to request an application, please contact Darian Reichert at darian.reichert@pcpc.org.

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 13, 2020 Budget \$5,779,604

July 1–December 13, 2020 Giving \$4,331,350

Budget Variance **–\$1,448,253**