

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE

Christmas Eve

*Christmas hath a darkness
Brighter than the blazing noon,
Christmas hath a chillness
Warmer than the heat of June,
Christmas hath a beauty
Lovelier than the world can show:
For Christmas bringeth Jesus,
Brought for us so low.*

*Earth, strike up your music,
Birds that sing and bells that ring;
Heaven hath answering music
For all the Angels soon to sing:
Earth, put on your whitest
Bridal robe of spotless snow:
For Christmas bringeth Jesus,
Brought for us so low.*

— Christina Rossetti



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Park Cities Presbyterian Church
2021

Christmas Eve Family Service
4:00 p.m.

Welcome

The Rev. Paul Goebel

Introit

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”
Covenant Choir • Handbell Ensemble

arr. John Erikson

*Of the Father’s love begotten,
Ere the world’s began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He;
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.*

*O ye heights of heav’n adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him,
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore.*

*Christ, to Thee with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore.*

Call to Worship

Minister: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth!

People: We have beheld His glory! Alleluia!

***Processional Carol**

“Once in Royal David’s City”
 Stanza 1: Choir • Stanzas 2-5: All

IRBY

Choir 1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's_ ci - ty Stood a
 All 2. He came down to earth_ from_ hea - ven Who is
 All 3. And through all His won - drous child - hood He would
 All 4. And our eyes at last_ shall_ see Him, Through His
 All 5. Not in that poor low - ly_ sta - ble, With the
 low - ly cat - tle_ shed, Where a mo - ther laid_ her_
 God and Lord_ of_ all, And His shelt - er was_ a_
 hon - or and_ o - bey, Love, and watch the low - ly_
 own re - deem - ing_ love, For that child so dear_ and_
 ox - en stand - ing_ by, We shall see Him; but_ in_
 ba - by In a man - ger for_ His_ bed: Ma - ry
 sta - ble, And His cra - dle was_ a_ stall; With the
 mai - den In whose gen - tle arms_ He_ lay: Christ - ian
 gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He
 hea - ven, set at God's right hand_ on_ high; When like
 was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle_ child.
 poor, and mean, and low - ly, Lived on earth our Sa - vior. ho - ly.
 chil - dren all must be_ Mild, o - be - dient, good as_ He.
 leads His chil - dren on_ To the place where He_ is_ gone.
 stars His chil - dren crowned All in white shall wait a - round.

Prayer of AdorationPlease be seated.***Anthem**

“Away in a Manger”

arr. Jeff Reeves

Chapel Choir • Claire Dillahunty, conductor
 J. Marty Cope, piano • Debbie Brooks, cello
 (Congregation: join in singing on stanza three)

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
 The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
 The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
 The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
 But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
 I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
 And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

(Congregation: Please join in singing when so directed.)

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.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9.6-7

Jack Miller

*Carol

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

MENDELSSOHN



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, — "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, — God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, — join the tri - umph of the skies; —
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; — hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty, —
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, — born that man no more may die, —



with th'an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem!"
pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, — our Em - man - u - el.
born to raise the sons of earth, born to — give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry — to the new - born King."

New Testament Reading: Luke 1.26-33

Olivia Iles

Anthem

“Angels’ Carol”

John Rutter

Covenant Choir • Katie Haring, conductor • J. Marty Cope, piano
Instrumental Ensemble

*Have you heard the sound of the angel voices
Ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear?
Have you seen the star shining out so brightly
As a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here?
Have you heard the news that they bring from heaven
To the humble shepherds who have waited long?*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Hear the angels sing their joyful song.*

*He is come in peace in the winter's stillness,
Like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night;
He is come in joy like the sun at morning
Filling all the world with radiance and with light.
He is come in love as the Child of Mary;
In a simple stable we have seen His birth:*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Hear the angels singing 'Peace on earth.'*

*He will bring new light to a world in darkness,
Like a bright star shining in the skies above;
He will bring new hope to the waiting nations
When He comes to reign in purity and love.
Let the earth rejoice at the Savior's coming;
Let the heavens answer with the joyful morn:*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Hear the angels singing 'Christ is born.'*

*Carol

“The First Noel”

THE FIRST NOEL



The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing
Then let us all with one ac - cord sing



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay, in
in the east be - yond them far, and
prais - es to our heav - 'nly Lord that



fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep on a
to the earth it gave great light, and
hath made heav'n and earth of naught, and



cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
with His blood man - kind hath bought.



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



Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

*A portion of tonight's offering will be given to the
Presbyterian Church in America Ministerial Relief Fund.*

*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 “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen” *arr. Molly Ijames*
Covenant Choir • Katie Haring, conductor • J. Marty Cope, piano

*God rest ye merry, gentlemen let nothing you dismay;
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan’s pow’r when we were gone astray,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

*From God our heavn’ly Father a blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

*“Fear not,” then said the angel, “let nothing you afright,
This day is born a Saviour of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him from Satan’s pow’r and might,”
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

*Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
This sacred time of Christmas tide all others now deface;
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

***The Scripture Reading: Luke 2.8-20**

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹ *And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.*

¹⁰ *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.*

¹¹ *For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

¹² *And this will be a sign for you: you will find a Baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”*

¹³ *And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,*

¹⁴ *“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”*

¹⁵ *When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”*

¹⁶ *And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby lying in a manger.*

¹⁷ *And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this Child.*

¹⁸ *And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.*

¹⁹ *But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.*

²⁰ *And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.*

Anthem

"Night of Silence"

Daniel Kantor

Covenant Choir • Katie Haring, conductor

Spirit among us, shine like the star, with wings You enfold us, You speak of His love. Gentle on the ear, You whisper softly, rising in our hearts with the Son's love; in the midst of this silent night, Spirit we wait for Your loving light.

Please join in singing when so directed.



1. Si - lent night!	Ho - ly night!	All is calm,
2. Si - lent night!	Ho - ly night!	Shep - herds quake
3. Si - lent night!	Ho - ly night!	Son of God,



all is bright	Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight!	Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light	Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face,



Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,	Sleep in heav - en - ly
Heav'n - ly hosts — sing: "Al - le - lu - ia;	Christ, the Sav - ior, is
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,	Je - sus, Lord, at Thy



peace, _____	Sleep — in heav - en - ly peace.
born! _____	Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!"
birth, _____	Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Christmas Prayer

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!

***The Blessing**

Minister: Glory be to Thee, O Father Almighty, who hast given us Thine only-begotten Son, that we might live through Him. Glory be to Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, who became man that we might become sons of God. Glory be to Thee, O Holy Spirit, who directs and rules our hearts.

All: *(with a great voice)* **Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! Amen!**

Postlude

“Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella”
Dr. Davy, organ

Keith Chapman

**Please stand if you are able.*

We celebrate the rich legacy of our student artists whose drawings have graced the cover of our Christmas Eve Family Service for many years. Tonight we reprint a drawing from five years ago by Sage Steffen.



Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.

We thank the following musicians for their leadership in our Christmas Eve service:

Filip Fenrych, *violin*
Arthur Busby, *violin*
Susan Dubois, *viola*
Debbie Brooks, *cello*
Margaret Shin Fischer, *flute*
Laura Shouha, *oboe*
Alex Kienle, *French horn*
Jared Sanders, *French horn*
Drew Lang, *percussion*

The Children's and Youth Choirs joyfully welcome the alumni and guest singers who are participating with them in this Christmas Eve worship service.

*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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