

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST
& ON EARTH PEACE AMONG THOSE WITH WHOM HE IS PLEASED!



PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE

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 Rossetti



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Park Cities Presbyterian Church
2023

Christmas Eve Family Service
4:00 p.m.

Welcome

The Rev. Paul Goebel

Introit

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
Covenant Choir

VENI EMMANUEL

Treble Ensemble and Handbells

Grace Bland, Irene Davy, Jordan Macatee, Ashley McDonald,
Emily McDonald, Melanie Grace McDonald, Anna Tatar, Laura Tatar

*O Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

***Call to Worship**

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

People: **We have beheld His glory! Alleluia!**

***Processional Carol**

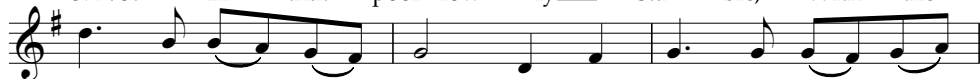
“Once in Royal David’s City”

IRBY

Stanza 1: *Treble Ensemble* • Stanzas 2-5: *All*



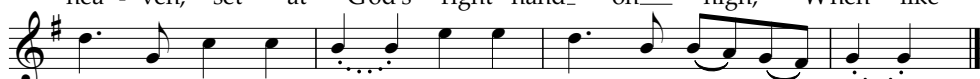
Choir 1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's_ ci - ty Stood a
 All 2. He came down to earth_ from_ hea - ven Who is
 All 3. And through all His won - drous child - hood He would
 All 4. And our eyes at last_ shall_ see Him, Through His
 All 5. Not in that poor low - ly_ sta - ble, With the



low - ly cat - tle_ shed, Where a mo - ther laid_ her_
 God and Lord_ of_ all, And His shel - ter was_ a_
 hon - or and_ o - bey, Love, and watch the low - ly_
 own re - deem - ing_ love, For that child so dear_ and_
 ox - en stand - ing_ by, We shall see Him; but_ in_



ba - by In a man - ger for_ His_ bed: Ma - ry
 sta - ble, And His cra - dle was_ a_ stall; With the
 mai - den In whose gen - tle arms_ He_ lay: Christ - ian
 gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He
 hea - ven, set at God's right hand_ on_ high; When like



was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle_ child.
 poor, and mean, and low - ly, Lived on earth our Sa - vior_ ho - ly.
 chil - dren all must be_ Mild, o - be - dient, good as_ He.
 leads His chil - dren on_ To the place where He_ is_ gone.
 stars His chil - dren crowned All in white shall wait a - round.

***Prayer of Adoration**

Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9.6-7

Baxter Manley, 7th Grade

Anthem

“Nativity Carol”

John Rutter

Chapel Choir and Covenant Choir
 Laura Benedict and Katie Haring, *directors*
 Instrumental Ensemble • J Marty Cope, *conductor*

*Born in a stable so bare, Born so long ago;
 Born 'neath light of star He who loved us so.
 Far away silent He lay, born today, your homage pay;
 Christ was born for aye, born on Christmas Day.*

*Cradled by mother so fair, tender her lullaby.
 Over her son so dear angel hosts fill the sky.*

*Wise men from distant far land, shepherds from starry hills
 Worship this babe so rare, hearts with His warmth He fills.*

*Love in that stable was born into our hearts to flow.
 Innocent dreaming babe, make me Thy love to know.*

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!

New Testament Reading: Luke 1.26-33

Irene Davy, 7th Grade
John Davy, 9th Grade

Anthem

“Go, Tell it on the Mountain”

arr. Howard Helvey

Chapel Choir • Covenant Choir, *handbells*

Grace Bland, Irene Davy, Jordan Macatee, Melanie Grace McDonald, *soloists*

Laura Benedict and Katie Haring, *directors*

Instrumental Ensemble • J Marty Cope, *conductor*

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

*While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.*

*The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.*

*Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.*

Please join in singing when so directed.

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

New Testament Reading and Lighting of the Christ Candle

John 1.1-5, 14

Hannah McNeill, 12th Grade, and family

***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

*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 214-833-7724.*

Musical Offering "Ding! Dong! Merrily On High" 16 century French Carol
Covenant Choir arr. Mack Wilberg
Katie Haring, director • J Marty Cope, conductor

*Ding! dong! Merrily on high in heav'n 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 sung!
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!*

*Pray you dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers!
May you beautifully rime your even song, ye singers!
Gloria! Hosanna in Excelsis!*

*The Scripture Reading: Luke 2.8-14

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

⁹ *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.*

¹⁰ *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.*

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

¹² *And this will be a sign for you: you will find a Baby wrapped in swaddling
cloths and lying in a manger."*

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

¹⁴ *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom
He is pleased!"*

Anthem

“Night of Silence”

Daniel Kantor

Covenant Choir, Katie Haring, *director*
Instrumental Ensemble • J Marty Cope, *conductor*

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.



1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm,
2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight! Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
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
Heav’n - ly hosts — sing: “Al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy



peace, ——— Sleep — in heav - en - ly peace.
born! ——— Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!”
birth, ——— Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

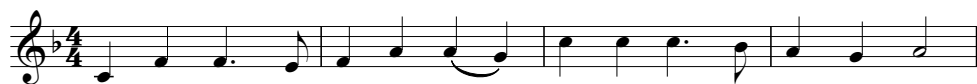
Christmas Prayer

Mr. Goebel

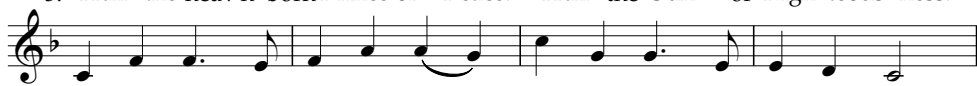
***Closing Carol**

“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 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. Nathan Davy, *organ*

**Please stand if you are able.*

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

Lucas Aleman, *violin*
Jina Lee, *violin*
Sarah Kienle, *viola*
Jenny Kwak, *cello*
Ebonee Thomas, *flute*
Elise Belk, *oboe*
Alex Kienle, *French horn*
Jared Sanders, *French horn*
Drew Lang, *percussion*
Debbie Brooks, *contractor*



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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