

**ORDER FOR THE  
WORSHIP OF GOD**

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

*Second Sunday of Advent*

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*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.*

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**Welcome and Announcements**

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00  
The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

**Prelude**

8:00                      “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”                      J. S. Bach  
Mary Preston, organ

9:30/11:00              “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”                      BLAENWERN  
arr. Tom Fettke

Chancel Choir • Brass and Percussion Ensemble • Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

*Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:  
fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.*

*Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:  
let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;  
changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

**\*Call to Worship**

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

Minister: O Zion, messenger of good news, shout from the mountaintops!

People: **Shout it louder, O Jerusalem. Shout, and do not be afraid. Tell the towns of Judah, “Your God is coming!”**                      Isaiah 40.9

Minister: He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms; He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.                      Isaiah 40.11

People: **Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel, which means, God with us.**                      Isaiah 7.14; Matthew 1.23(b)

*Harmony* 1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O  
*Harmony* 2. God of \_\_\_\_\_ God, \_\_\_\_\_ Light \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Light,  
*Melody* 3. Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion,  
*Melody* 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

\*Profession of Faith

The Rev. Tommy Overton 8:00  
The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 9:30/11:00

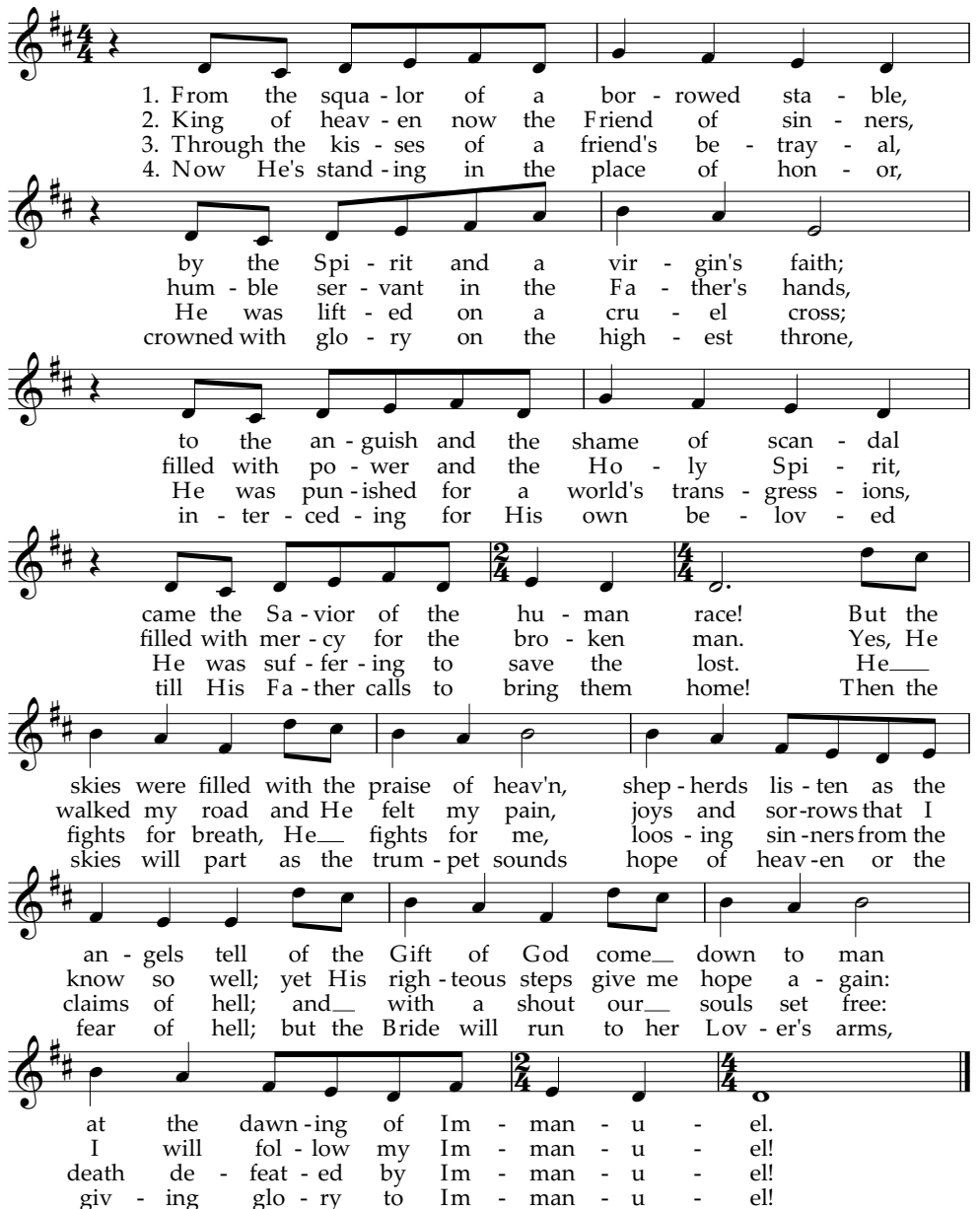
When the fullness of time came  
God sent His Son,  
His eternal wisdom,  
the substance of His own glory,  
into this world,  
who took the nature of humanity  
from the substance of a woman, a virgin,  
by means of the Holy Ghost.  
And so was born the "just seed of David,"  
the "Angel of the great counsel of God,"  
the very Messiah promised,  
whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel,  
true God and true man,  
two perfect natures united and joined in one person.

