

Open wide your door to the One who comes.

Open your soul,

throw open the depths of your heart

to see the riches of simplicity,

the treasures of peace,

the sweetness of grace.

Open your heart and run to meet the

Sun of Eternal Light

that illuminates all men.

Ambrose

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 14, 2025
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Mark Davis

The Prelude

8:00

“In Dulci Jubilo”
Mary Preston, *organ*

Marcel Dupré

9:30/11:00

“In Dulci Jubilo”
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

J. S. Bach

*Call to Worship

Minister: Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

People: **For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;**

Minister: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given;

People: **and the government shall be upon His shoulder,
and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.** Isaiah 35:5-6; 9:6

*Carol

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

IN DULCI JUBILO

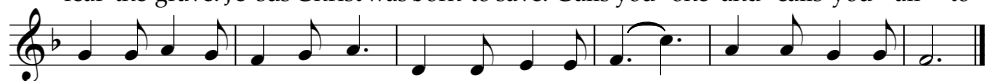
Hymn No. 207 in the Trinity Hymnal



1. Good Christ-ian men, re - joice, ___ with heart and soul and voice; ___ give ye heed to
2. Good Christ-ian men, re - joice, ___ with heart and soul and voice; ___ now ye hear of
3. Good Christ-ian men, re - joice, ___ with heart and soul and voice; ___ now ye need not



what we say: Je-sus Christ is born to-day; earth and heav'n be - fore Him bow, and
end-less bliss: Je-sus Christ was born for this! He hath o - pened heav-en's door, and
fear the grave: Je-sus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to



He is in the man-ger now. Christ is born to - day! ___ Christ is born to-day!
man is blest for - ev - er-more. Christ was born for this! ___ Christ was born for this!
gain His ev - er - last-ing hall. Christ was born to save! ___ Christ was born to save!

Please be seated.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath—The Shepherd's Candle 1 Corinthians 1.27-29

Luke 2.8-11

Barbara and Larry Adams 8:00

The Beasley Family: Scott & Heath, Ward, Hunter, Eliza, and Sam 9:30

The Leopold Family: Sam & Kimberly, Eloise, Evelyn, and Emory 11:00

Prayer

***Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom

When the fullness of time came

God sent His Son,

His eternal wisdom,

the substance of His own glory,

into this world,

who took the nature of humanity

from the substance of a woman, a virgin,

by means of the Holy Ghost.

And so was born the “just seed of David,”

the “Angel of the great counsel of God,”

the very Messiah promised,

whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel,

true God and true man,

two perfect natures united and joined in one Person.

from the Scots Confession (1560), Chapter 6

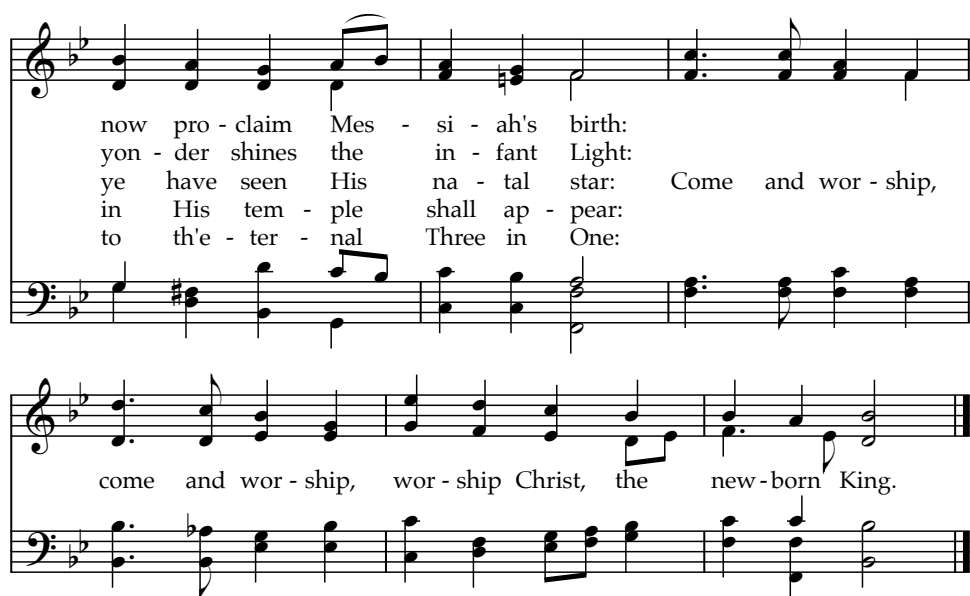
***Carol**

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

REGENT SQUARE

Melody 1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
Harmony 2. Shep-herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
Melody 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions
Harmony 4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in
Melody 5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with man is now re - sid - ing,
beam a - far; seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
Spir - it, Son; ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
ye have seen His na - tal star: Come and wor - ship,
in His tem - ple shall ap - pear:
to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:
come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Higginbottom

O God, in the beginning You spoke,
and creation was born, the object of Your loving care.
In the fullness of time You spoke,
and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of Your love.
We wonder at the miracle of creation;
we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation.
Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith,
empty of hope, lacking in love, consumed with iniquity.
We wait upon Your mercy with ready hearts, O God,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1.4-5

