



**FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

**DECEMBER 24, 2025**

**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  
2025

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

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**Welcome**

The Rev. Paul Goebel

**Introit**

“Noël Nouvelet/Sing We Now of Jesus”

*Traditional*

Covenant Choir

*French Carol*

Genevieve Cope, Michayla Lopez, Mallory Squibb, *handbells*

Katie Haring, *director*

*Noël nouvelet, Noël chantons ici,  
Dévotes gens, crions à Dieu merci !  
Chantons Noël pour le roi nouvelet !  
Noël nouvelet, Noël chantons ici !*

*Sing we now of Jesus, born on Christmas Day.  
Sing we now of Jesus, born on a bed of hay.  
Lift up your voice, with all the world rejoice!  
Sing we now of Jesus, born the world to save!*

### **\*Call to Worship**

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

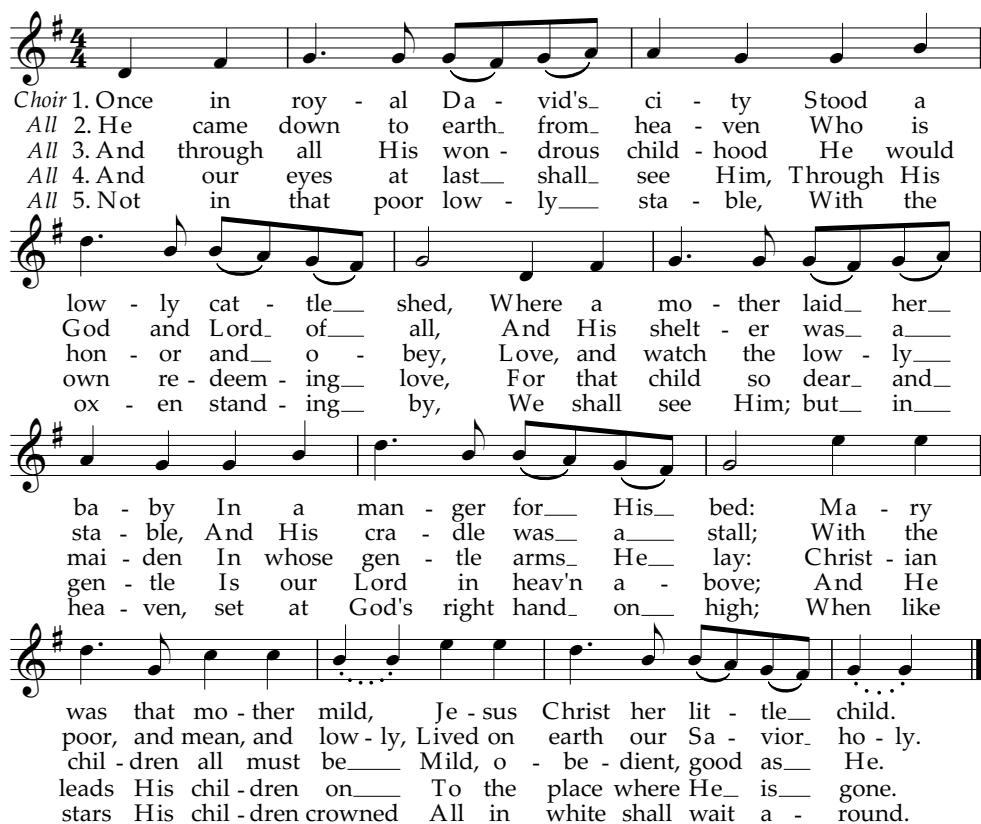
**People:** We have beheld His glory! Alleluia!

**\*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.*

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9.6-7**

Charlie Kaechler, 5th grade

**Anthem**

"Hodie Christus Natus Est"

Michael Bedford

Carol Choir, Chapel Choir, and Covenant Choir

Dr. Hannah Clarke, *director*

Nathan Davy, *piano*

*Hodie Christus natus est! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

*Hodie Christus natus est! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*The angels sang to the shepherds three, as they knelt on bended knee,  
 "Christ is born this holy morn! Hurry to Bethlehem and see!"*

*The shepherds left the hillside bare, traveled over the meadows fair,  
 Till in awe the Child they saw, lying in a manger there.*

May we like those three shepherds poor, come the Christ Child to adore;  
May we here, ev'ry year, worship within the church's door.

Then may we with the joyful call, carry the news outside this hall;  
Thus we'll share, ev'rywhere, God's great gift to one and all.

