

*This little babe, so few days old,
Is come to rifle Satan's fold;
All hell doth at his presence quake.
Though he himself for cold do shake,
For in this weak unarmèd wise
The gates of hell he will surprise.*

*With tears he fights and wins the field;
His naked breast stands for a shield;
His battering shot are babish cries,
His arrows looks of weeping eyes,
His martial ensigns cold and need,
And feeble flesh his warrior's steed.*

*His camp is pitchèd in a stall,
His bulwark but a broken wall,
The crib his trench, hay stalks his stakes,
Of shepherds he his muster makes;
And thus, as sure his foe to wound,
The angels' trumps alarum sound.*

*My soul, with Christ join thou in fight;
Stick to the tents that he hath pight;
Within his crib is surest ward,
This little babe will be thy guard.
If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy,
Then flit not from this heavenly boy.*

— Robert Southwell (1561–1595)



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church
2024

Christmas Eve
8:00 p.m.

Prelude

Variations on “In Dulci Jubilo” *Denis Bédard*
Nathan Davy, *organist*

“What Child Is This?” *GREENSLEEVES*
Winston Miller, *vocalist*

“On Christmas Night All Christians Sing” *SUSSEX CAROL*
Stephen Nielson, *pianist* *arr. S. Nielson*

“Jesu Bambino” *Pietro Yon*
Andrea Miller, *vocalist*

“In Dulci Jubilo” *arr. Sterling Procter*
Brass and Percussion 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.

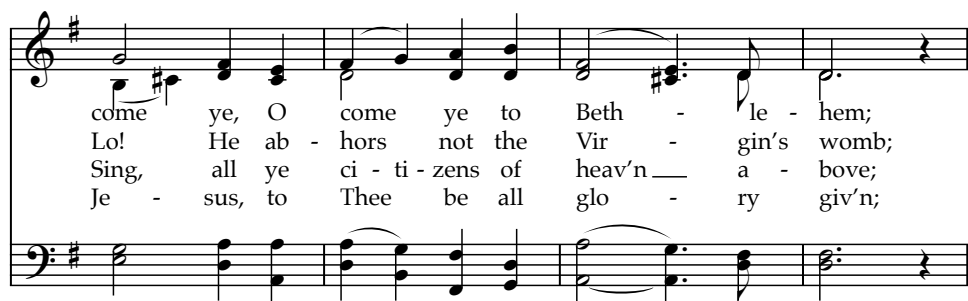
***ProceSSIONAL Carol**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

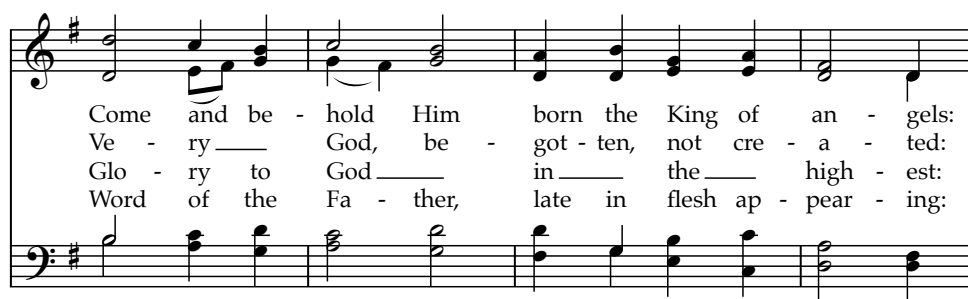
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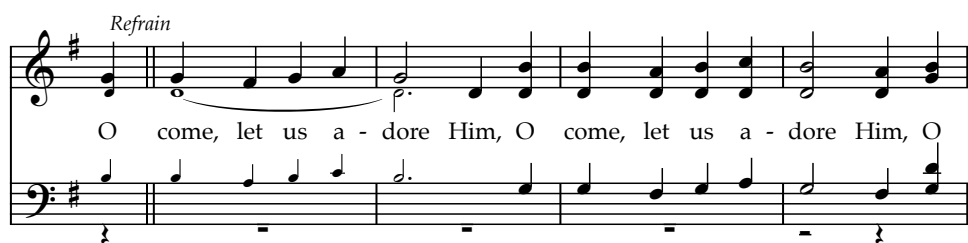
Harmony 1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 Harmony 2. God of _____ God, _____ Light _____ of _____ Light,
 Melody 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 Melody 4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,



