

*He through whom time was made,  
    was made in time;  
and 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

December 7, 2025  
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

## *Second Sunday of Advent*

### Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Robert Rucker 8:00

The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

### The Prelude

8:00

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”  
Mary Preston, *organ*

*Johannes Brahms*

9:30/11:00

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”  
Brass and Percussion Ensemble • Nathan Davy, *organ*

*arr. Dan Marvin*

### \*Call to Worship

Minister: O Zion, messenger of good news, shout from the mountaintops!

People: **Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good  
news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah,  
“Behold your God!”**

Isaiah 40.9

Minister: He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in  
His arms; He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those  
that are with young.

Isaiah 40.11

People: **Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the  
virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name  
Immanuel, which means, God with us.**

Isaiah 7.14; Matthew 1.23(b)

**\*Carol**

**"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"**

HYFRYDOL

*Hymn No.196 in the Trinity Hymnal*



1. Come, Thou long ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set Thy  
2. Joy to those who long to see Thee, Day-spring from on  
3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, He whose glo - ries  
4. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a Child and



peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us  
high, ap - pear; come, Thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of Thy  
knew no end; by His life He brings us glad - ness, our Re -  
yet — a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er, now Thy



find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion,  
birth we long to hear! O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing  
deem - er, Shepherd, Friend; Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber,  
gra - cious King - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it



hope of all the earth Thou art, dear De - sire of  
news, glad ti - dings of a birth: "Go to Him, your  
born with - in a cat - tle stall; this the e - ver -  
rule in all our hearts a - lone; by Thine all suf -



ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."  
last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.  
fi - cient mer - it, raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

*Please be seated.*

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath—The Bethlehem Candle**

Matthew 2.6

Micah 5.4-5a

Cora and Robert Billingsley 8:00

Mandi Bush, Beatrice 9:30

The Wallace Family: Andy & Kiki, Annie, William, Preston, and Reed 11:00

**Prayer**

**Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Tommy Overton

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,**

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
 begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
 by whom all things were made;  
 who for us and for our salvation  
 came down from heaven,  
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
 and was made man.

from the *Nicene Creed*

\*Carol

"From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable"

Stuart Townend



1. From the squalor of a borrowed stable, by the Spirit
2. King of heaven now the Friend of sinners, humble servant
3. Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal, He was lifted
4. Now He's standing in the place of honor, crowned with glory



and a virgin's faith; to the anguish and the shame of scandal  
 in the Father's hands, filled with power and the Holy Spirit,  
 on a cruel cross; He was punished for a world's transgressions,  
 on the highest throne, interceding for His own beloved



came the Savior of the human race! But the skies were filled  
 filled with mercy for the broken man. Yes, He walked my road  
 He was suffering to save the lost. He fights for breath,  
 till His Father calls to bring them home! Then the skies will part



with the praise of heav'n, shepherds listen as the angels tell of the  
 and He felt my pain, joys and sorrows that I know so well; yet His  
 He fights for me, loosing sinners from the pains of hell; and  
 as the trumpet sounds hope of heaven or the fear of hell; but the



Gift of God come down to man at the dawning of Emmanuel.  
 righteous steps give me hope again: I will follow my Emmanuel.  
 with a shout our souls are free: I will follow my Emmanuel.  
 Bride will run to her Lover's arms, giving glory to Emmanuel.

## Recognition of New Members

9:30/11:00

## Sacrament of Baptism

9:30

William Thomas Hanes, Jr.  
 Erin Lindsey Harwell  
 Steven Gerard Pollis  
 Jodie Elayne Pollis  
 Hayden Griffin Rumfield

## Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Overton

O Lord my God,  
light of the blind,  
and strength of the weak;  
yes, also light of those that see,  
and strength of the strong—  
hearken unto my soul,  
and hear it crying out of the depths.  
Woe is me!  
Lord, help us to turn and seek You;  
for not as we have forsaken our Creator  
have You forsaken Your creation.  
Let us turn and seek You,  
for we know You are here in our heart,  
when we confess to You,  
when we cast ourselves upon You,  
and weep in Your bosom,  
after all our rugged ways;  
and You gently wipe away our tears,  
and we weep the more for joy;  
because You, Lord—  
not man of flesh and blood—  
but You, Lord, who made us,  
remake and comfort us. Amen.

