

**ORDER FOR THE
WORSHIP OF GOD**

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

First 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.*

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00

The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

Prelude

8:00

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

J. S. Bach

Mary Preston, *organ*

9:30/11:00

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

arr. Nelson/McDonald

Joseph Kuipers, *cello* • Stephen Nielson, *piano*

***Call to Worship**

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Goebel 9:30/11:00

Minister: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins.

**People: A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

Minister: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;

**People: The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places
a plain.”**

Isaiah 40.1-4

***Carol of Adoration and Anticipation**

Hymn No. 194 in the Trinity Hymnal

Please join in singing using the bulletin or the red Trinity Hymnal in the pew racks.

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2. O come, O come, Thou Lord ___ of might, Who to Thy
3. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from
4. O come, Thou Day - spring from ___ on high, and cheer us
5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
tribes, on Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give ___ the
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell Thy peo - ple
by Thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
wide our heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads ___ on



here, un - til the Son of God ___ ap - pear.
law in cloud and maj - es - ty ___ and awe.
save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er ___ the grave. Re - joice!
night, and death's dark shad - ows put ___ to flight.
high, and close the path to mis - er - y.



Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Matt Fray

For thus says the LORD of hosts:

Yet once more, in a little while,

**I will shake the heavens and the earth
and the sea and the dry land.**

And I will shake all nations,

so that the treasures of all nations shall come in,

and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts.

Behold, I send My messenger,

and he will prepare the way before Me.

And the Lord whom you seek

will suddenly come to His temple;

and the messenger of the covenant

in whom you delight,

behold, He is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

Haggai 2.6-7, Malachi 3.1



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep ___ si - lence, and with fear and
 2. Kings of kings, yet born of ___ Mar - y, as of old on
 3. Rank on rank the host of ___ heav - en spreads its van-guard
 4. At His feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly ___ mind - ed,
 earth He ___ stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,
 on the ___ way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,



for with bless - ing in His hand, Christ our God to earth de -
 in the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
 from the realms of end - less day: that the pow'rs of hell may
 as with cease-less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly ___ food.
 van - ish as the dark-ness clears a - way.
 lu - - - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Fray

Lord Christ,
 we confess our willingness to be loved
 but also our reluctance to love.
 We confess our readiness to accept Your forgiving love
 but also our refusal to forgive.
 We confess our eagerness to grasp Your offer of redeeming love
 but also our resistance to follow You without question.
 In this Advent time, forgive us our failure
 to respond as we should.
 Come to us anew, and by Your grace, assist us to receive You
 with joy, as the shepherds;
 with gratitude, as Simeon;
 with obedience, as Mary;
 with love, as You have loved us.
 Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

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. Isaiah 9.2

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

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Fray

In addition to giving via passed offering plates, you are also welcome to give online at pccp.org/give or text "give" to 214-997-9973.

Musical Offering

8:00 "Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People" Georg Boehm
Mrs. Preston, organ

9:30/11:00 "My Song in the Night" arr. Mack Wilberg
Chancel Choir
Mr. Kuipers, cello • Mr. Nielson, piano • J. Marty Cope, conductor

*O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night,
Come to us with Thy tender love, my soul's delight.
Unto Thee, O Lord, in affliction I call,
My comfort by day and my song in the night.*

*O why should I wander an alien from Thee,
Or cry in the desert Thy face to see,
My comfort and joy, my soul's delight,
O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night.*

Extending the Kingdom: Prayer

9:30/11:00

*The Scripture Reading: Daniel 9.1-19

Mr. Williams 8:00
Mr. Goebel 9:30/11:00

*In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, by descent a Mede, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans—
² in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.
³ Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking Him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.*

- ⁴ I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, “O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments,
- ⁵ we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from Your commandments and rules.
- ⁶ We have not listened to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.
- ⁷ To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which You have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against You.
- ⁸ To us, O LORD, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against You.
- ⁹ To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against Him
- ¹⁰ and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets.
- ¹¹ All Israel has transgressed Your law and turned aside, refusing to obey Your voice. And the curse and oath that are written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out upon us, because we have sinned against Him.
- ¹² He has confirmed His words, which He spoke against us and against our rulers who ruled us, by bringing upon us a great calamity. For under the whole heaven there has not been done anything like what has been done against Jerusalem.
- ¹³ As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this calamity has come upon us; yet we have not entreated the favor of the LORD our God, turning from our iniquities and gaining insight by Your truth.
- ¹⁴ Therefore the LORD has kept ready the calamity and has brought it upon us, for the LORD our God is righteous in all the works that He has done, and we have not obeyed His voice.
- ¹⁵ And now, O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have made a name for Yourself, as at this day, we have sinned, we have done wickedly.
- ¹⁶ “O Lord, according to all Your righteous acts, let Your anger and Your wrath turn away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy hill, because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people have become a byword among all who are around us.
- ¹⁷ Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of Your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for Your own sake, O Lord, make Your face to shine upon Your sanctuary, which is desolate.
- ¹⁸ O my God, incline Your ear and hear. Open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by Your name. For we do not present our pleas before You because of our righteousness, but because of Your great mercy.
- ¹⁹ O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for Your own sake, O my God, because Your city and Your people are called by Your name.”

