

The O Antiphons

O Oriens—O Dayspring

O Oriens,

splendor lucis aeternae, et sol justitiae:

veni, et illumina sedentes in tenebris, et umbra mortis.

O Dayspring,

splendor of light eternal and sun of righteousness:

Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church
December 25, 2022
11:00 a.m.

Christmas Day

*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.*

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Paul Goebel

Prelude

“Ding! Dong! Merrily on High” *arr. Howard Helvey*
Stephen Nielson, *piano* • J. Marty Cope, *organ*

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

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

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

***Call to Worship**

The Rev. Mark Davis

Minister: And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

People: **For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.**

Minister: And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

People: **And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”**

Luke 2.10-14

*Carol

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

REGENT SQUARE

Hymn No. 218 in the Trinity Hymnal

Melody 1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 Harmony 2. Shep-herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 Melody 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions
 Harmony 4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in
 Melody 5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with man is now re - sid - ing,
 beam a - far; seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
 Spir - it, Son; ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
 ye have seen His na - tal star: Come and wor - ship,
 in His tem - ple shall ap - pear:
 to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

*Prayer of Adoration

Mr. Davis

*Profession of Faith

Mr. Goebel

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things were made through Him,

and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

In Him was life,
 and the life was the light of men.
 The light shines in the darkness,
 and the darkness has not overcome it.
 The true light,
 which gives light to everyone,
 was coming into the world.
 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.

John 1:1-5, 9, 14

*Carol

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”

GOD REST YE MERRY



1. God rest ye mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing
 2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther A bless - ed
 3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing
 4. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, All you with -



you dis - may, Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior Was
 an - gel came; And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought
 you af - fright, This day is born a Sav - ior Of
 in this place, And with true love and broth - er - hood Each



born on Christ - mas day; To save us all from
 ti - dings of the same; How that in Beth - le -
 a pure Vir - gin bright, To free all those who
 oth - er now em - brace; This ho - ly tide of



Sa - tan's pow'r When we were gone a - stray.
 hem was born The Son of God by name.
 trust in Him From Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
 Christ - mas All oth - ers doth de - face.

Refrain



O — ti - dings of com - fort and joy, Com - fort and



joy; O — ti - dings of com - fort and joy!

Our God and Father,
 when we behold Your Son Jesus,
 we see Your great love for us,
 for You sent Your one and only Son into the world to die for
 sinners like us,
 so that whoever believes in Him would have eternal life.

Yet, our Father,
 our appetite for things of secondary or even of no importance
 fills our lives with longings that You never intended us to have.

Our love and devotion to our possessions and our pleasures
 reveal again our true need for Jesus.

Lord, in this Christmas season would You please give us Christ:
 fill our hearts with desire to know Him,
 to love Him,
 to serve and follow Him;
 fill our mouths with words to honor Him and proclaim Him;
 give us His presence to guide us in wisdom,
 to give peace to our troubled souls,
 to guard and protect our ways;
 grant us His grace and favor to forgive our sins,
 and to bring us to glory. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved! Ephesians 2.4-5

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

*Carol

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

GO TELL IT

Hymn No. 224 in the Trinity Hymnal

Refrain



Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev-'ry - where;



go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.



1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er
 2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when,
 3. Down in a low - ly man - ger our



si - lent flocks by night, be - hold, through - out the
 lo! a - bove the earth rang out the an - gel
 hum - ble Christ was born, and God sent us sal -



heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light. ____
 cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth. ____
 va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn. ____

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Goebel

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

Musical Offering

"I Wonder as I Wander" Traditional Appalachian Carol

Steve Williamson, vocalist • Stephen Nielson, piano

***The Scripture Reading: Revelation 22.16-21**

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷ The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book,

¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

The Sermon

"The Bright Morning Star"

Mr. Davis

***Closing Carol**

“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

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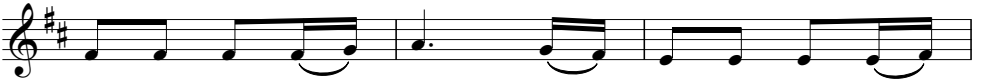
Hymn No. 195 in the Trinity Hymnal



1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re -
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sa - vior reigns: let men their
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the



ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare Him room, and
 songs em - ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains re -
 fest the ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness and



heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of His love, and won - ders of His



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of His love.

***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

“Drummer Boy/Pat-a-Pan”

arr. Diane Bish

Mr. Cope, organ

**Please stand if you are able.*



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

Ministers: The members of this church family who, in serving their Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, extend His Kingdom in Dallas and to the world.

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SERMON NOTES

Revelation 22.16-21
“The Bright Morning Star”

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 meant by the phrase, "The Bright Morning Star"?
2. How does the phrase The Bright Morning Star connect to other themes in the Gospel regarding Christ?
3. What warning does Jesus give in Revelation 3.18-19?
4. What confidence does Christ being The Bright Morning Star give us daily?
5. How does Revelation 3.20 speak to the second Advent of Christ?
6. How have you experienced the reality of the last verse in the Bible, Revelation 3.21?

Highlights

DECEMBER 25, 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

Merry Christmas! 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

New Year's Day Worship

January 1

11:00 A.M. | SANCTUARY

Worship with us 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.

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

Third Third Luncheon

JANUARY 22

Young Marrieds

Gathering

JANUARY 22

Adkins & Nielson Concerts

JANUARY 29

pcpc.org/events



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.

pcpc.org/events

WinterGrace

February 4 - 5

WinterGrace is an on-campus retreat for our whole congregation to experience renewal in God's grace together. Our theme this year is The Grace of Prayer, and we are delighted to welcome Chad Scruggs, Douglas McKelvey, and Fernando Ortega as our featured guests. Visit the PCPC website for full schedule of events.

pcpc.org/events

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GENERAL FUND

2022/2023 Operating Budget	\$15,300,000
Jul 1, 2022–Dec 18, 2022 Budget	\$7,393,187
Jul 1, 2022–Dec 18, 2022 Giving	\$7,097,760
Budget Variance	(\$295,427)