The O Antiphons

O Emmanuel

O Emmanuel, Rex et legifer noster, exspectatio Gentium, et Salvator earum: veni ad salvandum nos, Domine, Deus noster.

O Emmanuel, our King and our lawgiver, the hope of the nations and their Savior: Come and save us, O Lord our God.



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Park Cities Presbyterian Church 2022

Christmas Eve 8:00 p.m.

Prelude

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" PICARDY
Stephen Nielson, piano arr. Nielson

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" arr. DeFord/Loynes Hayden Ponder, vocalist

"The Huron Carol" Denis Bedard
Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

"Cradle Carol" Dan Forrest
Claire Dillahunty Spencer, vocalist

"Appalachian Carol" arr. Dan Goeller Instrumental Ensemble

*Call to Worship

The Rev. Mark Davis

Minister: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; **People:** those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has

light shined.

Minister: Let us go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come

to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

People: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the

government shall be upon His shoulder:

Minister: And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty

God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will

toward men.



*Prayer of Adoration concluding with

O God, take me in spirit to the watchful shepherds, and enlarge my mind;

let me hear good tidings of great joy, and hearing, believe, rejoice, praise, adore, my conscience bathed in an ocean of repose, my eyes uplifted to a reconciled Father;

place me with ox, camel and goat, to look with them upon my Redeemer's face, and in Him account myself delivered from sin;

let me with Simeon clasp the newborn Child to my heart, embrace Him with undying faith, exulting that He is mine and I am His.

In Him, You have given me so much that heaven can give no more. Amen!

Musical Acclamation "Gloria in excelsis Deo" from *Gloria* RV589 Antonio Vivaldi Chancel Choir • Instrumental Ensemble

Public Confession of Sin

The Rev. Matt Fray

O Source of all good, we render to You, gift of gifts, only an impoverished soul. Before Your wisdom, we are undone, with no will to return to You, and no intellect to devise recovery. You came, God-incarnate, to save us to the uttermost, as man to die our death, to shed satisfying blood on our behalf, to work out a perfect righteousness for us. Meanwhile, we live in selfishness, hard-heartedness, with a stiff-necked and unforgiving spirit. We are correct when we say, "In and of ourselves, there is no health in us." We beg You, through Your incarnate life and willing sacrifice, to pardon and blot out our sins. Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

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



Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Fray

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 pcpc.org/give or text "give" to 214-997-9973.

Chancel Choir • Claire Dillahunty Spencer and Genevieve Cope, *vocalists* Instrumental Ensemble • Nathan Davy, *organ* • J. Marty Cope, *conductor*

- All is well, all is well. Angels and men rejoice! For tonight darkness fell into the dawn of love's light. Sing alleluia.
- All is well. Let there be peace on earth. Christ is come, go and tell that He is in the manger. Sing alleluia!
- All is well. Lift up your voice and sing. Born is now Emmanuel. Born is our Lord and Savior. Sing alleluia!

*The Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7.14, Matthew 1.18-25

Isaiah 7.14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Matthew 1.18-25

- Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.
- ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.
- ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.
- ²¹ She will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."
- ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:
- ²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).
- ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife,
- ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a Son. And he called His name Jesus.

Christmas Eve Meditation "What is the name of this Child?"

Mr. Davis

Lighting of the Christ Candle: John 1.1-5, 14 Victoria and Frank Webster

Stephen Morscheck, vocalist

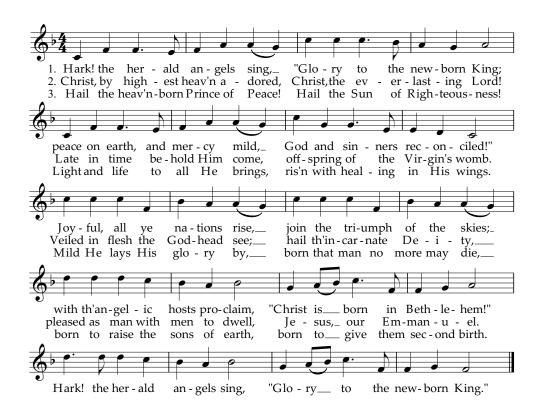
Stephen Nielson, piano • Nathan Davy, organ • Instrumental Ensemble



*Closing Carol of Celebration

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN



*The Benediction Mr. Davis

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

People: (with a loud voice) **Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!** AMEN!

*Please stand if you are able.

We thank the following musicians for leading in worship this evening:

Lucas Aleman, violin
Jina Aleman, violin
Sarah Kienle, viola
Jenny Kwak, cello
Margaret Shin Fischer, flute
Tamer Edlebi, oboe
Alex Kienle, French horn I
Jackson Prasifka, French horn II
Bill Klymus, percussion
Debbie Brooks, contractor
Stephen Nielson, piano
Nathan Davy, organ



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

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.