

Christmas Eve Family Service

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*Christmas hath a darkness
Brighter than the blazing noon,
Christmas hath a chillness
Warmer than the heat of June,
Christmas hath a beauty
Lovelier than the world can show:
For Christmas bringeth Jesus,
Brought for us so low.*

*Earth, strike up your music,
Birds that sing and bells that ring;
Heaven hath answering music
For all the Angels soon to sing:
Earth, put on your whitest
Bridal robe of spotless snow:
For Christmas bringeth Jesus,
Brought for us so low.*

— Christina Rossetti



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Park Cities Presbyterian Church
2020

Christmas Eve Family Service
2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Welcome

The Rev. Brent Baker 2:00
The Rev. Paul Goebel 4:00

Prelude

“Angels We Have Heard on High” *arr. Huntsinger/Goeller*
Stephen Nielson, *piano* • Instrumental Ensemble

Call to Worship

Minister: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace
and truth!

People: **We have beheld His glory! Alleluia!**

*Carol

“Once in Royal David’s City”

IRBY

Choir 1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's_ ci - ty Stood a
All 2. He came down to earth_ from_ hea - ven Who is
All 3. And through all His won - drous child - hood He would
All 4. And our eyes at last_ shall see Him, Through His
All 5. Not in that poor low - ly_ sta - ble, With the
low - ly cat - tle_ shed, Where a mo - ther laid_ her_
God and Lord_ of_ all, And His shelt - er was_ a_
hon - or and_ o - bey, Love, and watch the low - ly_
own re - deem - ing_ love, For that child so dear_ and_
ox - en stand - ing_ by, We shall see Him; but_ in_
ba - by In a man - ger for_ His_ bed: Ma - ry
sta - ble, And His cra - dle was_ a_ stall; With the
mai - den In whose gen - tle arms_ He_ lay: Christ - ian
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He
hea - ven, set at God's right hand_ on_ high; When like
was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle_ child.
poor, and mean, and low - ly, Lived on earth our Sa - vior. ho - ly.
chil - dren all must be_ Mild, o - be - dient, good as_ He.
leads His chil - dren on_ To the place where He_ is_ gone.
stars His chil - dren crowned All in white shall wait a - round.

***Prayer of Adoration**

Please be seated.

Scripture Reading: John 1.1-5, 9-13

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. 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.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

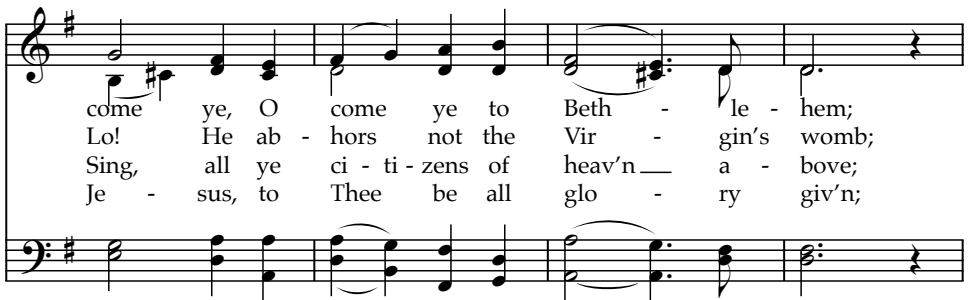
***Carol**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

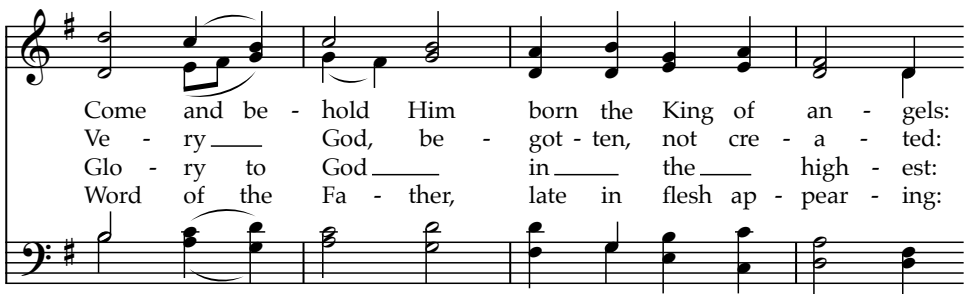
ADESTE FIDELES



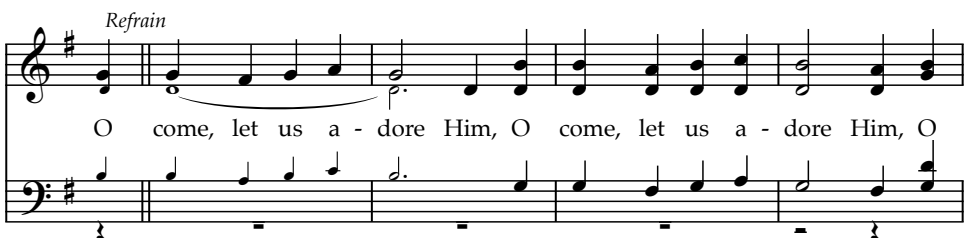
Unison 1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O
Parts 2. God of _____ God, _____ Light _____ of _____ Light,
Unison 3. Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion,
Unison 4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap-py morn-ing,



