



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

Epiphany Sunday

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, reflected today in the liturgy and the lights around the sanctuary.

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Ron Williams

***Call to Worship**

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

*Carol

“The First Noel”

THE FIRST NOEL

And by the light of the East - ern Star three
Then en - tered in those Wise Men three, full
Then let us all with one ac - cord sing

Wise Men came from coun - try far; To
rev - 'rent - ly up - on their knee, and
prais - es to our heav - 'nly Lord that

seek for a King was their in - tent, And to
of - fered there in His pres - ence their
hath made heav'n and earth of naught, and

fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.
with His blood man - kind hath bought.

Refrain

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

Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Profession of Faith

The Rev. Bill Lamberth

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,

asking You to 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.

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Lamberth

**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.**

Silent 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!

Musical Acclamation “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen” *GOD REST YE MERRY*
9:30/11:00 Stephen Nielson, *piano* • Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ* *arr. Judith York*

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Lamberth

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

Musical Offering

8:00

“In Dulci Jubilo”
Mary Preston, *organ*

Wilbur Held

9:30/11:00

“I Wonder as I Wander” *arr. John Jacob Niles*
Claire Dillahunty, *vocalist* • Mr. Nielson, *piano*

- “And as for me, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I stood up to confirm and strengthen him.*
- ² *“And now I will show you the truth. Behold, three more kings shall arise in Persia, and a fourth shall be far richer than all of them. And when he has become strong through his riches, he shall stir up all against the kingdom of Greece.*
- ³ *Then a mighty king shall arise, who shall rule with great dominion and do as he wills.*
- ⁴ *And as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken and divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not to his posterity, nor according to the authority with which he ruled, for his kingdom shall be plucked up and go to others besides these.*
- ⁵ *“Then the king of the south shall be strong, but one of his princes shall be stronger than he and shall rule, and his authority shall be a great authority.*
- ⁶ *After some years they shall make an alliance, and the daughter of the king of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement. But she shall not retain the strength of her arm, and he and his arm shall not endure, but she shall be given up, and her attendants, he who fathered her, and he who supported her in those times.*
- ⁷ *“And from a branch from her roots one shall arise in his place. He shall come against the army and enter the fortress of the king of the north, and he shall deal with them and shall prevail.*
- ⁸ *He shall also carry off to Egypt their gods with their metal images and their precious vessels of silver and gold, and for some years he shall refrain from attacking the king of the north.*
- ⁹ *Then the latter shall come into the realm of the king of the south but shall return to his own land.*
- ¹⁰ *“His sons shall wage war and assemble a multitude of great forces, which shall keep coming and overflow and pass through, and again shall carry the war as far as his fortress.*
- ¹¹ *Then the king of the south, moved with rage, shall come out and fight against the king of the north. And he shall raise a great multitude, but it shall be given into his hand.*
- ¹² *And when the multitude is taken away, his heart shall be exalted, and he shall cast down tens of thousands, but he shall not prevail.*
- ¹³ *For the king of the north shall again raise a multitude, greater than the first. And after some years he shall come on with a great army and abundant supplies.*
- ¹⁴ *“In those times many shall rise against the king of the south, and the violent among your own people shall lift themselves up in order to fulfill the vision, but they shall fail.*
- ¹⁵ *Then the king of the north shall come and throw up siegeworks and take a well-fortified city. And the forces of the south shall not stand, or even his best troops, for there shall be no strength to stand.*
- ¹⁶ *But he who comes against him shall do as he wills, and none shall stand before him. And he shall stand in the glorious land, with destruction in his hand.*
- ¹⁷ *He shall set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and he shall bring terms of an agreement and perform them. He shall give him the daughter of women to destroy the kingdom, but it shall not stand or be to his advantage.*
- ¹⁸ *Afterward he shall turn his face to the coastlands and shall capture many of them, but a commander shall put an end to his insolence. Indeed, he shall turn his insolence back upon him.*

- ¹⁹ Then he shall turn his face back toward the fortresses of his own land, but he shall stumble and fall, and shall not be found.
- ²⁰ “Then shall arise in his place one who shall send an exactor of tribute for the glory of the kingdom. But within a few days he shall be broken, neither in anger nor in battle.
- ²¹ In his place shall arise a contemptible person to whom royal majesty has not been given. He shall come in without warning and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.
- ²² Armies shall be utterly swept away before him and broken, even the prince of the covenant.
- ²³ And from the time that an alliance is made with him he shall act deceitfully, and he shall become strong with a small people.
- ²⁴ Without warning he shall come into the richest parts of the province, and he shall do what neither his fathers nor his fathers' fathers have done, scattering among them plunder, spoil, and goods. He shall devise plans against strongholds, but only for a time.
- ²⁵ And he shall stir up his power and his heart against the king of the south with a great army. And the king of the south shall wage war with an exceedingly great and mighty army, but he shall not stand, for plots shall be devised against him.
- ²⁶ Even those who eat his food shall break him. His army shall be swept away, and many shall fall down slain.
- ²⁷ And as for the two kings, their hearts shall be bent on doing evil. They shall speak lies at the same table, but to no avail, for the end is yet to be at the time appointed.
- ²⁸ And he shall return to his land with great wealth, but his heart shall be set against the holy covenant. And he shall work his will and return to his own land.
- ²⁹ “At the time appointed he shall return and come into the south, but it shall not be this time as it was before.
- ³⁰ For ships of Kittim shall come against him, and he shall be afraid and withdraw, and shall turn back and be enraged and take action against the holy covenant. He shall turn back and pay attention to those who forsake the holy covenant.
- ³¹ Forces from him shall appear and profane the temple and fortress, and shall take away the regular burnt offering. And they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate.
- ³² He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.
- ³³ And the wise among the people shall make many understand, though for some days they shall stumble by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder.
- ³⁴ When they stumble, they shall receive a little help. And many shall join themselves to them with flattery,
- ³⁵ and some of the wise shall stumble, so that they may be refined, purified, and made white, until the time of the end, for it still awaits the appointed time.

