



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 21, 2014

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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.

We Prepare Our Hearts

"The LORD is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him."

Habakkuk 2.20

Preparation for Worship

9:30/11:00

"Rejoice Greatly" from *Messiah*

Handel

Jenni Rasberry, soprano

*Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00

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

Minister: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

People: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9.2, 6

*Carol of Praise

"The First Noel"

THE FIRST NOEL

1. The first No - el, the an - gel did say, was to cer - tain poor
2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the
3. This star drew nigh to the north-west, o'er Beth - le -
4. Then en - tered in those wise men three, full rev - 'rent -
5. Then let us all with one ac - cord prais - es

shep - herds in fields where they lay; in fields where they lay -
east, be - yond them far, and to the earth it -
hem it took its rest, and there it did both
ly up - on their knee, and of - fered there in -
to our heav - en - ly Lord, who hath made heav'n and -

keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
gave great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
stop and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
His pre - sence their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.
earth of naught, and 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

*New Testament Reading: Revelation 22.16-21

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 8:00

The Rev. Chad Scruggs 9:30/11:00

I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star. The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.
Amen.

*Carol No. 207

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

IN DULCI JUBILO

The Sacrament of Baptism

9:30/11:00

Parental Vows

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregational Vow

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

9:30

11:00

John Rolland Maxwell
Jonah Caldwell Estes

Turner Lee Easley
Molly Elizabeth Elsener
Pearson King Reynolds

Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

Carol No. 216

9:30/11:00

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

W ZLOBIE LEZY

Prayer of Confession

Our God and Father, when we behold Your Son Jesus, we see Your great love for us, for You sent Your one and only Son into the world to die for sinners like us, so that whoever believes in Him would have eternal life. Since You have given Your Son, we can say with the apostle Paul, "How will You not also with Christ graciously give us all things?" Yet, our Father, our appetite for things of secondary or even of no importance fills our lives with longings that You never intended us to have. Our love and devotion to our possessions and our pleasures reveal again our true need for Jesus. Lord, in this Christmas season would You please give us Christ: fill our hearts with desire to know Him, to love Him, to serve and follow Him; fill our mouths with words to honor Him and proclaim Him; give us His presence to guide us in wisdom, to give peace to our troubled souls, to guard and protect our ways; grant us His grace and favor to forgive our sins, and to bring us to glory.

Private Confession

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Lamberth 8:00
Mr. Scruggs 9:30/11:00

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Meditation

8:00

Colin Howland, *organ*

9:30/11:00

Candlelight Carol
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director

Rutter

How do you capture the wind on the water? How do you count all the stars in the sky? How can you measure the love of a mother, or how can you write down a baby's first cry?

Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore Him, Seraphim round Him their vigil will keep; nations proclaim Him their Lord and their Savior, but Mary will hold Him and sing Him to sleep.

Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow shine on His cradle till breaking of dawn. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Angels are singing: the Christ Child is born.

Find Him at Bethlehem laid in a manger: Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay. God-head incarnate and hope of salvation: a Child with His mother that first Christmas Day.

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men! The peace of the Lord be with you always. Luke 2.14

People: And also with you.

*Scripture Reading

Isaiah 50.4-11

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

⁵ *The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.*

⁶ *I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.*

⁷ *But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.*

⁸ *He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.*

⁹ *Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.*

¹⁰ *Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of His servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.*

¹¹ *Behold, all you who kindle a fire, who equip yourselves with burning torches! Walk by the light of your fire, and by the torches that you have kindled! This you have from my hand: you shall lie down in torment.*

The Morning Sermon

Servant Song No. 3

"The Torment of Trusting in Torches"

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

**Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00, please
continue at closing hymn on page six.**

***The Great Thanksgiving 8:00 only**

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing 8:00**The Words of Institution 8:00****The Communion 8:00**

*Please come forward down the center aisle.
Partake of the elements upon receiving them from the elders.
Return to your seat with your empty cup via the side aisle.*

Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00, continue here

***Carol No. 203**

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

***The Benediction**

Minister: Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to the gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ!

Romans 16.25-27

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Postlude

"Toccata on *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*"

arr. Willcocks

Mr. Howland, organ

*The congregation stands.

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in anticipation of our Lord and Savior's birth and in loving memory of my parents Grace and Steve Carter.

Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.

Personal Prayer and Counsel

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor . . . rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality." Romans 12.10, 12, 13

We want so much to come alongside you in brotherly love and hospitality by your allowing us to be in prayer for your salvation or any need you may have. Please join us in the Parlor (north of Fellowship Hall) following the worship service where our Elders and prayer leaders are available and eager to meet with you and pray with you in complete confidence.

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The Rev. Mark Davis

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SERMON NOTES

Isaiah 50.4-11

Servant Song No. 3
“The Torment of Trusting in Torches”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 21, 2014

Praise

Call to Worship (*everyone together*)

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

“The First Noel” (*read or sing these words together*)

Please see the hymn on page two.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 50.4-11 (*one person read the Scripture aloud*)

Questions for Discussion (*may be answered in one worship time or spread over several times*)

1. To whom is the servant of the Lord listening?
2. How does obedience relate to true listening?
3. Who does the servant sustain with a word? What does this mean?
4. How does the servant’s listening lead to suffering?
5. How can the servant endure the suffering?
6. What does the warning about torches mean in verses 10-11?

Questions for older children

1. How does verse 4 connect to Jesus’ title “Wonderful Counselor”?
2. What torches are you tempted to trust in? Why?
3. How is trusting in Jesus superior to trusting in torches?

Scripture Memory for December: (*memorize these verses of Scripture this month*)

Isaiah 9.6-7

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.⁷ Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Prayer

Prayer (*saying together*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.