come ye, O come ye to Beth-le-hem;
Lo! He ab-hors not the Vir-gin's womb;
Sing, all ye ci-ti-zens of heav'n _____ a-bove;
Je-sus, to Thee be all glo-ry giv'n;



Come and be-hold Him born the King of an-gels:
Ve-ry _____ God, be-got-ten, not cre-a-ated:
Glo-ry to God _____ in _____ the _____ high-est:
Word of the Fa-ther, late in flesh ap-pear-ing:



Refrain
O come, let us a-dore Him, O come, let us a-dore Him, O

come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

Please be seated.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9.2, 6

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

Read by all children and youth under the age of 18:

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. 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.

***Carol**

"The First Noel"

THE FIRST NOEL

The first Noel the angel did say was to
They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing
Then let us all with one accord sing -
cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay, in
in the east beyond them far, and
prais - es to our heav - nly Lord that
fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep on a
to the earth it gave great light, and
hath made heav'n and earth of naught, and
cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
with His blood man - kind hath bought.

Refrain
No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el!
Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

- ¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.
- ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town.
- ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,
- ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with Child.
- ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.
- ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn Son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

*A portion of tonight's offering will be given to the
Presbyterian Church in America Ministerial Relief Fund.*

*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 "How Great Our Joy" arr. Bob Krogstad
Chancel Choir • Instrumental Ensemble
Dr. Nathan Davy, organ • J. Marty Cope, conductor

*While by the sheep we watched at night glad tidings brought an angel bright.
How great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!
There shall be born in a Bethlehem stall this Child who shall redeem us all.
How great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!
This gift of God we'll cherish well, that ever joy our hearts shall fill.
How great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!*

***The Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7.14, Matthew 1.18-23**

Isaiah 7.14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Emmanuel.

Matthew 1.18-23

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with Child from the Holy Spirit.

- ¹⁹ *And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.*
- ²⁰ *But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.*
- ²¹ *She will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."*
- ²² *All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:*
- ²³ *"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel" (which means, God with us).*

Christmas Eve Meditation

"God with Us"

Mr. Baker 2:00
Mr. Goebel 4:00**Musical Acclamation**"O Holy Night"
Claire Dillahunty, vocalist

arr. Bob Krogstad

Carol

"Silent Night! Holy Night!"

STILLE NACHT

Unison 1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm,
Unison 2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
Parts 3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God,

all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight! Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Heav'n - ly hosts ___ sing: "Al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy

peace, ___ Sleep ___ in heav - en - ly peace.
born! ___ Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!"
birth, ___ Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

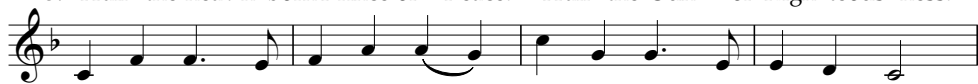
Christmas Prayer

***Closing Carol of Celebration "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!



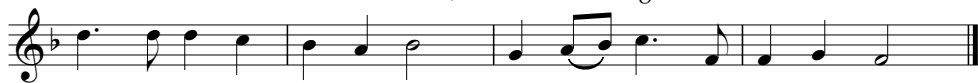
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, — God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



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 Blessing**

Minister: Glory be to Thee, O Father Almighty, who hast given us Thine only-begotten Son, that we might live through Him. Glory be to Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, who became man that we might become sons of God. Glory be to Thee, O Holy Spirit, who directs and rules our hearts.

All: *(with a great voice)* **Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! Amen!**

Postlude

"Bring A Torch, Jeanette, Isabella"
Dr. Davy, organ

Keith Chapman

**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.

We thank the following musicians for their leadership in our Christmas Eve service:

Lucas Aleman, *violin*
Jennifer Betz, *violin*
Christine Hwang, *viola*
Keira Fullerton, *cello*
Eboney Thomas, *flute*

Laura Shouha, *oboe*
David Lesser, *french horn*
Nancy Piper, *french horn*
Mike McNicholas, *percussion*