

# PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

DECEMBER 18, 2005 8:00, 9:30 AND 11:00 AM

*The Christian Year: First Sunday before 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.*

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*Please turn off all communication devices. Thank you.*

### Welcome

Mr. Doug Horn 8:00  
Mr. Jack Denman 9:30/11:00

### Preparation for Worship

### Call to Worship

The Rev. Joseph Ryan

Minister: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

People: **The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye-to-eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.**

Minister: Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem.

People: **The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

Isaiah 52.7-10

**\*Hymn of Adoration** "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

*ANTIOCH*

text: Isaac Watts, 1719; based on Psalm 98

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

Dr. Ryan

**\*Confession of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism, Qs 35-36

**Minister:** What is the meaning of these words from the Apostles' Creed, "He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary"?

**People:** **That God's eternal Son, who is, and continues true and eternal God, took upon Him the very nature of man, of the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, by the operation of the Holy Spirit; that He might also be the true seed of David, like unto His brethren in all things, sin excepted.**

Minister: What profit do you receive by Christ's holy conception and nativity?

People: **That He is our Mediator, and with His innocence and perfect holiness, covers in the sight of God, our sins, wherein we were conceived and brought forth.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739

*Please be seated.*

## Public Confession of Sin

**Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of You and for ignoring Your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that You rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, we offend You in minimizing Your power and squandering Your gifts. We confess that our blindness to Your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild repentance. Have mercy upon us in Jesus' name.**

## Private Confession

## Words of Assurance and Comfort of the Gospel

His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation. He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his offspring forever.

## Song of Praise

"Holy Is Your Name"

*WILD MOUNTAIN THYME*

Text: David Haas; based on Luke 1.46-55

Nancy Heath, *Soprano*

**The Sacrament of Baptism** (9:30 and 11:00)

The Rev. Tim Tinsley 9:30  
Dr. Ryan 9:30/11:00

9:30

Ashlyn Marie Loberg  
Hattie Thayer Speicher

11:00

Brantley Carolyn Diehl

**The Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer**

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00  
The Rev. Tim Tinsley 9:30  
The Rev. Rob Allen 11:00

**Musical Offering** (9:30/11:00)

"Every Valley"  
The Chancel Choir

*John Ness Beck*

*Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain made low, and the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Amen.*

Isaiah 40.4,5

**\*Responsive Scripture Reading**

Luke 1.45-55

- Minister:** And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.
- Women** And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked on the humble estate of His servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name.
- Men:** And His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; He has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;
- Minister:** He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.
- All:** **He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to His offspring forever."**

**The Morning Sermon**

MARY: A MODEL DISCIPLE  
"Faith in God's Purposes"

Dr. Ryan

☞ Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00, continue on page 8 ☞

## The Great Thanksgiving

Mr. Williams

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:**

*Please Stand.*

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Please be seated.*

## The Words of Institution

Mr. Williams

## The Communion

*Please hold the bread and cup, and we will all partake together.*

## During the Serving of Communion

*During the serving of the bread, please meditate on this Scripture:*

Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
    who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for Me  
    One who is to be Ruler in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
    from ancient days.  
Therefore He shall give them up until the time  
    when she who is in labor has given birth;  
then the rest of His brothers shall return  
    to the people of Israel.  
And He shall stand and shepherd His flock  
    in the strength of the Lord,  
    in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God.  
And they shall dwell secure, for now He shall be great  
    to the ends of the earth.  
And He shall be their peace.

*During the cup, you may use the following hymn text for private prayer:*

The Son of God, th' Eternal King  
That did us all salvation bring,  
    And freed the soul from danger;  
He whom the whole world could not take,  
The Word, which heaven and earth did make,  
    Was now laid in a manger.

The Father's wisdom willed it so,  
The Son's obedience knew no "No,"  
    Both wills were in one stature.  
And as that wisdom had decreed,  
The Word was now made Flesh indeed,  
    And took on Him our nature.

What comfort by Him do we win?  
Who made Himself the prince of sin?  
    To make us heirs of glory?  
To see this Babe, all innocence;  
A martyr born in our defence;  
    Can man forget this story?

—from "A Hymn on the Nativity of My Savior" by Ben Jonson

*You may dispose of your cup at the doorways as you leave.*

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

**\*Closing Hymn** "Tell Out My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord" *TOULON*  
text: Timothy D. Smith, 1965

**\*The Benediction**

**Minister:** To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

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

**Postlude**

Mr. Colin Howland, *Organ*

*\*The Congregation stands.*

**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

**Do you know for certain you will spend eternity with God? Elders and prayer leaders are available and eager to meet with you and pray with you in complete confidence. Please join us in Room 200 (north of Fellowship Hall) following the worship service.**

*"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*



### Christmas Eve

Two Family Services: 3:00 and 5:00 pm

Traditional Service: 9:00 pm

### Christmas Day

Two Services: 9:30 and 11:00 am

*(no 8:00 am service that morning)*

## 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.

*"How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth."*

Psalm 119:103

The great desire of the elders is that PCPC be a church immersed in the Word of God. In order to see this happen, we have provided each household a copy of the *One Year Bible*. If you have yet to receive your copy of the *One Year Bible*, they are available on a table in the south foyer. For your convenience this week's reading is listed below. *This information is also posted on the PCPC web site: [www.pcpc.org](http://www.pcpc.org).*

Date	Old Testament	Psalms	Proverbs	New Testament
12/18	Habakkuk 1.1-3.19	137.1-9	30.10	Revelation 9.1-21
12/19	Zephaniah 1.1-3.20	138.1-8	30.11-14	Revelation 10.1-11
12/20	Haggai 1.1-2.23	139.1-24	30.15-16	Revelation 11.1-19
12/21	Zechariah 1.1-21	140.1-13	30.17	Revelation 12.1-17
12/22	Zechariah 2.1-3.10	141.1-10	30.18-20	Revelation 13.1-18
12/23	Zechariah 4.1-5.11	142.1-7	30.21-23	Revelation 14.1-20
12/24	Zechariah 6.1-7.14	143.1-12	30.24-28	Revelation 15.1-8