



PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
December 25, 2005
9:30 and 11:00 am

The Christian Year: The Incarnation of our Lord

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.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. 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, good will toward men.

Luke 2:8-14

Welcome

Preparation for Worship "Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor" *arr. Nielson*
Mason McCamey, *Tenor*
Stephen Nielson, *Piano*

Call to Worship

The Rev. Joseph Ryan

Minister: Come and worship! Worship Christ the Incarnate King!

People: His Name is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Worthy is Christ of all praise and honor and glory and blessing!

***Hymn of Adoration**

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

REGENT SQUARE

text: James Montgomery, 1816

***Prayer of Adoration**

Dr. Ryan

***Hymn of Praise**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

text: Atr. to John Francis Wade, 1751

***Confession of Faith**

I believe that Jesus was in the form of God and did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped. He emptied Himself, took the form of a servant, and was born in our own likeness. I believe He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death. I believe God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name. I believe that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every knee in heaven and on earth and under the earth. I believe that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

based on Philippians 2.6-11

Please be seated.

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flock by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. (*Refrain*)

Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (*Refrain*)

"Away in a Manger"

MUELLER

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

IN DULCI JUBILO

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!

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ST. LOUIS

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Public Confession of Sin

Lord, You are a God who keeps promises. In our prayers and songs we say that we want to be Christians, but then we forget our promises. Lord, we are like sheep, and we get lost. We forget the needs of our neighbors and do not love You above all else. We need a Savior, so we long for Jesus. Come, fill our lives, Lord Jesus.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Comfort of the Gospel

Our Lord was given the name Jesus, which means, "The Lord saves,"
because He would save His people from their sins. based on Matthew 1.21

The Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Pete Deison 9:30
The Rev. Patrick Lafferty 11:00

Musical Offering

"Jesus Christ the Apple Tree"
Messrs. McCamey and Nielson

Poston

***Scripture Readings**

Genesis 3.1-6 - The Dark Angel

Sydney Pedigo 9:30
Margaret Merrick 11:00

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'"² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Matthew 1:20-23 - The Dream Angel

Sam McQuilkin 9:30
Weston Mighell 11:00

But as Joseph considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:
²³"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

Luke 1:26-33 - The Announcing Angel

Meredith Bessellieu 9:30
Marian Turner 11:00

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.
²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus.³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David,³³ and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His Kingdom there will be no end."

Luke 2:8-14 - The Praising Angels

Thomas Neuhoff 9:30
Cole Harrison 11:00

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people.¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a Baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"

The Morning Sermon "Angels Who Tell the Truth"

Dr. Ryan

***Closing Hymn** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA
Traditional French Carol

***The Benediction**

Minister: The joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the Magi, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

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

*The Congregation stands.

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for His greatest gift.

"For to us a Child is born; to us a Son is givenHe will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

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

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

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.*

Date	Old Testament	Psalms	Proverbs	New Testament
12/25	Zechariah 8.1-23	144.1-15	30.29.31	Revelation 16.1-21
12/26	Zechariah 9.1-17	145.1-21	30.32	Revelation 17.1-18
12/27	Zechariah 10.1-11.17	146.1-10	30.33	Revelation 18.1-24
12/28	Zechariah 12.1-13.9	147.1-20	31.1-7	Revelation 19.1-21
12/29	Zechariah 14.1-21	148.1-14	31.8-9	Revelation 20.1-15
12/30	Malachi 1.1-2.17	149.1-9	31.10-24	Revelation 21.1-27
12/31	Malachi 3.1-4.6	150.1-6	31.25-31	Revelation 22.1-21