***The Great Thanksgiving 8:00**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

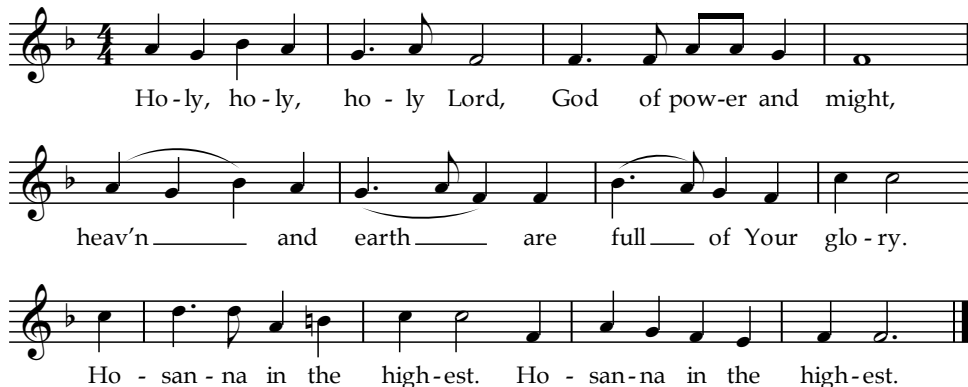
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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**

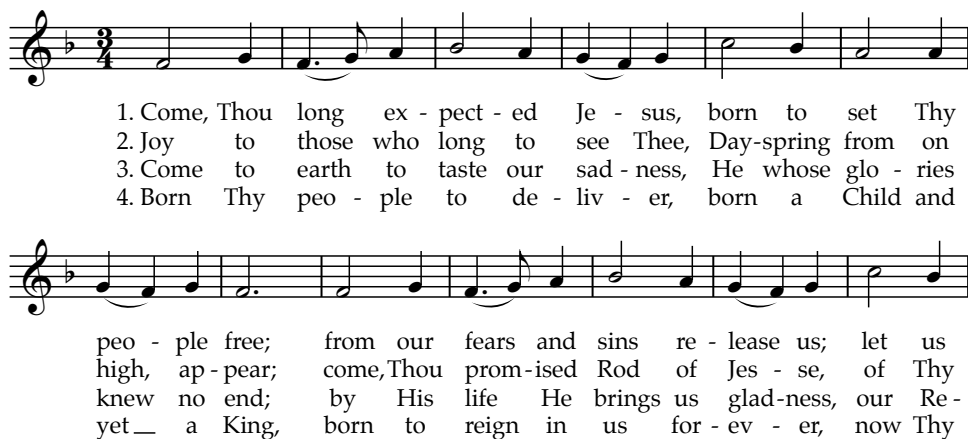
Communion 8:00

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.

***Closing Carol**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

HYFRYDOL



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: 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

8:00

"Noel"
 Mrs. Preston, *organ*

Jean-Francois Dandrieu

9:30/11:00

"In Dulci Jubilo"
 Dr. Davy, *organ*

J. S. Bach

**Please stand if you are able.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God.

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 11.1-35

“The Great Conflict”

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 is predictive prophecy?
2. How important is the study of human history?
3. What are the people of God supposed to do in times of great conflict?

Highlights

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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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2022 Spring Guide

We invite you to join us as we Connect, Abide, & Extend Christ in 2022. Register for our spring men's, women's, couples Bible studies, marriage classes, choirs, and more that begin January 17-20. Pickup a 2022 Spring Guide today in the Narthex, Grand Hall, or scan the QR code to download your copy today!



New Member Class

Sundays, January 16-March 6

9:30-10:40 A.M. | OAK LAWN WEST

Is the Lord calling you to be a member of PCPC? Our New Member Class gives you the opportunity to explore that question as we discuss our church's beliefs, vision, and mission. Register online.

pcpc.org/events

Epiphany Daily Prayer Guide

Join us as we pray for the nations and walk through the Psalms together beginning January 6. Download the PCPC app and go to "Watch + Listen + Read" for our Daily Prayer Guide (app and online only).

pcpc.org/resources

All-Church Prayer

Sunday, January 16

4:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

We long to be a church that prays with and for each other. Whether you have a prayer of praise, request, emotional, relational, or spiritual need, come to be prayed with by one of our elders or pastors.

Deep Light Podcast

We are excited to launch season 2 of Deep Light on January 12 as a podcast. Deep Light is a space and place for community, healing, hope and education around topics of rescue and growth. We will interview experts and members of our PCPC community who walk in each area.

Our prayer for this series is that you walk away with a deeper understanding of struggles that surround us and God's profound love and redemptive light He covers us with. Search for "Deep Light Podcast" on your favorite platform.

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

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2021/2022 Operating Budget	\$14,200,000
July 1, 2021-Dec 19, 2021 Budget	\$6,911,844
July 1, 2021-Dec 19, 2021 Giving	\$5,956,918
Budget Variance	-\$954,926