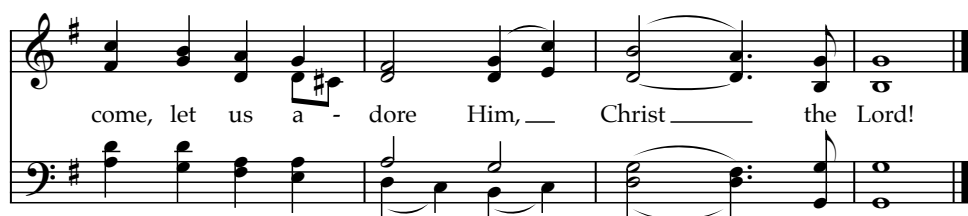
come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 Lo! He ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 Sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n _____ a - bove;
 Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n;



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 Reflection

"Christmas Night" 16th c. melody, arr. John Rutter
 Chancel Choir

*Softly through the winter's darkness shines a light, clear and still in Bethlehem
 on Christmas night, 'round the stable where a virgin mother mild watches
 over Jesus Christ the holy Child.*

*Shepherds kneel in adoration by His bed; seraphim in glory hover 'round His
 head. Wise men guided by the leading of a star, bring Him gifts of precious
 treasure from afar.*

*Choirs of angels sing to greet His wondrous birth: Christ our Lord in human
 form comes down to earth. 'Glory to God in highest heav'n' their joyful
 strain: 'Peace on earth, goodwill to men' the glad refrain.*

*Lullaby! The Child lies sleeping: sing lullaby! Safe in Mary's tender keeping: sing
 lullaby! Guardian angels keep their watch till break of day: Lullaby! Sweet
 Jesus sleeps among the hay.*

*Alleluia! Let the earth rejoice today! Christ is born to take our sins and guilt
 away. Praise the Lord who sent Him down from heav'n above: Holy Infant,
 born of God the Father's love*

Public Confession of Sin

The Rev. Dr. Pete Deison

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 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.”

Luke 2.10-11

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

*Carol

“The First Noel”

THE FIRST NOEL

The first Noel the an - gel did say was to
They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing
Then let us all with one ac - cord sing

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay, in
in the east be - yond them far, and
prais - es to our heav - 'nly Lord that

fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep on a
to the earth it gave great light, and
hath made heav'n and earth of naught, and

cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
with His blood man - kind hath bought.

Refrain
No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el!

Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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 pcpc.org/give or text “give” to 214-833-7724.

Musical Offering “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen” *Traditional English Carol*
Chancel Choir • Brass and Percussion Ensemble
Nathan Davy, *organ* • J. Marty Cope, *conductor*

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay; remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day; to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.
From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came; and unto certain
shepherds brought tidings of the same; how that in Bethlehem was born the
Son of God by name.*

"Fear not then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright, this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright, to free all those that trust in Him from Satan's might."

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place and with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace; this holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface.

***The Scripture Reading: Luke 2.8-20**

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.

^u *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!”

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

¹⁶ *And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby lying in a manger.*

¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this Child.

¹⁸ *And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.*

¹⁹ *But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.*

²⁰ *And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.*

Christmas Eve Meditation “The Light of His Glory” Mr. Davis

New Testament Reading and Lighting of the Christ Candle John 1.1-5, 14
Victoria and Frank Webster

Musical Acclamation

"O Holy Night"

arr. Bob Krogstad

Andrea Miller, vocalist

Mr. Nielson, *pianist* • Dr. Davy, *organist* • Brass and Percussion Ensemble

Carol

"Silent Night! Holy Night!"

STILLE NACHT

Melody 1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm,
Melody 2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
Harmony 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

***Closing Carol**

“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

ANTIOCH



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re - ceive her
2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; Let men their songs em -
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in - fest the
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart__ pre - pare Him room,
play; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
ground; He comes to__ make__ His bless - ings flow__
prove The glo - ries of__ His right - eous - ness, __



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



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

***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

“I Saw Three Ships”
Dr. Davy, organ

Richard Elliott

**Please stand if you are able.*

*We thank the following musicians for their leadership
in our Christmas Eve service:*

Kyle Sherman, *trumpet*
Cody McClarty, *trumpet*
Gerry Wood, *French horn*
Jon Hinton, *trombone*
Clay Garrett, *tuba*
Mike McNicholas, *percussion*



**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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