—from the Scots Confession (1560), Chapter 6

\*Carol

"From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable"

Townend



1. From the squalor of a borrowed stable,  
2. King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,  
3. Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,  
4. Now He's standing in the place of honor,  
by the Spirit and a virgin's faith;  
hum - ble ser - vant in the Fa - ther's hands,  
He was lift - ed on a cru - el cross;  
crowned with glo - ry on the high - est throne,  
to the anguish and the shame of scandal  
filled with po - wer and the Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
He was pun - ished for a world's trans - gress - ions,  
in - ter - ced - ing for His own be - lov - ed  
came the Sa - vior of the hu - man race! But the  
filled with mer - cy for the bro - ken man. Yes, He  
He was suf - fer - ing to save the lost. He  
till His Fa - ther calls to bring them home! Then the  
skies were filled with the praise of heav'n, shep - herds lis - ten as the  
walked my road and He felt my pain, joys and sor - rows that I  
fights for breath, He fights for me, loos - ing sin - ners from the  
skies will part as the trum - pet sounds hope of heav - en or the  
an - gels tell of the Gift of God come down to man  
know so well; yet His righ - teous steps give me hope a - gain:  
claims of hell; and with a shout our souls set free:  
fear of hell; but the Bride will run to her Lov - er's arms,  
at the dawn - ing of Im - man - u - el.  
I will fol - low my Im - man - u - el!  
death de - feat - ed by Im - man - u - el!  
giv - ing glo - ry to Im - man - u - el!

## Recognition of New Members

9:30/11:00

## The Sacrament of Baptism

9:30

Lori Evanson Adams

## Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Overton 8:00  
Mr. Higginbottom 9:30/11:00

O Lord, great God,  
whom we behold in awe and wonder,  
who has kept covenant and steadfast love  
with Your people from age to age:  
we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled,  
turning aside from Your commandments and ordinances.  
We have known in our hearts what is right,  
and yet we did wrong anyway.  
We have been fascinated by evil,  
delighted with pleasing ourselves,  
satisfying our desires,  
pampering ourselves with pleasures.  
O Lord, great God, have mercy on us according to Your steadfast love.  
We know You are a God who delights in goodness.  
Grant that we too might delight in goodness.  
These prayers we present to You, O Father,  
in the name of Jesus,  
the Lamb who was slain and yet lives forever more.

