

December 27, 2020

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 27, 2020
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Christmas

*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

“What Child Is This?”
J. Marty Cope, organ

arr. Richard Purvis

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”
Stephen Nielson, piano

*WALTHAM
arr. S. Nielson*

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

Welcome

The Rev. Ron Williams

Call to Worship

“Sweet Little Jesus Boy”
Donnie Ray Albert, vocalist • Mr. Nielson, piano

Robert MacGimsey

Minister: 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.

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

Minister: And this will be a sign for you: you will find a Baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

People: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”

Luke 2.10-14

*Carol

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”

GOD REST YE MERRY



1. God rest ye mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing
 2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther A bless - ed
 3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing
 4. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, All you with -



you dis - may, Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior Was
 an - gel came; And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought
 you af - fright, This day is born a Sav - ior Of
 in this place, And with true love and broth - er - hood Each



born on Christ - mas day; To save us all from
 ti - dings of the same; How that in Beth - le -
 a pure Vir - gin bright, To free all those who
 oth - er now em - brace; This ho - ly tide of



Sa - tan's pow'r When we were gone a - stray.
 hem was born The Son of God by name.
 trust in Him From Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
 Christ - mas All oth - ers doth de - face.

Refrain



O — ti - dings of com - fort and joy, Com - fort and



joy; O — ti - dings of com - fort and joy!

*Prayer of Adoration

Mr. Williams

*Profession of Faith

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom

**Have this mind among yourselves,
 which is yours in Christ Jesus,
 who, though He was in the form of God,
 did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
 but emptied Himself,
 by taking the form of a servant,
 being born in the likeness of men.
 And being found in human form,
 He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
 even death on a cross.**

Therefore God has highly exalted Him
 and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,
 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2.5-11

*Carol

“Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor” *QUELLE EST CETTE*



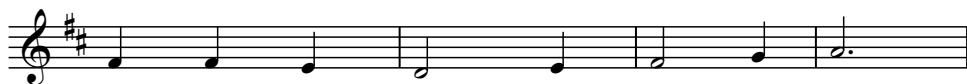
1. Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor,
 2. Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing,
 3. Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing,



all for love's sake be - cam - est poor;
 all for love's sake be - cam - est man;
 Sav - ior and King, we wor - ship Thee.



thrones for a man - ger didst sur - ren - der,
 stoop - ing so low, but sin - ners rais - ing,
 Em - man - u - el, with - in us dwell - ing,



sap - phire - paved courts for sta - ble floor.
 heav'n - ward by Thine e - ter - nal plan.
 make us what Thou wouldst have us be.



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Confession of Sin

Mr. Higginbottom

Our God and Father,
 when we behold Your Son Jesus,
 we see Your great love for us,
 for You sent Your one and only Son into the world to die for sinner like us,
 so that whoever believes in Him would have eternal life.

Yet, our Father,
 our appetite for things of secondary or even of no importance fills our lives
 with longings that You never intended us to have.

Our love and devotion to our possessions and our pleasures
 reveal again our true need for Jesus.

Lord, in this Christmas season would You please give us Christ:
fill our hearts with desire to know Him,
to love Him, to serve and follow Him;
fill our mouths with words to honor Him and proclaim Him;
give us His presence to guide us in wisdom,
to give peace to our troubled souls,
to guard and protect our ways;
grant us His grace and favor to forgive our sins,
and to bring us to glory. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved!
Ephesians 2.4-5

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

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Higginbottom

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

“Go Tell It on the Mountain” African-American Spiritual
Donnie Ray Albert, vocalist • Mr. Nielson, piano

*The Scripture Reading: Matthew 2.1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king,
behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,
² saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.”
³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;
⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.
⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:
⁶ “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a Ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.”
⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.
⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the Child, and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him.”
⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the Child was.
¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.
¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.
¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

*Closing Carol

“Go, Tell it on the Mountain”

GO TELL IT



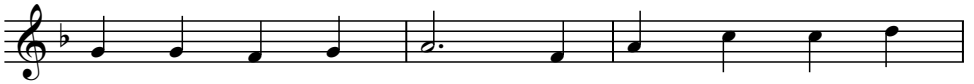
Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev-'ry - where;



go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.



- 1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er
- 2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when,
- 3. Down in a low - ly man - ger our



si - lent flocks by night, be - hold, through - out the
 lo! a - bove the earth rang out the an - gel
 hum - ble Christ was born, and God sent us sal -



heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light. ____
 cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth. ____
 va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn. ____

*The Benediction

Mr. Williams

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

“Drummer Boy/Pat-a-Pan”
Mr. Cope, organ

arr. Diane Bish

*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

Matthew 2.1-12
“King of Kings”

Highlights

DECEMBER 27, 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.

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.

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.

Church Offices Closed

The church offices will be closed **December 31**, and **January 1** for the New Year holiday.

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.

New Members Class

Sunday, February 7 9:30 A.M.

You will hear from different ministry leaders and learn more about our church's beliefs, purpose, vision, and mission. We will talk about the benefits and expectations of membership and walk through the constitutional questions (membership vows) to join the church. For more information contact Debbie Blanton at debbie.blanton@pcpc.org.

Spring Bible Studies

We are excited to announce that Men's and Women's Bible Studies will begin in February. Join us and find hope in the parables of Jesus as we study The King's Stories.

More details and an opportunity to register will be available soon at pcpc.org/events.

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**