

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 28, 2010

8:00, 9:30 AND 11:00 AM

First 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

Call to Worship

The Rev. Patrick Lafferty

Minister: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD
has risen upon you. Isaiah 60.1

**People: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have
seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of
grace and truth.** John 1.14

Minister: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the
peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and His glory will be
seen upon you. And nations shall come to Your light, and kings
to the brightness of Your rising. Isaiah 60:2-3

**People: In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light
shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**
John 1.4-5

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*

***Hymn No. 196**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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***Prayer of Adoration**

***Confession of Faith**

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00
The Rev. Bill Lamberth 9:30
The Rev. Julian Russell 11:00

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

from The Nicene Creed

***Hymn of Praise No. 208**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELES

Please be seated.

Public Confession of Sin

God of grace, You have given us Jesus, the light of the world, but we choose darkness and cling to things that hide the brightness of Your love. Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life. Baptize us with Your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may preach Your Word to the nations and tell of Your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our light forever.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. To all who have received Him, to those who believe in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.

Song of Praise

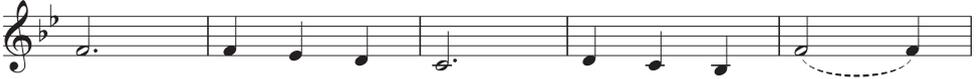
“Jesus, Your Name”

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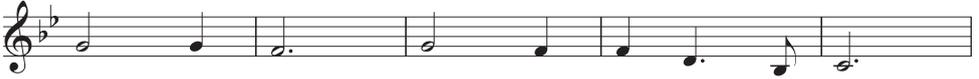
9:30/11:00



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, trea - 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

Dr. Deison 8:00
 Mr. Bob Heinonen, Elder 9:30
 Mr. Rick Owens, Elder 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

Mr. Colin Howland, Organ

Chancel Choir • Colin Howland, *Director* • Stephen Nielson, *Piano*
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.

*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

Luke 2.22-35

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord")²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons."²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the Law,²⁸ he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹ "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word;³⁰ for my eyes have seen Your salvation³¹ that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples,³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel."

³³ And His father and His mother marveled at what was said about Him.³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

The Morning Sermon

"Through Simeon's Eyes"

Mr. Lafferty

*The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

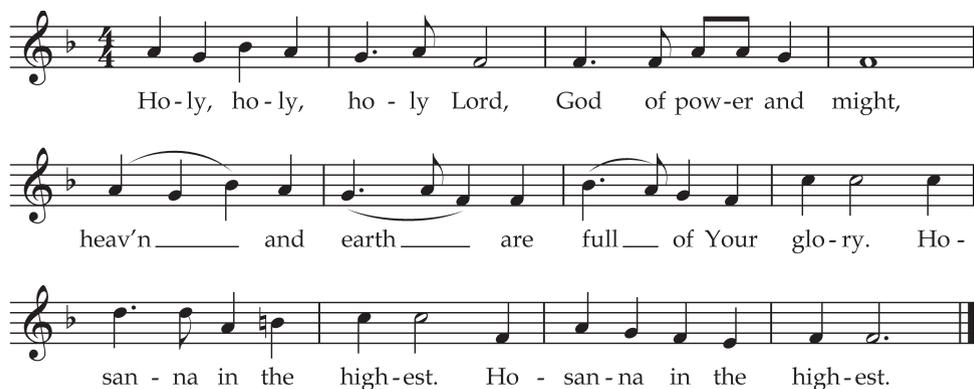
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing

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

*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.

Please use the following Scripture for private meditation.

Psalm 68.9-12

For zeal for Your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me. When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting, it became my reproach. When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them. I am the talk of those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about me.

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

***Closing Hymn**

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

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Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by Thee;
Vis - it, then, this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of righ-teous - ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
joy - less is the day's re - turn till Thy mer - cy's face I see;
fill me, Ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more Thy - self dis play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

***The Benediction**

Minister: May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

“March upon a Theme of Handel”
Mr. Howland, *Organ*

Guilmant

**The congregation stands.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of Mike McMahon. Thanks be to God for our precious Papa from Masyn, Anna, Sutton, Maddie and Owen.

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.

SERMON NOTES

Luke 2.22-35

“Through Simeon's Eyes”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of November 28, 2010

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Isaiah 60.1

“Jesus, Your Name” *(sing or say these words together)*

Please refer to hymn on page four

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: *Luke 2.22-35 (one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. Do you ever think about death? What do you feel when you think about it? Fear about having to say goodbye? Curiosity about heaven?
2. Why was Simeon "at peace" about dying?
3. What does "salvation" mean? What does Jesus save us from? What does He save us for/to?
4. How did Jesus bring us salvation? Why did He?
5. Why might receiving His salvation give us peace like it did for Simeon?

Questions for older children

6. Why might've Joseph and Mary "marveled" to hear that Jesus' salvation was for Jews and Gentiles?
7. Why would people end up opposing Jesus? Why do you think Simeon mentioned that to Mary?
8. Respond to/evaluate this statement: *To find true life, you have to discover what brings peace in death.* How does Jesus give that peace?

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

Philippians 2.8-11

⁸ And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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.

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” *(sing or say these words together)*

Please refer to hymn on page seven