

*Christ is born,  
glorify Him!  
Christ from heaven,  
go out to meet Him!  
Christ on earth,  
be exalted!  
Sing to the Lord all the whole earth;  
and that I may join both in one word:  
Let the heavens rejoice,  
and let the earth be glad,  
for Him who is of heaven  
and then of earth.  
Christ in the flesh,  
rejoice with trembling and with joy  
with trembling because of your sins,  
and with joy because of your hope.*

— Gregory Nazianzus

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 4, 2026  
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

*Epiphany Sunday*

*Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. Our word “epiphany” comes from a Greek word meaning “manifestation or appearance,” and in church history this word has become closely associated with the revelation of Christ in connection with the visit of the Magi. In this “manifestation,” light and illumination are a reoccurring theme, reflected today in the liturgy.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

The Rev. Mark Davis

## **Prelude**

8:00

“Élévation” from *Noël*, Op. 60  
Mary Preston, *organ*

*Alexandre Guilmant*

9:30/11:00

“Behold That Star!”  
J. Marty Cope, *piano*

*Traditional Spiritual*  
*arr. Shackley*

## **\*Call to Worship**

Minister: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims  
His handiwork.

**People: Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals  
knowledge.**

Minister: There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

**People: Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to  
the end of the world. In them He has set a tent for the sun.**

Psalm 19.1-4



And by the light of the East - ern Star three  
Then en - tered in those Wise Men three, full  
Then let us all with one ac - cord sing

Wise Men came from coun - try far; To  
rev - 'rent - ly up - on their knee, and  
prais - es to our heav - 'nly Lord that

seek for a King was their in - tent, And to  
of - fered there in His pres - ence their  
hath made heav'n and earth of naught, and

fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.  
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 Adoration concluding with:

Almighty Lord God,

You gave Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the light of the world:

We praise and magnify Your holy name that in Him

You have revealed the wonder of Your saving love to all people.

With those of old who brought their tribute to His feet,

confessing Him as King of heaven and earth,

we now present the worship of our grateful hearts,

asking You to give us grace to give ourselves to You,

through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



1. As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing  
 2. As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly  
 3. As they of - fered gifts most rare at that cra - dle  
 4. Ho - ly — Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the  
 5. In the heav'n - ly count - ry bright need they no cre -



star be - hold; as with joy they hailed its light,  
 cra - dle - bed, there to — bend the knee be - fore  
 rude and bare; so may we with ho - ly joy,  
 nar - row way; and when earth - ly things are past,  
 at - ed light; Thou its — light, its joy, its crown,



lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright; so most gra - cious  
 Him whom heav'n and earth a - dore; so may we with  
 pure, and free from sin's al - loy, all our cost - liest  
 bring our ran - somed souls at last where they need no  
 Thou its sun which goes not down; there for - ev - er



God, may we ev - er - more be led to Thee.  
 will - ing feet ev - er seek Thy mer - cy seat.  
 trea - sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n - ly King.  
 star to guide, where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide.  
 may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

## Public Confession of Sin

The Rev. Pete Hatton

**Almighty and merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned**

**against You and one another**

**in both our actions and our inactions.**

**We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come,**

**yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light.**

**Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us**

**the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives.**

**Illumined by Your Word and sacrament,**

**may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.**

## Private Confession

## Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

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

### Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Hatton

*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 "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" *Andreas Armsdorff*  
Mrs. Preston, *organ*

9:30/11:00 "Jesus, King of Angels" Ortega  
Stephen Morscheck, *vocalist* • Mr. Cope, *piano*

### \*A Doxology for Epiphany

## “What Child Is This”

GREENSLEEVES

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:  
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

*Worship Explorers will not meet today,  
and we encourage families to worship together.*

*Zest Quests are available so your children can follow along with the sermon.*

**\*The Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1.1-2**

*Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:*

<sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Sermon

## “By the Will of God”

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!

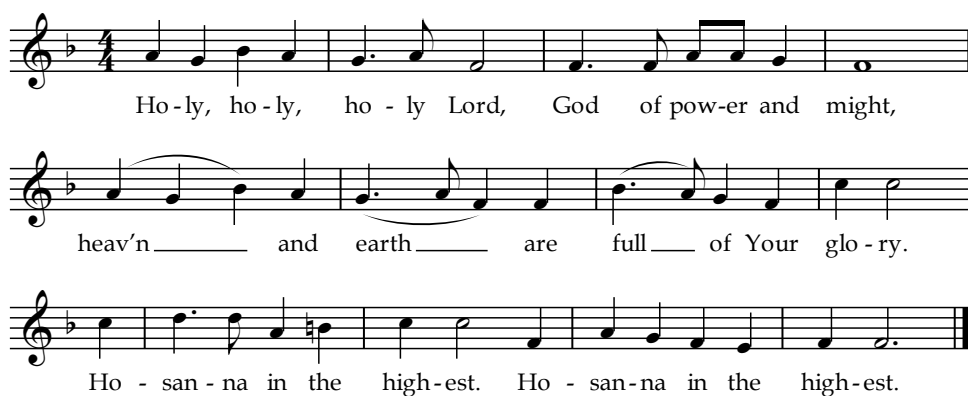
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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:**