The Sermon

“O Lord, Delay Not”

Mr. Williams 8:00
Mr. Goebel 9:30/11:00

Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please continue at the closing hymn.

***The Great Thanksgiving 8:00**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

People: Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name; evermore praising You, and singing:



***The Words of Institution 8:00**

Communion 8:00

Please come forward down the center aisle, row by row. After receiving the elements packet from the elder, please return to your seat via the side aisle with the packet. After everyone has been served, you will be instructed by the pastor and all will partake together.

***Closing Carol**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

Trinity Hymnal No. 196



1. Come, Thou long ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set Thy
2. Joy to those who long to see Thee, Day-spring from on
3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, He whose glo - ries
4. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a Child and



peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us
high, ap - pear; come, Thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of Thy
knew no end; by His life He brings us glad - ness, our Re -
yet — a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er, now Thy



find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion,
birth we long to hear! O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing
deem - er, Shepherd, Friend; Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber,
gra - cious King - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it



hope of all the earth Thou art, dear De - sire of
news, glad ti - dings of a birth: “Go to Him, your
born with - in a cat - tle stall; this the e - ver -
rule in all our hearts a - lone; by Thine all suf -



ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth.”
last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
fi - cient mer - it, raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

***The Benediction**

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

8:00

“Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People”

Max Reger

Mrs. Preston, organ

9:30/11:00

“Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland” BWV 659
Savior of the Nations, Come
Mr. Cope, organ

J.S. Bach

**Please stand if you are able.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory
and praise of God and in loving memory of our parents
with love and gratitude from Nancy and Randy Best.*



**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

Daniel 9.1-19

“O Lord, Delay Not”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions help us dialog with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service. Together, these elements provide space for reflection and prayer during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship.

1. Are you good at waiting? What makes waiting so hard for us?
2. What does the word "Advent" mean? Why is the season of Advent about waiting? What are we waiting for?
3. How did Daniel respond to the promises of God? (See Daniel 9.3)
4. Why did Daniel wear sackcloth and ashes? What does this teach us about prayer and confessing sin?
5. What does the faithfulness of God have to do with judgment? What does the faithfulness of God have to do with forgiveness?
6. What does it mean for the Lord's face to shine?
(See Daniel 9.17, Numbers 6.25)
7. Read Daniel 9.19. What do Daniel's requests teach us about prayer?
8. What does it look like to wait for the coming of the Lord? How might you grow in the discipline of waiting this Advent?

Highlights

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

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Women's Advent Prayer

Tuesday, November 30

7:00 P.M. | GRAND HALL

Join PCPC Women's Ministry for Advent Prayer. Elizabeth Robinson will be leading us through Scripture and prayer as we prepare our hearts for the Advent season.

pcpc.org/events

Boxes of Blessing

Saturday, December 4

8:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M. | 6100 CEDAR SPRINGS RD

Bring your family, small group, and friends to help us extend the Kingdom of Christ to our city by filling 10,000 boxes of food. These boxes are a wonderful gift to our ministry partners that allows them to minister to their communities in a unique way. Please register on the PCPC app or pcpc.org/events.

Don't forget to bring your can donations in by Monday, November 29.

Advent & Christmas

Daily Prayer Guide

November 29 – January 5

Join us wherever you find yourself over Advent and Christmas as we read and pray together. Available on the PCPC App, or PDF download from pcpc.org/resources. And purchase a copy of "Hosanna in Excelsis: Hymns and Devotions for the Christmas Season" in the PCPC Bookstore.

Family Advent Service

Sunday, December 5

5:30 P.M. | SANCTUARY

PCPC Children's Ministry invites you to celebrate the Advent season as a family! On Sunday, December 5, we will host an evening of fellowship, fun, and Worship geared for the whole family. pcpc.org/advent

PCPC Women's Retreat

February 25–27, 2022

Join us for a relaxing getaway with women from our church family. Enjoy worship, teaching, meals, and time with the Lord at beautiful Allaso Ranch in Hawkins, Texas. **Early-bird registration ends November 30.** pcpc.org/events

Advent at PCPC

WOMEN'S ADVENT PRAYER | NOVEMBER 30

FAMILY ADVENT SERVICE | DECEMBER 5

JOY CHRISTMAS CONCERTS | DECEMBER 12

ADVENT MEMORIAL SERVICE | DECEMBER 15

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES | DECEMBER 24

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July 1, 2021–Nov 14, 2021 Budget	\$3,852,476
July 1, 2021–Nov 14, 2021 Giving	\$4,424,154
Budget Variance	\$571,678