

The *O Antiphons*
O Sapientia—O Wisdom

*O Sapientia, quae ex ore Altissimi prodisti,
attingens a fine usque ad finem,
fortiter suaviterque disponens omnia:
veni ad docendum nos viam prudentiae.*

O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High,
reaching from one end to the other,
mightily and sweetly ordering all things:
Come and teach us the way of prudence.

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 27, 2022
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. Matt Fray

***Preparation for Worship—“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”**

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

***Call to Worship**

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00
The Rev. Paul 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

***Hymn of Adoration and Anticipation**

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”
Hymn No. 198 in the Trinity Hymnal

TRURO



1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates!
2. A help - er just He comes to thee,
3. O blest the land, the ci - ty blest,
4. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart;
5. Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide
6. So come, my Sov' - reign, en - ter in!



Be - hold, the King of glo - ry waits;
His char - iot is hu - mil - i - ty,
where Christ the Rul - er is con - fessed!
make it a tem - ple set a - part
my heart to Thee; here, Lord, a - bide!
Let new and no - bler life be - gin!



the King of kings is draw - ing - near,
His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness,
O hap - py hearts and hap - py homes
from earth - ly use for heav'n's em - ploy,
Let me Thy in - ner pres - ence feel;
Thy Ho - ly Spi - rit, guide us on,



the Sav - ior of the world is here.
His scep - ter, pi - ty in dis - tress.
to whom this King in tri - umph comes.
a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
Thy grace and love in me re - veal.
un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

***Lighting of the Advent Wreath—The Prophecy Candle**

Isaiah 7.14

Marilyn and Bill Platt 8:00

The Squibb Family: Heather & Clif, Josh, Mallory, Alexandra, and Millie 9:30

The Beasley Family: Heath & Scott, Ward, Hunter, Eliza, and Sam 11:00

***Prayer**

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Goebel 9:30/11:00

***Profession of Faith**

Mr. 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

***Hymn**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

PICARDY

Hymn No. 193 in the Trinity Hymnal



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!"

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.

Private 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!

Musical Meditation “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *arr. Nelson/McDonald*
9:30/11:00 Christopher Adkins, cello • Stephen Nielson, piano

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Fray

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 Variations on “Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People” Georg Boehm
Mary Preston, organ

9:30/11:00 “My Song in the Night” *arr. Mack Wilberg*
Chancel Choir • Bryan Varenkamp, conductor
Mr. Adkins, cello • Mr. Nielson, piano • Dr. Davy, organ

*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.*

***The Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11.1-2, John 1.1-14**

Isaiah 11.1-2

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

John 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
² He was in the beginning with God.
³ All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made.
⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.
⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.
⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.
⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.
¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him.
¹¹ He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.
¹² But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God,
¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.
¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Sermon

“O Come, O Wisdom”

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!

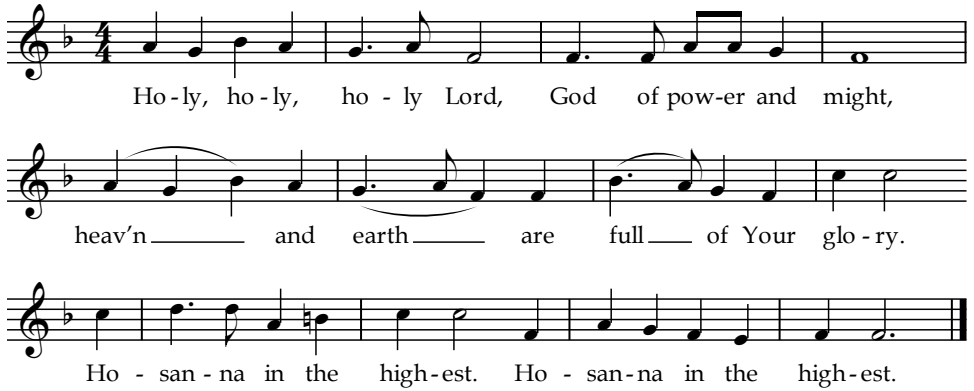
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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 Words of Institution 8:00**

Communion 8:00

*Please remain seated.
 You will be served by your elders, and we will all partake
 together when so instructed by the pastor.
 (The bread being served is gluten free.)*

***Closing Hymn** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" *HYFRYDOL*
Hymn No. 196 in the Trinity Hymnal



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 "Come, Redeemer of Mankind" *Johann Pachelbel*
 Mrs. Preston, organ

9:30/11:00 "Savior of the Nations, Come" *J. S. Bach*
 Dr. Davy, organ

**Please stand if you are able.*

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

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
 for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

1 Thessalonians 5.16-18



**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

Isaiah 11.1-2, John 1.1-14
“O Come, O Wisdom”

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 the word "Advent" mean? What does Advent have to do with waiting?
2. What are the O Antiphons? How do the O Antiphons teach us to pray for the coming of Jesus Christ?
3. What is wisdom? How is the wisdom of God different than the wisdom of man?
4. Why does the Gospel of John refer to Jesus as "the Word"? What does "the Word" have to do with wisdom?
5. What does the world's rejection of Jesus say about worldly wisdom?
6. How does the incarnation display the wisdom of God?

Highlights

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

What's Next?

We have friendly faces waiting to help you connect to Christ and one another at PCPC just as you exit the front of the Sanctuary. Look for the Connect banner on your way to the Grand Hall. We would also love to help you abide in and extend Christ. You can find out more at the Information Center in the Grand Hall. Download the free PCPC mobile app to explore more.

Connections Card

Thanks for joining us today! Whether you are a guest or a long-time member, please scan the QR code and fill out our Connections Card, so we can know you were here and help you connect with PCPC.

connect@pcpc.org



Women's Advent Prayer

November 29

7:00 P.M. | THE CHAPEL

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

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Ministry Impact Report

We are grateful for what the Lord has done in and through the worship and work at PCPC. Please pick up our 2022 Ministry Impact Report in the Grand Hall and see highlights from the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Year-End Giving

In order to comply with IRS regulations, Saturday, Dec. 31, is the deadline for donations to be receipted for 2022. Other than offerings given in worship or online, you may mail checks postmarked by Dec. 31. The offices will be closed from Dec. 24 - Jan. 2, but donations can be hand-delivered and placed in a secure dropbox outside the south entrance anytime.

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Special Events

Wonder: Candlelight Concert

DECEMBER 11 | CURRENTLY SOLD OUT

Advent Memorial Service

DECEMBER 14 | 5:30 P.M.

Christmas Eve Services

DECEMBER 24 | 4:00 P.M.
(FAMILY) & 8:00 P.M.

Christmas Day Service

DECEMBER 25 | 11:00 A.M. (ONE SERVICE)

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Abide: A Prayer Book

Please feel free to pick up our daily prayer guide in the Grand Hall, if you have not already. We have created an insert with Advent & Christmas daily Scripture readings.

Boxes of Blessing

December 3

8:30 A.M. | 6100 CEDAR SPRINGS

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.

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Family Advent Service

December 4

4:30 P.M. | SANCTUARY

PCPC Kids Ministry will host an evening of fellowship, fun, and worship geared for the whole family. Registration for dinner is open through November 30.

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GENERAL FUND

2022/2023 Operating Budget	\$15,300,000
Jul 1, 2022–Nov 13, 2022 Budget	\$4,144,580
Jul 1, 2022–Nov 13, 2022 Giving	\$4,618,725
Budget Variance	\$474,145