

*He, through whom time was made,  
was made in time;  
He, older by eternity than the world itself,  
was younger in age than many of His servants in the world;  
He, who made man,  
was made man;  
He was given existence  
by a mother whom He brought into existence;  
He was carried in hands  
which He formed;  
He nursed at breasts  
which He filled;  
He cried like a babe in the manger in speechless infancy—  
this Word without which human eloquence is speechless!*

Augustine



## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church  
2023

*Christmas Eve*  
8:00 p.m.

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### Prelude

“Carillon on a Ukrainian Carol” *Gerald Near*  
Nathan Davy, *organist*

“Born Is the Light of the World” *Sally DeFord*  
Hayden Ponder, *vocalist* • Stephen Nielson, *pianist*

“Let All Mortal Flesh” *PICARDY*  
Mr. Nielson, *pianist* *arr. S. Nielson*

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” *David Blackwell*  
Dr. Davy, *organist*

“O Come, Emmanuel” *Joseph Martin*  
Andrea Miller, *vocalist* • Mr. Nielson, *pianist*

“Wexford Carol” *arr. Douglas Mears*  
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.**

\*Carol

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELES

Harmony 1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O  
 Harmony 2. God of \_\_\_\_\_ God, \_\_\_\_\_ Light \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Light,  
 Melody 3. Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion,  
 Melody 4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap-py morn-ing,

come ye, O come ye to Beth-le-hem;  
 Lo! He ab-hors not the Vir-gin's womb;  
 Sing, all ye ci-ti-zens of heav'n a-bove;  
 Je-sus, to Thee be all glo-ry giv'n;

Come and be-hold Him born the King of an-gels:  
 Ve-ry \_\_\_\_\_ God, be-got-ten, not cre-a-ted:  
 Glo-ry to God \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ high-est:  
 Word of the Fa-ther, late in flesh ap-pear-ing:

*Refrain*  
 O come, let us a-dore Him, O come, let us a-dore Him, O

come, let us a-dore Him, \_\_\_\_\_ Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord!

\*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**                      “Shepherd’s Pipe Carol”                      *John Rutter*  
Chancel Choir • Instrumental Ensemble • Andrea Miller, *soloist*

*Going through the hills on a night all starry, on the way to Bethlehem  
Far away I heard a shepherd boy piping on the way to Bethlehem.*

*Refrain:*

*Angels in the sky brought this message nigh: “Dance and sing for joy that Christ the  
newborn King is come to bring us peace on earth, and He’s lying cradled there at  
Bethlehem.”*

*“Tell me, shepherd boy piping tunes so merrily on the way to Bethlehem,  
Who will hear your tunes on these hills so lonely on the way to Bethlehem?”*

*“None may hear my pipes on these hills so lonely on the way to Bethlehem;  
But a King will hear me play sweet lullabies when I get to Bethlehem.”*

*Refrain:*

*Angels in the sky came down from on high, hovered o’er the manger where the babe  
was lying cradled in the arms of his mother Mary, sleeping now at Bethlehem.*

*“Where is the new King, shepherd boy piping merrily, is He there at Bethlehem?”  
“I will find Him soon by the star shining brightly in the sky o’er Bethlehem.”*

*“May I come with you, shepherd boy piping merrily, come with you to Bethlehem?  
Pay my homage too at the new King’s cradle, is it far to Bethlehem?”*

*Refrain:*

*Angels in the sky brought this message nigh: “Dance and sing for joy that Christ the  
newborn King is born in the stable yonder, born for you at Bethlehem.”*

## **Public Confession of Sin**

The Rev. Dr. Pete Deison

**O Lord, I marvel that You purposed to become flesh  
so that You might be crucified, dead, and buried for me.  
Grant me to die with You that I may rise to new life.  
Purge me from selfishness, pride, and the fear of man.  
Lord, high and holy, meek and lowly,  
let me learn by paradox  
that the way down is the way up,  
that to be low is to be high,  
that the broken heart is the healed heart,  
that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit,  
that the repenting soul is the victorious soul,  
that to have nothing is to possess all,  
that to bear the cross is to wear the crown,  
that to give is to receive,  
that the valley is the place of vision.**

## **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."

Luke 2.10-11

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

### \*Carol

### "What Child Is This"

GREENSLEEVES



1. What Child is this, Who, laid to rest, on Ma - ry's lap\_ is  
2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass\_ are  
3. So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while  
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here the  
own Him; the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is  
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear, shall  
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:  
pierce Him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:  
song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:



haste, haste, to bring Him laud, the babe, the Son of Mar - y.  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the Son of Mar - y.  
joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the Son of Mar - y.

### Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison

*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 [pccp.org/give](http://pccp.org/give) or text "give" to 214-833-7724.*

**Musical Offering**            “Ding Dong! Merrily on High”            arr. Douglas Mears  
Chancel Choir • Instrumental Ensemble  
Nathan Davy, organ • J. Marty Cope, conductor

*Ding-dong! Merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing.  
Ding-dong! Verily the sky is riv'n with angels singing: Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

*E'en so, here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen;  
and i-o, i-o, i-o by priest and people sungen! Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

*Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, you ringers; May you beautifully  
rhyme your evetime song, you singers. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

**\*The Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9.6-7; Luke 2.8-14**

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.*

Luke 2.8-14

*And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch  
over their flock by night.*

<sup>9</sup> *And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone  
around them, and they were filled with great fear.*

<sup>10</sup> *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.*

<sup>11</sup> *For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ  
the Lord.*

<sup>12</sup> *And this will be a sign for you: you will find a Baby wrapped in swaddling  
cloths and lying in a manger.”*

<sup>13</sup> *And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host  
praising God and saying,*

<sup>14</sup> *“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom  
He is pleased!”*

**Christmas Eve Meditation**            “The Son”            Mr. Davis

**Lighting of the Christ Candle: John 1.1-5, 14**            Lois and Bryan Varenkamp

**Musical Acclamation**

"O Holy Night"

arr. Bob Krogstad

Steve Williamson, vocalist

Mr. Nielson, pianist • Dr. Davy, organist • Instrumental Ensemble

*O holy night, the stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior's birth; long lay the world in sin and error pining, 'till He appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.*

*Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born. O night, O night divine.*

*Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by His cradle we stand; so, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, here came the wise men from the Orient land, the King of kings lay thus in lowly manger, in all our trials born to be our friend;*

*He knows our need, He guards us from all danger. Behold your King; before Him lowly bend! Behold your King; before Him lowly bend! Christ is the Lord, O praise His name forever! His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim! His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim! O holy night! O wondrous night divine!*

**Carol**

"Away in a Manger"

CRADLE SONG



A - way in a — man - ger, no crib for a bed, the —  
The cat - tle are — low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, but  
Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I — ask Thee to stay close



lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head; The  
lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing He makes; I  
by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray; Bless



stars in the — bright sky looked down where He lay, the  
love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look — down from the sky, and  
all the dear chil - dren in — Thy ten - der care, and



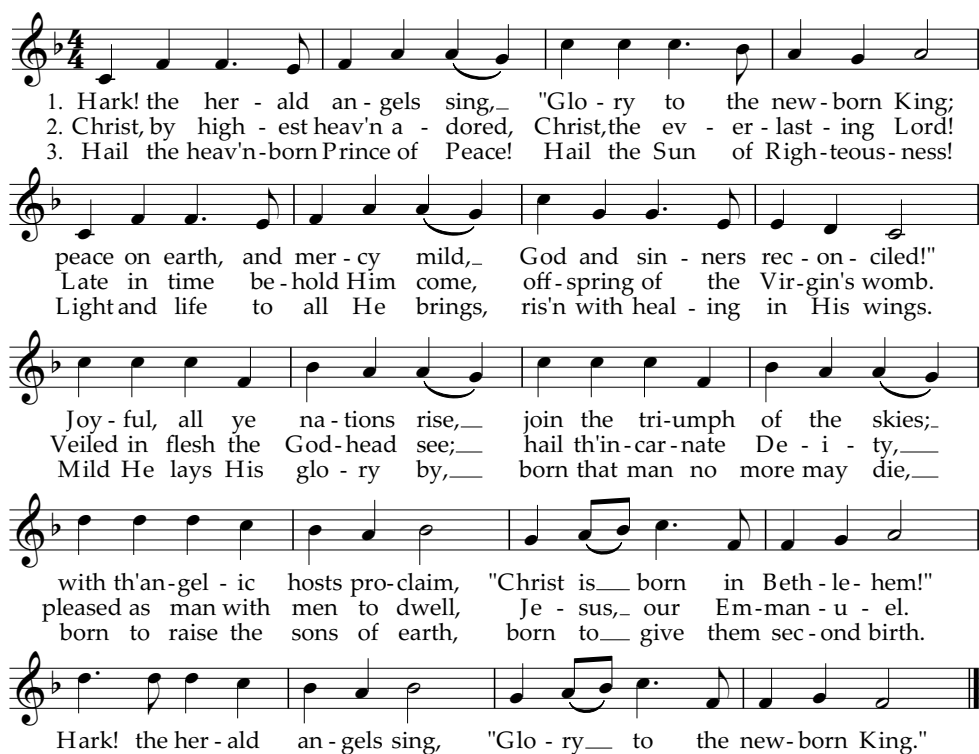
lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.  
stay by my cra - dle till — morn - ing is nigh.  
fit us for heav - en, to — live with Thee there.

**Christmas Prayer**

**\*Closing Carol**

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

MENDELSSOHN



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**

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!**

**Postlude**

“Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella”  
Dr. Davy, organ

Keith Chapman

*\*Please stand if you are able.*



*We thank the following musicians for their leadership in worship this evening:*

Lucas Aleman, *violin*  
Jina Lee, *violin*  
Sarah Kienle, *viola*  
Jenny Kwak, *cello*  
Eboney Thomas, *flute*  
Elise Belk, *oboe*  
Alex Kienle, *French horn*  
Jared Sanders, *French horn*  
Drew Lang, *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.*

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