New Testament Reading: Luke 1.26-33

Ace and Faith Carlson, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

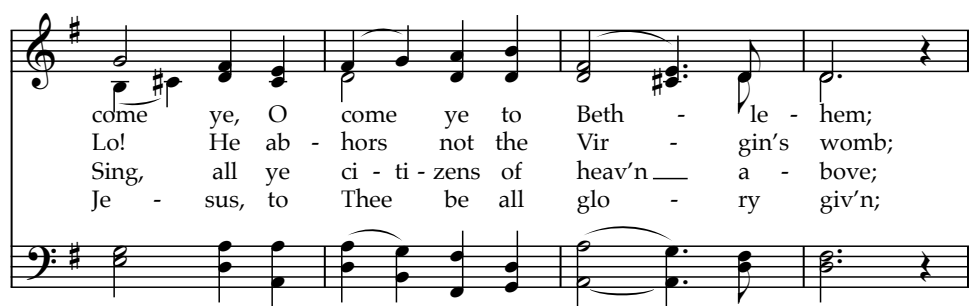
\*Carol

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

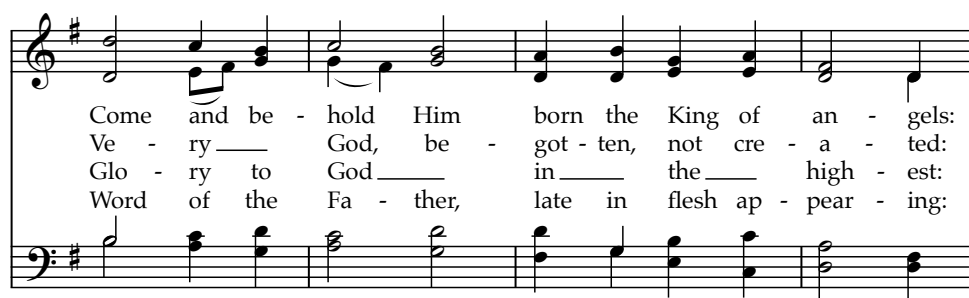
ADESTE FIDELES



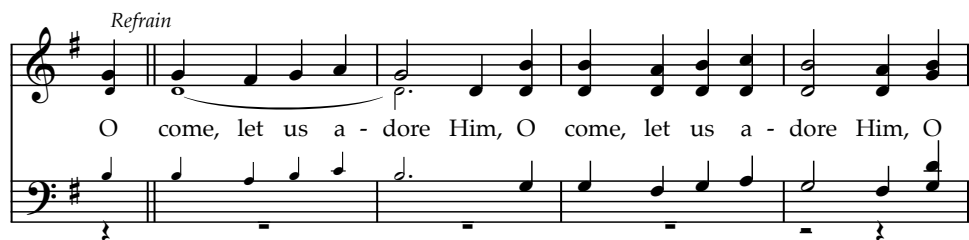
Harmony 1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O  
Harmony 2. God of \_\_\_\_\_ God, \_\_\_\_\_ Light \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Light,  
Melody 3. Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion,  
Melody 4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap-py morn-ing,



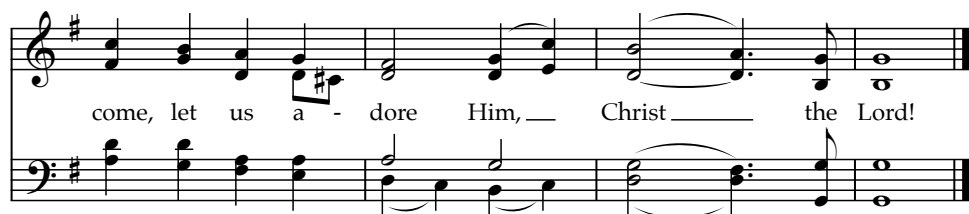
come ye, O come ye to Beth-le-hem;  
Lo! He ab-hors not the Vir-gin's womb;  
Sing, all ye ci-ti-zens of heav'n a-bove;  
Je-sus, to Thee be all glo-ry giv'n;



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

## “The Holly and the Ivy”

*English Traditional Carol*  
arr. H. Walford Davies

Irene Davy, Hayden Ponder, Laura Davy, and Nathan Davy, *vocalists*  
Covenant Choir

Katie Haring, *director* • J Marty Cope, *organ* • Brass Ensemble

*The Holly and the Ivy, when they are both full grown;  
Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown.*

*O the rising of the sun and the running of the deer,  
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.*

*The holly bears a blossom as white as any flower;  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet Saviour.*

*The holly bears a berry as red as any blood;  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good.*

*The holly bears a prickle as sharp as any thorn;  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ On Christmas Day in the morn.*


*The holly bears a bark as bitt'r as any gall;  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all.*

**\*Carol**


## “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

GO TELL IT


*Refrain*



Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev-'ry-where;



go, tell it on the moun-tain that Je-sus Christ is born.



1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er  
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when,  
3. Down in a low-ly man-ger our

si - lent flocks by night, be - hold, through - out the  
lo! a - bove the earth rang out the an - gel  
hum - ble Christ was born, and God sent us sal -

heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light. \_\_\_\_  
cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth. \_\_\_\_  
va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn. \_\_\_\_

(to Refrain)

**New Testament Reading and Lighting of the Christ Candle** John 1.1-5, 14  
Kate Lipscomb, 12th grade, and family

**Anthem** “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen” arr. Molly Ijames  
Covenant Choir  
Nathan Davy, piano

*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 pow'r when we were gone astray,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

*From God our heav'nly 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,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

*“Fear not,” then said the angel, “let nothing you afright,  
This day is born a Saviour of a pure virgin bright,  
To free all those who trust in Him from Satan's pow'r and might,”  
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

*Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;  
This sacred time of Christmas tide all others now deface;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

**\*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.*

**Christmas Eve Meditation “The Glory of the Incarnation”**

Mr. Goebel

**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

## \*Closing Carol of Celebration

“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”  
Dr. Davy, organ

arr. Keith Chapman

\*Please stand if you are able.

*Cover designed by Margaret Davy, 7th 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*  
Alex Kienle, *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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