*Augustine*

## Private Confession

## Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter of Jerusalem!  
The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;  
He has cleared away your enemies.  
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall never again fear evil.

*Zephaniah 3:14-15*

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

## Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Overton

*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

8:00

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”  
Mrs. Preston, organ

*Georg Boehm*

Chancel Choir • Brass and Percussion Ensemble

Stephen Nielson, piano • Nathan Davy, organ • J. Marty Cope, conductor

*Alleluia. See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below, see the tender  
Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.*

*Hail, thou ever blessed morn, hail redemption's happy dawn, sing through all  
Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem."*

*Lo, within a manger lies He who built the lofty skies, He, who, throned in light  
sublime, sits amid the cherubim.*

*Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was Thine, thus to come from highest  
bliss down to such a world as this.*

**\*An Advent Doxology**

TRURO



1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the  
2. So, come, my Sov' - reign, en - ter in! Let new and



King of — glo - ry waits; the King of kings is  
no - bler life be - gin! Thy Ho - ly Spi - rit,



draw - ing - near, the Sav - ior of — the — world is here.  
guide us — on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

*During the 9:30 service, 1st and 2nd graders may exit at this time using  
the doors at the front-right of the Sanctuary to meet their teachers for  
Worship Explorers. **Children must be checked-in and have a nametag.**  
A check-in kiosk is available in the hallway outside the Sanctuary doors.*

**\*The Scripture Reading: Colossians 1.15-20, 2.9-10**

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.*

<sup>16</sup> *For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and  
invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things  
were created through Him and for Him.*

<sup>17</sup> *And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.*

<sup>18</sup> *And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn  
from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent.*

<sup>19</sup> *For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,*

<sup>20</sup> *and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in  
heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.*

<sup>2:9</sup> *For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,*

<sup>10</sup> *and you have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority.*

*Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please continue at the closing hymn.*

**\*The Great Thanksgiving 8:00**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

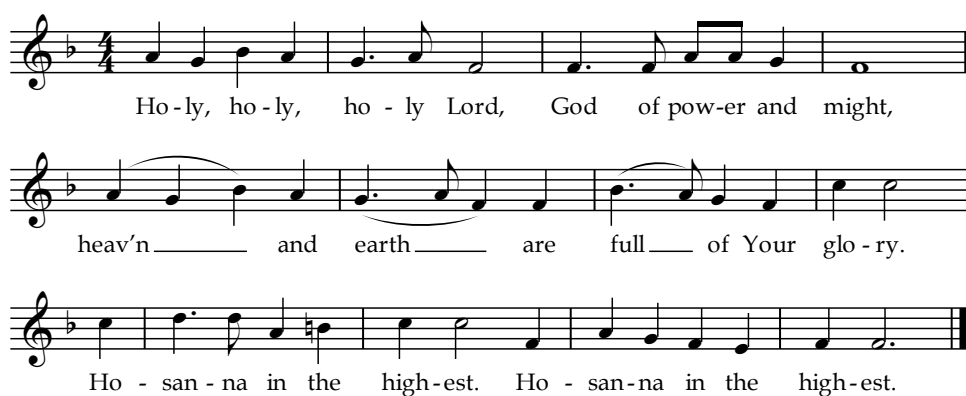
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

**People: Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name; evermore praising You, and singing:**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heav'n \_\_\_\_\_ and earth \_\_\_\_\_ are full \_\_\_\_\_ of Your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*The Words of Institution 8:00**

**Communion 8:00**

*Please remain seated.*

*You will be served by your elders, and we will all partake together when so instructed by the pastor.*

*(The bread being served is gluten free.)*

**\*Closing Hymn**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELIS



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!

