

Christmas Eve Evening Service

Christmas Sermon

O Child, Creator of All!

How humbly You lie in the manger.

You who rule powerfully in heaven!

There the heaven of heavens cannot contain You;

Here, however, You are held in the narrowest manger:

There, in the beginning of the world:

*You decorated the earth with green grasses that produced seed,
with fruit-bearing trees that produced fruit.*

You ornamented the heavens with the sun,

the moon,

and the stars,

the sky with winged birds,

the waters with fish.

You filled the land with reptiles,

draft animals, and beasts.

Here, however, in the end of the world

You are wrapped in swaddling clothes!

O majesty!

O lowness!

O sublimity!

O humility!

O immense, eternal and Ancient of Days!

O small, temporal infant

whose life is not yet one day upon the earth!

—Adam of Dryburgh (D. 1212)



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Park Cities Presbyterian Church
2020

Christmas Eve
7:00 p.m.

Prelude

“In Dulci Jubilo”
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

“Sleepers, Awake”
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

WACHETAUF
Bach/Busoni

“Noel”
Claire Dillahunty, *vocalist*

Tomlin/Redman/Cash

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

Call to Worship

The Rev. Mark Davis

Minister: 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.

People: 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.

Isaiah 9.2, 6

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 - ted:
 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!

*Prayer of Adoration concluding with

O Source of all good, what shall I render to Thee for the gift of gifts,
 Thine own dear Son,
 begotten, not created,
 my Redeemer, surety, substitute,
 His self-emptying incomprehensible,
 His infinity of love beyond the heart's grasp.

Herein is wonder of wonders:

He came below to raise me above,
was born like me that I might become like Him.

Herein is love: when I cannot rise to Him,

He draws near on wings of grace, to raise me to Himself.

O God, take me in spirit to the watchful shepherds,
and enlarge my mind;

let me hear good tidings of great joy,
and hearing, believe, rejoice, praise and adore,
my eyes uplifted to a reconciled Father.

Let me with Simeon clasp the new-born Child to my heart,
embrace Him with undying faith,
exulting that He is mine and I am His.

In Him Thou hast given me so much that heaven can give no more. Amen!

Musical Acclamation

“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!

Public Confession of Sin

The Rev. Dr. Pete Deison

O Lord, I marvel that You purposed to become flesh
so that You might be crucified, dead, and buried for me.

Grant me to die with You that I may rise to new life.

Purge me from selfishness, pride, and the fear of man.

Lord, high and holy, meek and lowly,

let me learn by paradox

that the way down is the way up,

that to be low is to be high,

that the broken heart is the healed heart,

that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit,

that the repenting soul is the victorious soul,

that to have nothing is to possess all,

that to bear the cross is to wear the crown,

that to give is to receive,

that the valley is the place of vision.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

Luke 2.10-11

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

The first noel, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, 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.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord,
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord;
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison

*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 pccp.org/give.*

Musical Offering

“All Is Well”

M. W. Smith

Chancel Choir • Instrumental Ensemble

*All is well, all is well. Angels and men rejoice! For tonight darkness fell into the
dawn of love's light. Sing alleluia.*

*All is well. Let there be peace on earth. Christ is come, go and tell that He is in
the manger. Sing alleluia!*

*All is well. Lift up your voice and sing. Born is now Emmanuel. Born is our Lord
and Savior. Sing alleluia!*

***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. Davis

Musical Acclamation"O Holy Night"
Claire Dillahunty, vocalist

arr. Bob Krogstad

Carol

"Silent Night! Holy Night!"

STILLE NACHT

1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 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 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

"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 tonight's service:

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

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