

January 3, 2021

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 3, 2021
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Epiphany

Today is the second Sunday in Christmastide and also the day we celebrate the upcoming Feast of the Epiphany. Our word “epiphany” comes from a Greek word meaning “manifestation or appearance,” and in church history this word has become closely associated with the revelation of Christ in connection with the visit of the Magi. In this “manifestation,” light and illumination are a reoccurring theme.

*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 Dulci Jubilo”
“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”
Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

*Denis Bedard
Wilbur Held*

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

Welcome

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom

Call to Worship

“Carol of the Bells/
Angels We Have Heard on High”
Stephen Nielson, piano • Dr. Davy, organ

arr. Nielson & Young


Minister: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above
proclaims His handiwork.

People: **Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals
knowledge.**


Minister: There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

People: **Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to
the end of the world. In them He has set a tent for the sun.**


Psalm 19:1-4




And by the light of the Eastern Star three
 Then entered in those Wise Men three, full
 Then let us all with one accord sing



Wise Men came from country far; To
 rev'rently upon their knee, and
 praises to our heavenly Lord that



seek for a King was their intent, And to
 offered there in His presence their
 hath made heav'n and earth of naught, and




follow the star wherever it went.
 gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
 with His blood mankind hath bought.

Refrain



No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el!



Born is the King of Israel.

*Prayer of Adoration concluding with

Mr. Higginbottom

Almighty Lord God,

You gave Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the light of the world:

We praise and magnify Your holy name that in Him

You have revealed the wonder of Your saving love to all people.

With those of old who brought their tribute to His feet,

confessing Him as King of heaven and earth,

we now present the worship of our grateful hearts;

as King, You give us grace to give ourselves to You,

through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



1. As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing
 2. As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly
 3. As they of - fered gifts most rare at that cra - dle
 4. Ho - ly — Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the
 5. In the heav'n - ly count - ry bright need they no cre -



star be - hold; as with joy they hailed its light,
 cra - dle - bed, there to — bend the knee be - fore
 rude and bare; so may we with ho - ly joy,
 nar - row way; and when earth - ly things are past,
 at - ed light; Thou its — light, its joy, its crown,



lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright; so most gra - cious
 Him whom heav'n and earth a - dore; so may we with
 pure, and free from sin's al - loy, all our cost - liest
 bring our ran - somed souls at last where they need no
 Thou its sun which goes not down; there for - ev - er



God, may we ev - er - more be led to Thee.
 will - ing feet ev - er seek Thy mer - cy seat.
 trea - sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n - ly King.
 star to guide, where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide.
 may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Confession of Sin

The Rev. Tommy Overton

**Almighty and merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned
 against You and one another
 in both our actions and our inactions.**

**We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come,
 yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light.**

**Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us
 the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives.**

**Illumined by Your Word and sacrament,
 may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.**

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1.5-7

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

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Overton

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

“Joy to the World”

arr. Caroline Nielson

Caroline Nielson, mezzo soprano • Mr. Nielson, piano

*The Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.11-6.2

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience.

¹² *We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart.*

¹³ *For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.*

¹⁴ *For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that One has died for all, therefore all have died;*

¹⁵ *and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised.*

¹⁶ *So from now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard Him thus no longer.*

¹⁷ *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

¹⁸ *All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;*

¹⁹ *that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.*

²⁰ *Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*

²¹ *For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.*

^{6.1} *Working together with Him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.*

² *For He says,*

*“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”*

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

*Closing Carol

"Joy Has Dawned"

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1. Joy has dawned up - on the world, pro-mised from cre - a - tion:
2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels,
3. Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry;
4. Son of Ad - am, Son of Heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som,



God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for e - v'ry na - tion.
as the might - y Prince of Life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry.
re - con - cil - ing God and man, Christ our might - y champ - ion!



Not with fan-fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
Gold, a King is born to - day, in - cense, God is with us,
What a Sav - ior, what a friend, what a glo - rious mys - t'ry;



but a hum - ble gift of love: Je - sus born of Ma - ry.
cling now to a moth - er's breast, vul - ner - able and help - less.
myrrh, His death will make a - way, by His blood He'll win us.
once a babe in Beth - le - hem, Now the Lord of his - t'ry.

to Gloria after last verse

Refrain



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



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

*The Benediction

Mr. Higginbottom

Minister: May Christ, the Son of God,
be manifest in you,
that your lives may be a light to the world;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Postlude

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”
Dr. Davy, *organ*

John Rutter

**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

2 Corinthians 5.11-6.2

“What Kind of New Do We Want This Year?”

Highlights

JANUARY 3, 2021

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.

Communion Sunday

Sunday, January 10

We will celebrate the Lord's Table in both 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services with additional time in the Sanctuary from 12:30–2:00 p.m. for those worshiping from home.

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.

The King's Stories

Register for our Spring Women's and Men's Bible Studies which will begin in February. We are excited to see what God will do in and through each of us as we study the parables of Jesus. We pray that this study will result in greater unity in Christ and love for one another as we learn more about Jesus through the stories of our King. pcpc.org/events

MTW Virtual Conference

February 19-20

You'll hear stories from around the world, experience workshops that will challenge your views on missions, and catch a glimpse into the future as we anticipate how God will grow His Kingdom through the work of the Presbyterian Church in America and our partners. Register at mtw.org/vmc.

Lessons in Genesis

For the 2021 spring semester, Pastor Ron Williams will bring us themes in Genesis chapters 1-3. Genesis is the Book of Beginnings, and the narratives tell us how it all started. Join us online for Lessons in Genesis beginning in mid-January!
pcpc.org/resources

STUDENTS

Communicants Class

Sunday, January 10 10:15 A.M.

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

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