



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church

December 6, 2009

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

Second 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 2.2

Preparation for Worship

9:30/11:00

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!”

VENI EMMANUEL

setting by Hal H. Hopson

High School Ensemble • Covenant Choir • Chapel Choir

Hannah Mowrey and Jason Tenpenny, *Handbells*

Lynda Fray, *Director*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high, and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Children's Sermon

9:30/11:00

The Rev. Mark Davis

We Praise and Profess Our Faith in God
“My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.”
Psalm 145.21

Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00
The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

Minister: Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

People: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable.

Minister: He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might He increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted.

People: But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 41:10, 40.28-31

***Hymn of Adoration No. 196 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”**

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***Prayer of Adoration**

***Confession of Faith**

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 8:00
The Rev. Patrick Lafferty 9:30
The Rev. Ron Williams 11:00

To all those for whom Christ has purchased redemption, He does certainly and effectually apply and communicate the same; making intercession for them, and revealing unto them, in and by the Word, the mysteries of salvation; effectually persuading them by His Spirit to believe and obey, and governing their hearts by His Word and Spirit; overcoming all their enemies by His almighty power and wisdom, in such manner, and ways, as are most consonant to His wonderful and unsearchable dispensation.

Westminster Confession of Faith, VIII.8

***Carol of Praise No. 214 “Angels We Have Heard on High”**

GLORIA

Please be seated.

Public Confession of Sin

Lord, we have not kept watch for You.
We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns.
We have not waited to find Your will for us.
We have not noticed the needs of the people around us.
We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us.
Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness.
Help us to wait to know Your will.
Help us to look out for the needs of others.
Help us to work and watch for Your coming.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1.8-9

Song of Praise

"Jesus, Your Name"

Getty

930/11:00



1. Je - sus, Your name, Prince of Peace; Qui - ets my
2. Je - sus, Your name, Coun - sel - or; Won - der - ful
3. Je - sus, Your name, Migh - ty God; All Pow'r - ful

soul, tre - sures the least. In per - fect rest
Way, Life's Com - for - ter. Spi - rit of Truth de -
One, ru - ling in love. There is a King u -

You will keep all whose hope is in You.
fend - ing me, though in me was the blame.
pon the throne earth can - not o - ver - throw.

Je - sus, Your name can sil - ence the storms; the
Je - sus, Your name has stood in my place and
Je - sus, Your name, great ban - ner of hope;

striv - ings that trou - ble our world. Je - sus, Your name
freed me from hope - less shame; Je - sus, Your name
stead - ies the knees of the weak. Je - sus, the name

re - veals You as Lord; Oh, po - wer - ful name!
now fa - thers me; with joy I bear His name.
all na - tions will praise; Oh, glo - ri - ous name!

We Pray for Our Congregation, the Church, and the World

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people . . . This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

1 Timothy 2.1, 3-4

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Lamberth 8:00
Mr. Lafferty 9:30
Mr. Williams 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" *arr. Chapman*
Mr. Colin Howland, *Organ*

9:30/11:00 "Gloria" *Vivaldi*
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, *Director*
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: Now in Christ Jesus, we who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ, for He Himself is our peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Ephesians 2.13-14

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.

We Hear and Respond to God's Word

Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do."

Exodus 24.3

***The Scripture Reading**

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. 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.

The Morning Sermon AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED
"Wonderful Counselor"

Mr. Williams 8:00
Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

***The Great Thanksgiving**

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.

We Proclaim Jesus Christ Crucified as the Only Salvation for Sinners

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 14:6

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing**

***The Words of Institution**

The Communion

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.

During the Serving of Communion

Please use the following Scripture for private meditation.

Psalm 44

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us, what deeds You performed in their days, in the days of old: You with Your own hand drove out the nations, but them You planted; You afflicted the peoples, but them You set free; for not by their own sword did they win the land, nor did their own arm save them, but Your right hand and Your arm, and the light of Your face, for You delighted in them.

You are my King, O God; ordain salvation for Jacob! Through You we push down our foes; through Your name we tread down those who rise up against us. For not in my bow do I trust, nor can my sword save me. But You have saved us from our foes and have put to shame those who hate us. In God we have boasted continually, and we will give thanks to Your name forever.

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

We go into the World with God's Peace to Live for His Glory

"Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

Hebrews 13:20-21

***Closing Carol No. 207** *"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"* *IN DULCI JUBILO*

***Benediction**

Minister: Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Jude 24-25

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

Postlude *"Choral Improvisation on In Dulci Jubilo"* *Karg-Elert*
Mr. Colin Howland, *Organ*

**The congregation stands.*

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.

DO YOU HAVE A PASTORAL PRAYER REQUEST?

