

**The O Antiphons**

*O Clavis David*—O Key of David

*O Clavis David, et sceptrum domus Israel;  
qui aperis, et nemo claudit;  
claudis, et nemo aperit:  
veni, et educ vinctum de domo carceris,  
sedentem in tenebris, et umbra mortis.*

O Key of David and sceptre of the House of Israel;  
you open and no one can shut;  
you shut and no one can open:  
Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house,  
those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 18, 2022  
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. Robby Higginbottom

## **Prelude**

8:00

“See, amid the Winter's Snow” *SEE AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW*  
Stephen Nielson, *piano* *arr. S. Nielson*

9:30/11:00

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” *arr. Dan Marvin*  
Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass

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

*VENI EMMANUEL*

O come, Thou Key of David, come  
and open wide our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.

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

**\*Call to Worship**

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

Minister: The LORD has made known His salvation;

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

Minister: Me 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



The first Noel the an-gel did say was to  
They look-ed up and saw a star shin-ing  
Then en-tered in those wise men three, full  
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  
rev-'rent-ly up-on the knee, 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  
of-fered there in His pres-ence, their  
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.  
gold and myrrh and frank-in-cense.  
with His blood man-kind hath bought.



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



Born is the King of Is-ra-el.

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath—The Angel’s Candle**

Luke 1.26-33

Betsy & Houston Hunt 8:00

The Bonfield Family: Chris & Maryjane, Boone, Mary Hays, and Duke 9:30

The Purcell Family: Sarah & Graham, Ellie, Catherine, Nadya, and Graham 11:00

**Prayer**

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

Minister: What does it mean that He “was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary”?

People: **That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to Himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that He might also become David’s true descendant, like His brothers and sisters in every way except for sin.**

*Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 35*

\*Carol

“Silent Night! Holy Night!”

STILLE NACHT



Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm,  
Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
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  
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy



peace, \_\_\_\_\_ Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
birth, \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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

11:00

Bear Gabriel Blackburn  
Monroe Anna Blackburn  
Emily Jane Hodges  
Wayne Robert Worthington III  
Haddon Louise Obenchain

Lucy Frances Pollard  
Vivian Renee Dickey  
John Asher Januszewski  
Lane deNelle Johnson  
Elizabeth Grace Rhea

## 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. Higginbottom

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.

## Private 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. David Gravesen*  
Tim Zimmerman and the King’s Brass

**Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer**                      Mr. Higginbottom

*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                      “Once in Royal David’s City”                      *IRBY*  
Mr. Nielson, piano                      S. Nielson

9:30/11:00                      “How Great Our Joy”                      *arr. Krogstad*  
Chancel Choir • The King’s Brass  
Nathan Davy, organ, J. Marty Cope, conductor

*While by the sheep we watched at night glad tidings brought an angel bright.  
How great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!  
There shall be born in a Bethlehem stall this Child who shall redeem us all.  
How great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!  
This gift of God we’ll cherish well, that ever joy our hearts shall fill.  
How great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!*

### \*The Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9.6-7, Isaiah 22.20-25, Revelation 3.7

#### Isaiah 9.6-7

*For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

<sup>7</sup> *Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*

#### Isaiah 22.20-25

*In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah,*

<sup>21</sup> *and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your sash on him, and will commit your authority to his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.*

<sup>22</sup> *And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.*

<sup>23</sup> *And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honor to his father's house.*

<sup>24</sup> *And they will hang on him the whole honor of his father's house, the offspring and issue, every small vessel, from the cups to all the flagons.*

<sup>25</sup> *In that day, declares the LORD of hosts, the peg that was fastened in a secure place will give way, and it will be cut down and fall, and the load that was on it will be cut off, for the LORD has spoken.”*

#### Revelation 3.7

*“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: “The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.”*

**The Sermon**                      “The Key to Christmas”                      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 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**

**"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"**

*MENDELSSOHN*

*Hymn No. 203 in the Trinity Hymnal*

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."

**\*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 "Ding Dong! Merrily on High" *French Carol*  
arr. Louis Harris  
 Mr. Nielson, *piano*

9:30/11:00 "Angels We Have Heard on High" *arr. Tim Zimmerman*  
 Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass

Please join us in the Grand Hall following the 9:30 and 11:00 services as  
 Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass play additional music.

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God  
 and in loving memory of Karl Koenig.*

*We thank Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass  
 for leading in worship this morning:*

Tim Zimmerman, *trumpet*  
 Kyle Davidson, *trombone*  
 Jacob Fulkerson, *tuba*  
 Sunghwan Kim, *piano and organ*  
 Christian Marple, *trombone*  
 Colton Morris, *percussion*  
 Tony Sanders, *trumpet*  
 Joey Schnoebelen, *trumpet*  
 Jonah Trout, *trombone*





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**SERMON NOTES**

Isaiah 9.6-7, Isaiah 22.20-25, Revelation 3.7  
“The Key to Christmas”

## 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. Who was Eliakim?
2. What were Eliakim's privileges and responsibilities when the Key of David was placed on his shoulder?
3. Who is Eliakim foreshadowing as the future holder of the Key of David? Why does this matter?
4. How does Isaiah 9.6-7 connect to the ultimate holder of the Key of David?
5. What is powerful and permanent about the holder of the key? (Revelation 3.7)
6. How do these passages inform our understanding of the history of redemption?

# Highlights

DECEMBER 18, 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.



## 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. 23 - Jan. 1, but donations can be hand-delivered and placed in a secure dropbox outside the south entrance anytime. [pcpc.org/give](https://pcpc.org/give)

## Christmas Eve Services

*December 24*

4:00 P.M. (FAMILY) AND 8:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY  
All of the Advent season points toward this glorious event we celebrate on Christmas Eve — the birth of our Savior. Join us for our Family Service at 4:00 p.m. or our Evening Service at 8:00 p.m. Pick up invite cards to give out to family and friends. [pcpc.org/events](https://pcpc.org/events)

## Special Events

*New Members Class*

JANUARY 15 - MARCH 5

*Essential Paths for Abiding in Christ*

JANUARY 15 | DOCTRINE

*All-Church Prayer*

JANUARY 15

*Spring Bible Studies and Classes*

JANUARY 16 - 19

*Adkins & Nielson Concerts*

JANUARY 29

*WinterGrace*

FEBRUARY 4 - 5

*Women's Retreat*

FEBRUARY 24 - 26 | REGISTER

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## Christmas Day and New Year's Day Worship

*December 25 and January 1*

11:00 A.M. | SANCTUARY

Worship with us on these special days for one service only. We will have nursery and preschool, and we encourage parents to bring elementary, middle school, and high school kids with them to corporate worship.

## City Missions Expo

*January 8*

10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for this come-and-go event to learn what God has done, is doing, and will do through our City Ministry Partners. Learn how you can be a part of extending Jesus' Kingdom in Dallas. Appetizers will be provided.

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## GENERAL FUND

2022/2023 Operating Budget	\$15,300,000
Jul 1, 2022–Dec 11, 2022 Budget	\$6,501,195
Jul 1, 2022–Dec 11, 2022 Giving	\$5,882,954
Budget Variance	(\$618,241)