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

***Carol**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ST. LOUIS

Hymn No. 201 in the Trinity Hymnal



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie;
2. For Christ is born of Mar - y; and gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n!
4. O Ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



a - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by:
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of His heav'n.
cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
No ear may hear His com - ing, but in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Higginbottom

*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

8:00

“Noël for Third Sunday in Advent”
Mrs. Preston, organ

Alexis Chauvet

9:30/11:00

“What Child Is This” *Traditional English Carol*
Steve Williamson, vocalist • Nathan Davy, piano



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 1.15-23; 2.9-10

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

¹⁶ *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.*

¹⁷ *And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.*

¹⁸ *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.*

¹⁹ *For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,*

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

²¹ *And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,*

²² *He has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him,*

²³ *if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.*

^{2:9} *For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,*

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

Sermon

“True God and True Man”

Mr. Davis

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!

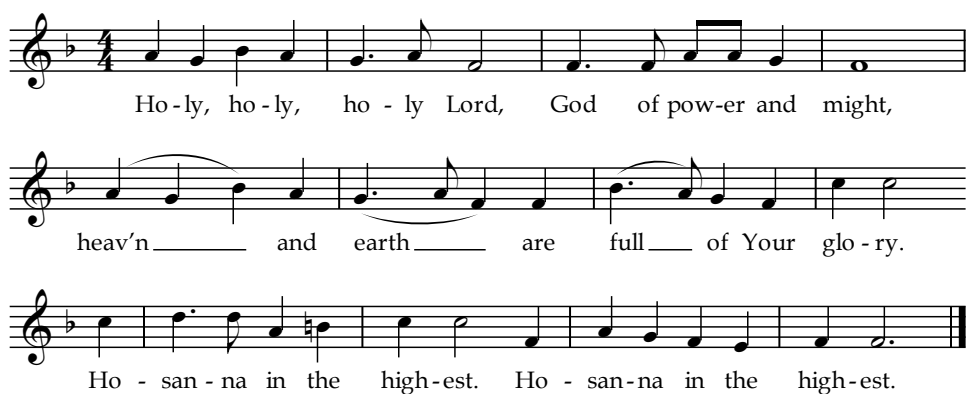
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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 Carol**

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

Hymn No. 203 in the Trinity Hymnal



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

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

"From Heaven High, I Come to You"
 Mrs. Preston, organ

Johann Pachelbel

9:30/11:00

Toccata on "Il est né, le divin Enfant"
 Dr. Davy, organ

Denis Bédard

*Please stand if you are able.



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 transforming presence of the Kingdom of our
 Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.

SERMON NOTES

Colossians 1.15-23; 2.9-10
“True God and True Man”

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. How would you use this passage to explain to someone the identity of Jesus?
2. What do we mean when we say Jesus is True God and True Man?
3. Why did Jesus have to take on flesh?
4. Name each of the roles that Jesus has as revealed in this passage. What goes through your mind as you consider this is true of the Baby in the manger?
5. Why did Jesus come to earth?
6. Unpack the theme of reconciliation between God and man as revealed in this text. What stands out to you about the way Paul describes this work of Christ?
7. Where all do you see the theme of "fullness" emphasized in this passage?
8. How is God using this passage of Scripture to inform your understanding of who the Lord Jesus is and who we/you are in Him?

Highlights

DECEMBER 14, 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

Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 (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. Please utilize our surface level and garage parking, or park in the Equinox Garage at 4222 Avondale Ave.

pcpc.org/advent

New Members Class

Sundays, January 11–March 1

9:30 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Is the Lord calling you to be a member of PCPC? This class gives you the opportunity to explore PCPC's beliefs and mission. Registration is open.

pcpc.org/membership

WinterGrace

Saturday, Jan. 31–Sunday, Feb. 1

Save the dates for PCPC's annual on-campus retreat themed "God's Grace in Our Fellowship". All ages of our congregation will participate in two days of fellowship, worship, and teaching with guest speaker David Gibson and musician Sandra McCracken.

pcpc.org/wintergrace

Every Thought Captive

Looking for more devotional time this Advent season? Subscribe to PCPC's Friday morning devotional email! Every Thought Captive is a weekly reflection from various authors on the most recent Sunday sermon passage to extend our worship and meditation through to the end of the week.

etcdevo.org

Year-End Giving

In order to comply with IRS regulations, Wednesday, Dec. 31, is the deadline for donations to be receipted for 2025. Mailed checks must be postmarked by Dec. 31. Church offices will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 2. Donations can be hand-delivered to the secure drop box at the south entrance. For stock donation instructions, contact cheli.conejo@pcpc.org. Please note that mutual fund donations can take up to one month to process. Thank you for your generous stewardship of all God has given.

pcpc.org/give

Special Events

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–Dec 07, 2025 Budget	\$6,633,492
Jul 1, 2025–Dec 07, 2025 Giving	\$7,597,760
Budget Variance	\$964,268