

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
December 26, 2004
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

The Christian Year: First Sunday after the Incarnation

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.

Please turn off all communication devices. Thank you.

Welcome

Preparation for Worship "Sheep May Safely Graze" *J. S. Bach*
Hannah Mowry, *Piano*; Rob Mowry, *Viola*

Call to Worship *The Rev. Joseph Ryan*

Minister: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" *Luke 2.13-14*

People: **Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped . . . He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.** *Philippians 2.5, 8*

*Carols

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" *MENDELSSOHN*

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice" *INDULCI JUBILO*

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Earth and heav'n before Him bow, and He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

"See, amid the Winter's Snow" *SEE AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW*

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

Teach, O teach us, holy child, by Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee, in Thy sweet humility.

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning:
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Carol No. 227**

"On Christmas Night All Christians Sing"

SUSSEX CAROL

Public Confession

Our Father, although You are a holy God who cannot look upon sin, look upon Christ our Savior and forgive us for His sake. You have promised us that if we confess our sins, You are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We ask also that You would give us an increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, so that we may learn the wisdom of Your ways and walk in Your holy paths, for Your glory and the good of our neighbor.

Silent Confession

Song of Praise

"The Servant King"

G. Kendrick

Promise of the Gospel

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.

I Timothy 1:15

Prayer of Intercession for Christ's Church and the World The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30
The Rev. Ron Williams 11:00

Musical Offering "Mary Did You Know" *M. Lowry*
Adam Bell, *Tenor*; Lauren Bell, *Soprano*

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Isaiah 9:6

People: **And also with you.**

The Service of Friendship

If you are seated on the left end of the pew, please take the Service of Friendship pad, fill out the information and pass it down. When it arrives at the other end of the pew, pass it back, taking note of those who are seated in your row.

***Scripture Reading** Matthew 1:18-25 Mr. Chris Ryan

*Closing Hymn 193

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
Stanzas: 1 and 2

PICARDY

*Benediction

Minister: From Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father—to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Revelation 1.5-6

People: THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN!

Postlude

Mr. Colin Howland, *Organ*

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 along side 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 (Room 205, next to the Information Center) 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.

The flowers in our worship services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Thomas Kinder Farris, Sr., an exceptional father, father-in-law and grandfather by Elizabeth, Ernie, Alexandra and Audrey Figari.

*The Congregation stands.

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MINISTERS

The members of this church family who, in serving their Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, extend His Kingdom in Dallas and to the world.