

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

*Fourth 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. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

**Prelude**  
8:00

“Once in Royal David’s City”  
Stephen Nielson, piano

IRBY  
arr. S. Nielson

## \*Call to Worship

Minister: The LORD has made known His salvation;

**People: He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

Minister: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**People: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

**People: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

Minister: With trumpets and the sound of the horn

**People: make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!** Psalm 98.2-4, 6

## \*Carol

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

GLORIA



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2. Shep - herds why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
Say what may the tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



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



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**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 8:00

The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

He is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation.  
For by Him all things were created,  
in heaven and on earth,  
visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—  
all things were created through Him and for Him.  
And He is before all things,  
and in Him all things hold together.  
And He is the head of the body, the Church.  
He is the beginning,  
the firstborn from the dead,  
that in everything He might be preeminent.  
For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
making peace by the blood of His cross.

Colossians 1.15-20

**\*Carol**

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

W ZLOBIE LEZY



1. In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, for His bed a cat - tle stall;  
2. Flocks were sleep-ing: shep-herds keep-ing vig - il till the morn-ing new



ox - en low-ing, lit - tle know-ing, Christ the babe, the Lord of all.  
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos-pel true.



Swift are wing-ing an - gels sing-ing, no - els ring-ing, tid - ings bring-ing:  
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais-es voic-ing, greet the mor - row:



Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.

## Sacrament of Baptism

9:30/11:00

### Parental Vows

1. Do you acknowledge your children's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your children to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

### Congregational Vow

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of their children?

9:30

Margaret Jeanine Newman  
Imogen Lavina Wenzel  
James Allen Beets  
Maggie Claire Boone

11:00

William Otis Dunlap  
Eloise Taine Huffines  
Clark Patrick O'Rourke  
Olivia Grace Powers

## Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

### \*Carol

9:30/11:00

"Away in a Manger"

MUELLER

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

## Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Lamberth 8:00

Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

O God, in the beginning You spoke,  
and creation was born,  
the object of Your loving care.  
In the fullness of time You spoke,  
and the Word became flesh,  
Jesus, gift of Your love.  
We wonder at the miracle of creation;  
we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation!

Forgive us,  
 for though Jesus came so that we might be Your sons and daughters,  
 we have been wayward children,  
 lacking in our love for You and for one another.  
 This year, would You lift the veil from our eyes,  
 so that we might behold Jesus for who He really is,  
 the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the Great I Am!  
 We wait upon You with ready hearts, O merciful God,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Silent Confession

## Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Jeremiah 33:15-16

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

**Musical Meditation** "What Child Is This" *arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams*  
 9:30/11:00 String Quartet  
 Stephen Nielson, *piano* • Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

**Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer** Mr. Lamberth 8:00  
 Mr. Davis 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 "Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day" *arr. James Biery*  
 Mary Preston, *organ*

9:30/11:00 "In the Bleak Midwinter" *Holst, Rossetti*  
 Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, *conductor* *arr. JM Cope*  
 String Quartet • Mr. Nielson, *piano* • Dr. Davy, *organ*

*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, In the bleak midwinter, long ago.*

*Our God, heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain; Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign. In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed The Lord God Incarnate, Jesus Christ.*

*What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; If I were a wise man, I would do my part; What I can I give Him: give my heart.*

*In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a word was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar. And the word was true, and it was a great conflict. And he understood the word and had understanding of the vision.*

<sup>2</sup> *In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks.*

<sup>3</sup> *I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks.*

<sup>4</sup> *On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris)*

<sup>5</sup> *I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist.*

<sup>6</sup> *His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude.*

<sup>7</sup> *And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves.*

<sup>8</sup> *So I was left alone and saw this great vision, and no strength was left in me. My radiant appearance was fearfully changed, and I retained no strength.*

<sup>9</sup> *Then I heard the sound of his words, and as I heard the sound of his words, I fell on my face in deep sleep with my face to the ground.*

<sup>10</sup> *And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.*

<sup>11</sup> *And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.*

<sup>12</sup> *Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words.*

<sup>13</sup> *The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia,*

<sup>14</sup> *and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come."*

<sup>15</sup> *When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and was mute.*

<sup>16</sup> *And behold, one in the likeness of the children of man touched my lips. Then I opened my mouth and spoke. I said to him who stood before me, "O my lord, by reason of the vision pains have come upon me, and I retain no strength.*

<sup>17</sup> *How can my lord's servant talk with my lord? For now no strength remains in me, and no breath is left in me."*

<sup>18</sup> *Again one having the appearance of a man touched me and strengthened me.*

<sup>19</sup> *And he said, "O man greatly loved, fear not, peace be with you; be strong and of good courage." And as he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, "Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me."*

**The Sermon**

"The Last Advent and the Love of God"

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:**

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 musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff covers the first line of lyrics, the second staff covers the second line, and the third staff covers the third line. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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

**Communion 8:00**

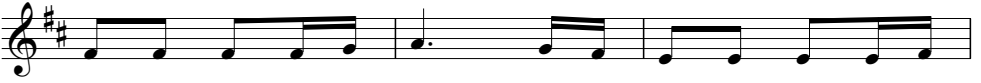
*Please come forward down the center aisle, row by row. After receiving the elements packet from the elder, please return to your seat via the side aisle with the packet. After everyone has been served, you will be instructed by the pastor and all will partake together.*



1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sa - vior reigns: let men their  
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the



ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare Him room, and  
 songsem - ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains re -  
 fest the ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness and



heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of His love, and won - ders of His



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of His love.

\*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

“Il est Né le Divin Enfant”  
Mrs. Preston, organ

arr. Noël Goemanne

9:30/11:00

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”  
Dr. Davy, organ

David Willcocks

\*Please stand if you are able.

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

Lucas Aleman, violin  
 Sasha Adkins, violin  
 Rachel McDonald, viola  
 Craig Leffer, cello

**Ministers:** The members of this church family who, in serving their Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, extend His Kingdom in Dallas and to the world.

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## **SERMON NOTES**

Daniel 10.1-19

“The Last Advent and the Love of God”

## 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 does waiting have to do with wanting? What is it that you want most?
2. What is the last Advent of Jesus Christ? How does Christ's first Advent help us envision His last Advent?
3. The Apostle Paul wrote that "we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but ... against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 6.12) How have you experienced "the spiritual forces of evil" in your own life? What makes it hard for us to recognize the spiritual war around us?
4. What are you afraid of? What does it mean to fear the Lord? How does our fear of the Lord calm all other fears?
5. What does the Advent of Jesus Christ teach us about the love of God?
6. What makes the love of God different than all other loves? How does God's love satisfy our deepest longing?
7. What makes "Joy to the Word" an Advent hymn? How does wanting and waiting for the last Advent of Jesus give us joy?

# Highlights

DECEMBER 19, 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.

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## 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.

## 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)

## Spring Studies and Classes

We invite you to join us as we Connect, Abide, & Extend Christ in 2022. Register for our spring New Member Class that begins January 16 or our men's, women's, couples Bible studies and classes that begin January 17-20.

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

## WinterGrace: The Grace of God's Word

*January 30-31*

WinterGrace is a short series of worship services that renew our hearts in a key theme of God's grace. This year, our theme will be, "The Grace of God's Word," and our guest preacher will be Dr. Bryan Chapell, former President of Covenant Theological Seminary and current Stated Clerk of the PCA. Please register for dinner and childcare.

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

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## 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–Dec 12, 2021 Budget \$6,069,527

July 1, 2021–Dec 12, 2021 Giving \$5,540,798

Budget Variance -\$528,729