### **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 Rosetti



# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church 2022

Christmas Eve Family Service 4:00 p.m.

French Carol

Welcome The Rev. Paul Goebel

Introit

"Noel Nouvelet/Sing We Now of Jesus" NOËL NOUVELET Covenant Choir

Treble Ensemble: Laura Chambilla, Erin Kelly, Maria Kornelsen, Jordan Macatee, Ashley McDonald, Emily McDonald, Jack Miller, Anna Tatar, Laura Tatar, Emily Winchester Handbells: Anna Tatar, Jack Miller, Jordan Macatee,

> Noël nouvelet, Noël chantons ici, Dévotes gens, crions à Dieu merci! Chantons Noël pour le Roi nouvelet! Noël nouvelet, Noël chantons ici!

Sing we now of Jesus, born on Christmas Day. Sing we now of Jesus, born on bed of hay. Lift up your voice, with all the world rejoice! Sing we now of Jesus, born the world to save!

## \*Call to Worship

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

and truth!

People: We have beheld His glory! Alleluia!



# \*Prayer of Adoration

Please be seated.

Anthem

"On Christmas Night" SUSSEX CAROL
Chapel Choir arr. Austin C. Lovelace
Laura Benedict, conductor • Nathan Davy, piano

On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring; On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring; News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad? Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad, When from our sin He set us free, all for to gain our liberty?

(Congregation please join in singing when so directed)

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing that night; All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing that night: "Glory to God and peace to men, now and forevermore. Amen."

#### **Anthem**

"He Is Born/Sing Noel"

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18th Century French Carol arr. Vicki Hancock Wright

Chapel Choir • Covenant Choir, handbells
Laura Benedict, conductor • Nathan Davy, piano

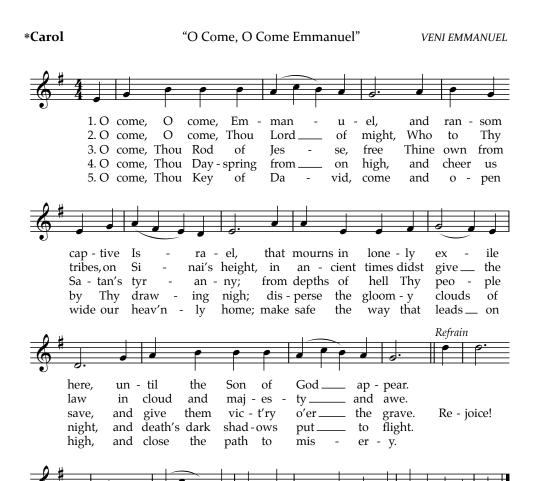
He is born, the divine Christ Child, play the musette, play the tuneful oboe. He is born the divine Christ Child, sing we all of the Savior mild.

Through long ages of the past, prophets have foretold His coming; Through long ages of the past, now the time has come at last!

Jesus Lord of all the world, coming as a child among us, Jesus Lord of all the world, grant to us Thy heav'nly peace.

Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel. Sing we all Noel. Sing we all Noel!

Re-joice! Em-man



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

# **Musical Offering**

"Star Carol"

John Rutter

Covenant Choir and Guest Singers
Katie Haring, conductor • Instrumental Ensemble • Nathan Davy, organ

Sing this night, for a Boy is born in Bethlehem, Christ our Lord in a lowly manger lies; Bring your gifts, come and worship at His cradle, Hurry to Bethlehem and see the Son of Mary!

See His star shining bright in the sky this Christmas Night! Follow me joyfully; hurry to Bethlehem and see the Son of Mary!

Angels bright come from heaven's highest glory, Bear the news with its message of good cheer: "Sing, rejoice, for a King is come to save us, Hurry to Bethlehem and see the Son of Mary!"

See He lies in this mother's tender keeping; Jesus Christ in her loving arms asleep. Shepherds poor come to worship and adore Him, Offer their humble gifts before the Son of Mary.

Let us all pay our homage at the manger, Sing His praise on this joyful Christmas Night; Christ is come bringing promise of salvation; Hurry to Bethlehem and see the Son of Mary!

# Lighting of the Christ Candle: John 1.1-5, 14

Mason Prather, 12th Grade, and family

#### Anthem

"Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain" Carolyn Jennings Covenant Choir and Guest Singers Instrumental Ensemble • Nathan Davy, organ

Climb to the top of the highest mountain, Joyous tidings proclaim to the world, Lift up your voice, shout the good news. Behold, your Lord comes to you.

He will feed His flock like a shepherd, He will carry the lambs in His arms, He will ever keep them safe from harm. Behold your Lord comes to you.

He who made the stars in the heaven, He who fashioned the earth and the sea, From time eternal He was Alpha and Omega. Behold, your Lord!

He will come in power and glory, He will rule with mercy and truth. Hope of the nations, Light of the world, Light of all.

He will love the little children, He will hold them in His arms. Love Him and trust Him as a child. Behold, your Lord comes to you. Trust Him as a child.

# \*The Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7.14, Matthew 1.18-23

### 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 1.18-23

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.

- <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.
- <sup>20</sup> 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.
- <sup>21</sup> She will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."
- <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:
- <sup>23</sup> "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

Anthem

"Night of Silence"

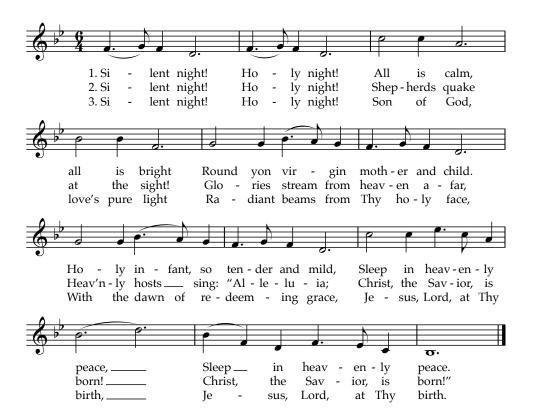
Covenant Choir • Katie Haring, conductor

Instrumental Ensemble • Nathan Davy, piano

Daniel Kantor

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.

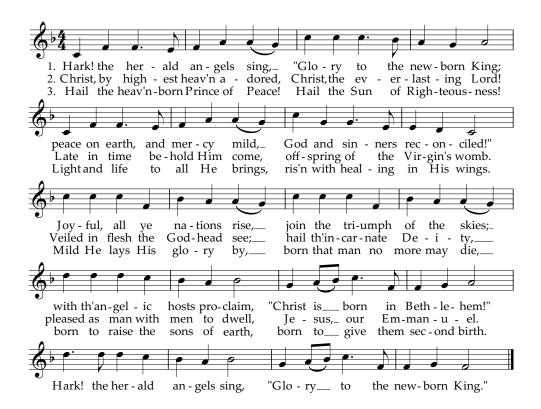


**Christmas Prayer** 

Mr. Goebel

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

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# \*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" *Keith Chapman* Dr. Davy, *organ* 

\*Please stand if you are able.

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The Children's and Youth Choirs joyfully welcome the alumni and guest singers who are participating with them in this Christmas Eve worship service.
We thank the following musicians for their leadership in our Christmas Eve service:
Lucas Aleman, <i>violin</i>
Jina Aleman, <i>violin</i>
Sarah Kienle, <i>viola</i>
Jenny Kwak, <i>cello</i>
Margaret Shin Fischer, <i>flute</i>
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.