**\*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.)*



1. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, in the dawn - ing
2. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, He, the per - fect
3. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, Christ, the Lord up -
4. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, slain by death, the



of the King. He, the theme of heav - en's prais - es, robed in  
 Son of Man in His liv - ing, in His suf - f'ring, nev - er  
 on the tree. In the stead of ruined — sin - ners, hangs the  
 God of life. But no grave could e'er re - strain Him, praise the



frail hu - man - i - ty. In our long - ing, in our dark - ness,  
 trace nor stain of sin. See the true and bet - ter A - dam,  
 Lamb in vic - tor - y. See the price of our re - demp - tion,  
 Lord: He is a - live. What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance,



now the light of life has come. Look to Christ, who  
 come to save the hell - bound man. Christ, the great and  
 see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold. Bring - ing ma - ny  
 how un - wa - ver - ing our hope. Christ, in pow - er,



con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.  
 sure ful - fill - ment of the law in Him we stand.  
 sons to Glo - ry, grace un - mea - sured, love un - told.  
 res - ur - rect - ed, as will we be when He comes.

\*The Benediction

Minister: May Christ, the Son of God,  
 be manifest in you,  
 that your lives may be a light to the world;  
 and the blessing of God Almighty,  
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
 be among you and remain with you always.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

## The Postlude

8:00

“Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern”  
Mrs. Preston, *organ*

*Max Reger*

9:30/11:00

“Finale” from *Symphony 2*  
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

*Charles-Marie Widor*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*



**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.*



## **SERMON NOTES**

Ephesians 1.1-2  
“By the Will of God”

## 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. Who wrote this letter and who was the letter meant to reach?
2. What authority does Paul have in writing this letter?
3. Why does Paul use the term saints? How come this phrase is not used by Christians often today?
4. What stands out to you about Paul's greeting?
5. What has been your exposure to the book of Ephesians?
6. What themes from this letter are you looking forward to understanding more clearly?

# Highlights

JANUARY 4, 2026

## 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)

## 60+ Community Friday Fellowship

*Friday, January 9*

11:30 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Psalm 139 offers profound insight into trauma recovery, reminding us of God's miraculous supernatural care even in our darkest valleys. Please make your lunch reservation by Tuesday, January 6.

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

## God's Heart for the World

*Wednesdays, beginning January 14*

7:00 P.M. | MEZZANINE B

Join us for a month-long Midweek course diving into God's heart for the world, perfect for those wanting to take the next steps in praying, giving, and going to the nations. Register online to attend.

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

## Adkins & Nielson Concerts

*Sunday, January 18*

5:00 & 7:00 P.M. | CAMBRIDGE HALL (LEVEL TWO)

DSO principal cellist Christopher Adkins and Steinway Artist Stephen Nielson are joined by operatic baritone Donnie Ray Albert to present an exquisite evening of chamber music. No tickets are required.

[pcpcconcerts.org](https://pcpcconcerts.org)

## Men's Night of Worship

*Thursday, January 22*

We're looking forward to welcoming our friends from the Men of Nehemiah to spend the evening with us. We'll have dinner together at 6:30 p.m., and the band from the Men of Nehemiah will join us for our time of worship at 7:30 p.m. Register online.

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

## Spring Kickoff

Connect with one another at PCPC beginning January 12-16. Pick up a Spring Guide in the Grand Hall or scan the QR code. Register online.



- Care & Counseling Groups
- Children's Choirs
- New Members Class
- Men, Women, & Couple's Bible Studies
- Middle & High School Small Groups
- Wednesday Word & Table and Midweek Dinner

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

## Special Events

*The Gathering (High School)*

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7 | 7:15 P.M.

*First Friday & bEfriend*

FRIDAY, JAN. 9 | 6:00 P.M.

*Project Workday:*

*Center of Hope*

SATURDAY, JAN. 10 | 10:00 A.M.



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## GENERAL FUND

2025/2026 Operating Budget	\$17,500,000
Jul 1, 2025–Dec 21, 2025 Budget	\$8,967,295
Jul 1, 2025–Dec 21, 2025 Giving	\$9,570,392
Budget Variance	\$603,097