## \*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.

## The Postlude

8:00

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"  
 Mrs. Preston, organ

*Healey Willan*

9:30/11:00

Toccata on "Veni Emmanuel"  
 Dr. Davy, organ

*Andrew Carter*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*



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

Cody McClarty, *trumpet*  
Forrest Albano, *trumpet*  
Gerry Wood, *French horn*  
Simon Willats, *trombone*  
Jarrod Robertson, *tuba*  
Joe Ferraro, *percussion*



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#### **SERMON NOTES**

Colossians 1.15-20, 2.9-10  
“The Preeminence of the Incarnation”

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*The following questions help us engage with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service, and may be useful during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship.*

1. What is the Apostle Paul's aim as he writes Colossians 1.15-20?
2. What does it mean that Jesus is "the image of the invisible God"?
3. What does it mean that Jesus is "the first born of all creation"?
4. What does the word "preeminent" mean?
5. How does this passage reveal the full humanity and divinity of the Lord Jesus?
6. What overwhelms your mind and heart as you read this description of our Lord and Savior?
7. How would you explain Colossians 2.9-10 to someone who has never heard about the Incarnation of Jesus?
8. As followers of the Lord Jesus, how does this passage help us grow in our knowledge and experience of our union with Christ?

# Highlights

DECEMBER 7, 2025

## 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.

## Connection Card

Thanks for joining us today! If you are new or looking to connect with others in our church family, please scan the QR code and fill out our Connection Card, so we can know you were here and help you connect.

[pcpc.org/connect](https://pcpc.org/connect)



## Family Advent Service

*Today*

4:30 P.M. | SANCTUARY

All families are invited to attend a special evening to celebrate Advent. Please join us at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary for worship and song. Dinner reservations have closed.

[pcpc.org/advent](https://pcpc.org/advent)

## Communicant Parent Meeting

*Sunday, December 14*

11:00 A.M. | CHAPEL

This meeting is a pre-requisite for parents of children 3rd-8th grade and highly recommended for parents of high school students who would like to participate in the 6-week Communicant Classes from Jan. 11-Feb. 15 and seek admission to the Lord's Table at PCPC. Register online.

[pcpc.org/events](https://pcpc.org/events)

## Marathon Traffic on Dec. 14

Plan to leave for church a little earlier on Sunday, December 14. The 2025 Dallas Marathon route will be blocked off. Lakeside, Turtle Creek, Armstrong, Fitzhugh, and Wycliff will be closed. We have linked to a PDF map (QR code). Please use Mockingbird, Preston, and Oak Lawn.



## Christmas Service Opportunities

Serve with us and one of our ministry partners this Advent season as we extend the good news of Christ in our city: Men of Nehemiah, Casa del Lago, For the Nations, Exodus Ministries, and Crates for Ukraine.

[pcpc.org/christmas-service-opportunities](https://pcpc.org/christmas-service-opportunities)



## Christmas Eve Services

*Wednesday, December 24*

4:00 P.M. (FAMILY) & 8:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Who will you invite this year? Pick up a card in the Grand Hall and invite a neighbor to join us on Christmas Eve at our 4:00 p.m. Family Service or 8:00 p.m. Evening Service.

[pcpc.org/advent](https://pcpc.org/advent)

## Special Events

*O Come Candlelight Concerts*

SUNDAY, DEC. 14 | 4:00 & 7:00 P.M.  
PLEASE RETURN ANY UNUSED TICKETS

*Preschool Song & Story*

FRIDAY, DEC. 19 | 10:00 A.M. | KIDS CHAPEL

*Adkins & Nielson Concerts*

SUNDAY, JAN. 18 | 5:30 & 7:30 P.M.  
CAMBRIDGE HALL (LEVEL TWO)

*Dessert War (Mother & Son)*

FRIDAY, FEB. 6 | 5:00 P.M.  
REGISTER ONLINE

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## GENERAL FUND

2025/2026 Operating Budget	\$17,500,000
Jul 1, 2025–Nov 30, 2025 Budget	\$5,466,591
Jul 1, 2025–Nov 30, 2025 Giving	\$6,799,872
Budget Variance	\$1,333,280