



**FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**  
**DECEMBER 24, 2024**  
**4:00 P.M.**

### **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



## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church  
2024

*Christmas Eve Family Service*  
4:00 p.m.

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**Welcome**

The Rev. Paul Goebel

**Introit**

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” *13th Century Plainsong*  
Covenant Choir and Handbells *arr. John Erikson*  
Katie Haring, *director*

Of the Father’s love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He;  
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,  
Evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heav’n adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing;  
Powers, dominions bow before Him, and extol our God and King;  
Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev’ry voice in concert ring,  
Evermore and evermore.

Christ, to Thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost to Thee,  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be:  
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,  
Evermore and evermore.

### **\*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 shelt - er 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.*

**Anthem**

“Away in a Manger”

arr. Jeff Reeves

Carol Choir and Chapel Choir

Dr. Hannah Clarke and Laura Benedict, *directors*

Brass Ensemble • Nathan Davy, *piano*

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
 The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
 The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,  
 The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,  
 But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
 I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
 And stay by My cradle 'til morning is nigh.*

*Please join in singing when so directed.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
 Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
 Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
 And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.*

**Anthem**

“Let Our Gladness Have No End” 15<sup>th</sup> Century Carol

Carol Choir and Chapel Choir arr. Michael Burkhardt

Dr. Clarke and Mrs. Benedict, *directors*

Grace Bland, Irene Davy, Anna Tatar and William Vohra, *Handbells*

Mike McNicholas, *percussion* • Dr. Davy, *piano*

*Let our gladness have no end, Hallelujah!  
For to earth did Christ descend, Hallelujah!*

*Chorus*

*On this day God gave us Christ, His Son to save us;  
Christ His Son to save us.*

*See, the loveliest blooming rose, Hallelujah!  
From the branch of Jesse grows, Hallelujah!  
(Chorus)*

*Please join in singing when so directed.*

*Into flesh is made the Word, Hallelujah!  
He, our refuge and our Lord, Hallelujah!  
(Chorus)*

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

**Musical Offering**      “Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day”      *English Carol*  
    Covenant Choir      *arr. Howard Helvey*  
    Mrs. Haring, *director*  
    Brass Ensemble • Mr. Cope and Dr. Davy, *piano*

*Tomorrow shall be My dancing day: I would My true love did so chance  
 To see the legend of My play, to call My true love to My dance:*

*Sing O My love; this have I done for My true love.*

*Thus was I born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance;  
 Thus was I knit to man's nature, to call My true love to My dance.*

*In a manger laid and wrapp'd I was, so very poor, this was My chance,  
 Betwixt and ox and a silly poor ass, to call My true love to My dance.*

**New Testament Reading and Lighting of the Christ Candle**      John 1.1-5, 14  
    Henry Iles, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, and family

**\*Carol**      “The First Noel”      *THE FIRST NOEL*



The — first — No - el      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.

**Anthem**

“Where Shepherds Lately Knelth”

Craig Courtney

Covenant Choir • Mrs. Haring, director

Dr. Davy, organ • Mr. Cope, piano • Cody McClarty, flügelhorn

*Where Shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel's word,  
I come in half believe, a pilgrim strangely stirred;  
But there is room and welcome there for me.*

*In that unlikely place I find Him as they said:  
Sweet newborn Babe how frail! And in a manger bed:  
A still small Voice to cry one day for me.*

*How should I not have known Isaiah would be there,  
His prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare:  
A Child, a Son, the Prince of Peace for me.*

*Can I, will I forget how Love was born and burned  
Its way into my heart unasked, unforced, unearned,  
To die, to live, and not alone for me?*

**\*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.*

<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!”*

<sup>15</sup> *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.”*

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

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

<sup>18</sup> *And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.*

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

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



Anthem

“Night of Silence”

Daniel Kantor

Covenant Choir • Mrs. Haring, director

*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

**\*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 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**

**"I Saw Three Ships"**  
Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

Richard Elliott

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*Cover designed by Anna Tatar, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade*

*The Children's and Youth Choirs joyfully welcome the alumni and guest singers who are participating with them in this Christmas Eve service.*

*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*



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*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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