## Silent Confession

## Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter of Jerusalem!  
The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;  
He has cleared away your enemies.  
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall never again fear evil.

Zephaniah 3:14-15

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

## Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Overton 8:00  
Mr. Higginbottom 9:30/11:00

*In addition to giving via passed offering plates, you are also welcome  
to give online at [pcpc.org/give](http://pcpc.org/give) or text "give" to 214-997-9973.*

## Musical Offering

8:00 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" Marcel Dupré  
Mrs. Preston, organ

9:30/11:00 "Carol of Joy" Berry/Forrest  
Chancel Choir • Brass and Percussion Ensemble  
Stephen Nielson, piano • Dr. Davy, organ • J. Marty Cope, conductor

*Green leaves all fallen, withered and dry; brief sunset fading, dim winter sky;  
Lengthening shadows, dark closing in; then, through the stillness, carols begin.*

*O fallen world, to you is the song! Death holds you fast, and night tarries long.  
Jesus is born, your curse to destroy; sweet to your ears, a carol of joy!*

*Pale moon ascending, solemn and slow; cold, barren hillside, shrouded in snow;  
Deep, empty valley veiled by the night; hear angel music, hopeful and bright.*

*O fearful world, to you is the song! Peace with your God, and pardon for wrong.  
Tidings for sinners, burdened and bound, a carol of joy, a Savior is found!*

*Earth wrapped in sorrow, lift up your eyes! Thrill to the chorus filling the skies.  
Look up sad hearted! Witness God's love; join in the carol swelling above!*

*O friendless world, to you is the song! All heaven's joy to you may belong!  
You who are lonely, laden, forlorn; now unto you, a Savior is born!*

### \*The Scripture Reading: Daniel 9.20-23

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

*While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people  
Israel, and presenting my plea before the LORD my God for the holy hill of  
my God,*

<sup>21</sup> *while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision  
at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice.*

<sup>22</sup> *He made me understand, speaking with me and saying, "O Daniel, I have now  
come out to give you insight and understanding.*

<sup>23</sup> *At the beginning of your pleas for mercy a word went out, and I have come  
to tell it to you, for you are greatly loved. Therefore consider the word and  
understand the vision."*

### The Sermon

"While I Was Praying..."

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Davis 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!

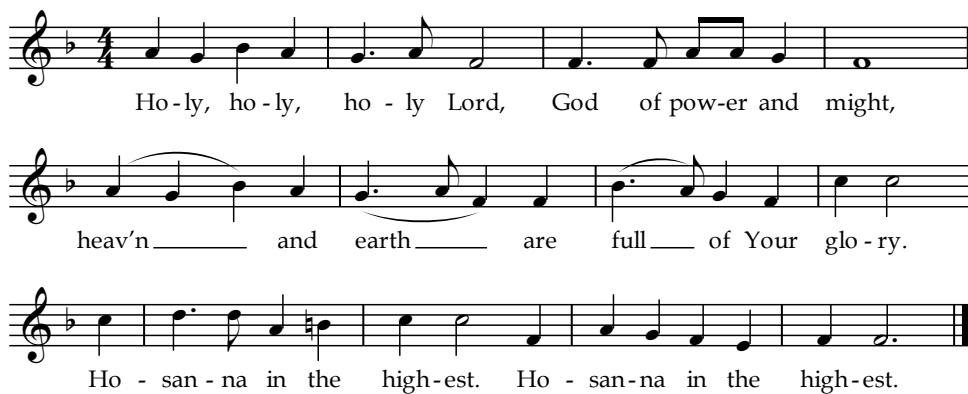
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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:**



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n \_\_\_\_\_ and earth \_\_\_\_\_ are full \_\_\_\_\_ of Your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