The PCPC pastors set aside the first Monday of each month to spend the day in prayer for our church family. You may send a prayer request, which will be kept in confidence, to the pastors between now and tomorrow (*Monday*) morning by 8:00 am via email.

Please send your prayer request to: PastorsPrayer@pcpc.org

**Sunday Evening Worship Service
Tonight, December 6, 2009
6:00 pm • Oak Lawn West**

Mr. Russ Whitfield
Philippians 3.1-11

Home Worship Guide

This page is to help you get started worshipping in your home. For more ideas and in-depth resources, be sure to check out the PCPC website by going to the Family Worship link on the pcpc.org home page. The Family Worship site is under development, so keep checking back for new updates!

What is home worship?

Home worship is time set aside to love, adore, and enjoy our Heavenly Father in our homes and with our families.

Who is home worship for?

Everyone! If you belong to Christ, He wants you to know the joy of spending time with Him daily. Home worship is for children, parents, couples, singles, grandparents, empty-nesters, anyone who is a child of the King!

When and where should we have home worship?

Do your best to schedule a regular time. Make it part of your routine. That way, everyone who participates will know when it is supposed to happen. Some good times are:

1. First thing in the morning right after breakfast;
2. At the dinner table immediately following the meal;
3. Right before bedtime.

If you are just beginning to try home worship, try this once or twice a week. If you already are doing it once or twice a week, try to increase the frequency. Ultimately, you will enjoy your Heavenly Father the most when you spend the most time with Him! Resources for daily worship will be available at worship.pcpc.org.

How do we do home worship?

1. **How do I know what to do?** There is a simple order in this worship bulletin to help guide you. Home worship is simply an extension and simplification of what happens in corporate worship every Sunday morning. Use your experience on Sunday mornings to guide you in worshipping at home. The elements of worship taken from Sunday mornings into the home are praise, prayer, and reading and learning the scriptures. If a family is able, singing is encouraged. If not, no big deal! Be flexible in adapting this guide to suit the needs of your family situation. Home worship also offers the opportunity to ask questions, give prayer requests, and have discussion in ways which do not happen in corporate worship.
2. **How long should it take?** No more than 10 or 15 minutes. If your family loves to go longer, then go longer!
3. **How do I deal with wiggly children?** Make parts of home worship wiggly! Move while you are singing, act out the scripture reading, ask the discussion questions while taking a family walk. Be creative and your children will love it. Be sure to teach the discipline of listening. See worship.pcpc.org for more ideas for families with young children!
4. **How do I get help?** Contact one of our pastors or elders. Check out the PCPC website.

Daily Prayer Guide

Monday: Pray for one another (What's happening this week? Any sickness? Problems? If able, share with one another some area in your life in which God wants you to grow. Confess sins to one another)

Tuesday: Pray for your relatives and friends

Wednesday: Pray for those in authority: President Obama, government officials, local leaders, teachers at school.

Thursday: Pray for people you know who don't know Jesus.

Friday: Pray for the Church around the world, for missionaries, for the extending of God's Kingdom.

Saturday: Pray for PCPC, for the pastors and elders, the deacons and staff members. Pray for those who are sick and in need of care. Pray for the worship which is going to take place on Sunday morning.

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 6, 2009
Praise

Psalm 98.4 *(all together saying)*

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

"Joy to the World!" *(sing or say these words together)*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let the earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9.2-7

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

Read Isaiah 9.6-7

1. What are the four names given to Christ in Isaiah 9.6?
2. Pastor Davis focused on Wonderful Counselor this week in his sermon. What is a counselor? *(explain to younger children)*
3. What makes Jesus a Wonderful Counselor?
4. How does Jesus give His counsel?

Read Luke 10.38-41

5. What was wrong with Martha?
6. How did Jesus counsel her—what did He say to her?
7. What did Mary do that Martha should have done?
8. Are you anxious and upset about anything? Let's take it to the feet of Jesus in prayer.

For older children:

9. Pastor Davis taught us that Christ's counsel is wonderful because of His knowledge, compassion, presence, and illumination. How does this encourage you today?
10. What was the "one thing necessary" that Jesus spoke of to Martha?
11. Are you choosing that "one thing"?

Scripture Memory *(memorize these verses of scripture this month)*

Luke 1.30-33

And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus. 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, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His Kingdom there will be no end."

Prayer

(Additional prayer ideas may be found on page eight of the bulletin.)

Prayer *(all saying together)*

All glory to You, great God, for the gift of Your Son, light in the darkness and hope of the world, whom You sent to save us. With singing angels, let us praise Your name and tell the earth His story, that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down, acknowledging Your love through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" *(sing or say these words together)*

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.