**\*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.*

*Melody* 1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
*Harmony* 2. Shep-herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
*Melody* 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions  
*Harmony* 4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in  
*Melody* 5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
 flocks by night, God with man is now re - sid - ing,  
 beam a - far; seek the great De - sire of na - tions;  
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,  
 Spir - it, Son; ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light:  
 ye have seen His na - tal star: Come and wor - ship,  
 in His tem - ple shall ap - pear:  
 to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

\*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

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”  
Mrs. Preston, organ

*Johann Pachelbel*

9:30/11:00

Toccata on “Veni Emmanuel”  
Dr. Davy, organ

*Andrew Carter*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*We thank the following musicians for their leadership in worship this morning:*

Peter Stammer, *trumpet*  
Andrew House, *trumpet*  
Nancy Piper, *French horn*  
Jeremiah Umholtz, *trombone*  
Joe Ferraro, *percussion*  
Stephen Nielson, *piano*  
Mary Preston, *organ*  
Nathan Davy, *organ*



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## **SERMON NOTES**

Daniel 9.20-23

“While I Was Praying..”

## 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. What was Daniel doing when Gabriel appeared?
2. What does this teach us about God's faithfulness in answering prayer and His presence when we pray?
3. What is significant about Daniel confessing, "my sin and the sin of my people?" What implications does this have for us individually and corporately?
4. Why did Gabriel appear to Daniel?
5. Why is the message, "You are greatly loved" so important? (9.23)

# Highlights

DECEMBER 5, 2021

## Connections Card

Thanks for joining us today! We would love to help you get plugged in at PCPC. Please scan the QR code and fill out our Connections Card, so we can help you take your next step. We have wonderful community and ministry opportunities for everyone.

[connect@pcpc.org](mailto:connect@pcpc.org)



## Advent & Christmas Daily Prayer Guide

Join us wherever you find yourself over Advent and Christmas as we read and pray together. Available on the PCPC app. And purchase a copy of "Hosanna in Excelsis: Hymns and Devotions for the Christmas Season" in the PCPC Bookstore.

## Family Advent Service

*Today, December 5*

5:30 P.M. | SANCTUARY

PCPC Children's Ministry invites you to celebrate the Advent season as a family! This afternoon, we will host an evening of fellowship, fun, and Worship geared for the whole family. [pcpc.org/advent](http://pcpc.org/advent)

## Advent Memorial Service

*Wednesday, December 15*

5:30 P.M. | CHAPEL

This service offers an opportunity for those grieving the loss of loved ones to remember them while worshipping through prayer, song, and the reading of God's Word.

[pcpc.org/advent](http://pcpc.org/advent)

## Christmas Eve Services

*Friday, December 24*

4:00 & 8:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

All of the Advent season points toward this beautiful and glorious event we celebrate on Christmas Eve — the birth of our Savior. Join us for our special Family Service at 4:00 p.m. or our Evening Service at 8:00 p.m. Pickup invite cards to give out to family and friends.

[pcpc.org/advent](http://pcpc.org/advent)

## Advent & Christmas Day of Prayer & Fasting

*Wednesdays*

During the Season of Advent we are going to set aside Wednesdays as a day of prayer and fasting. The Chapel will be available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each Wednesday.

[pcpc.org/prayer-fasting](http://pcpc.org/prayer-fasting)

## Year-End Giving

In order to comply with IRS regulations, Friday, Dec. 31, is the deadline for donations to be receipted for 2021. Other than offerings given in worship or online, you may mail checks postmarked by Friday, Dec. 31.

The offices will be closed from Dec. 24 through Jan. 2, but donations can be hand-delivered to the security guard at the south entrance from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays when the church offices are closed for the holidays.

For stock donation instructions, contact Cheli Conejo. 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.

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## GENERAL FUND

2021/2022 Operating Budget	\$14,200,000
July 1, 2021–Nov 28, 2021 Budget	\$4,384,893
July 1, 2021–Nov 28, 2021 Giving	\$4,708,842
Budget Variance	\$323,949