

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 5, 2010

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.*

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## ***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**

9:30/11:00

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*  
High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir  
Lynda Fray; *Director* • Hannah Mowrey, *Piano*

*Taylor Davis*

## **Call to Worship**

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

**Minister:** Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

**People:** **A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God."**

**Minister:** Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

**People:** **And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."**

*Isaiah 40.1-5*

## ***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. 203**

*"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"*

*MENDELSSOHN*

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Confession of Faith**

The Rev. Jeff White 8:00  
The Rev. Patrick Lafferty 9:30  
The Rev. Ron Williams 11:00

**It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of His church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.**

Westminster Confession of Faith 8.1

**\*Hymn No. 195**

“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

ANTIOCH

*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. Amen.**

**Private Confession**

**Words of Assurance**

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Romans 8:33-34

**Hymn No. 194**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

9:30/11:00

***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. White 8:00  
Mr. Lafferty 9:30  
Mr. Williams 11:00

## Musical Offering

8:00

“Gesù Bambino”  
Megan Knapp and Frances Cope, *Sopranos*

*Pietro A. Yon*

9:30/11:00

“And the Glory of the Lord” from *Messiah*  
Chancel Choir • Jeff Berta, *Conductor*

*Handel*

*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.*

Isaiah 40.5

## \*The Greeting of Peace

**Minister:** Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Colossians 3.15

**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*

## Children's Sermon

9:30/11:00

## \*The Scripture Reading

Luke 2.36-38

*And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin,<sup>37</sup> and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.<sup>38</sup> And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.*

## The Morning Sermon

“Through Anna's Eyes”

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!

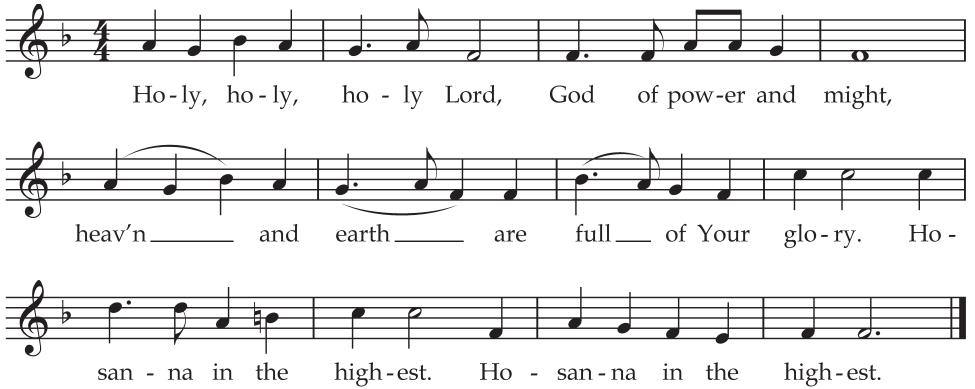
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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.

**\*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 69.13-21

*But as for me, my prayer is to You, O Lord. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of Your steadfast love answer me in Your saving faithfulness. Deliver me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters. Let not the flood sweep over me or the deep swallow me up, or the pit close its mouth over me.*

*Answer me, O Lord, for Your steadfast love is good; according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me. Hide not Your face from Your servant; for I am in distress; make haste to answer me. Draw near to my soul, redeem me; ransom me because of my enemies!*

*You know my reproach, and my shame and my dishonor; my foes are all known to You. Reproaches have broken my heart, so that I am in despair. I looked for pity, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none. They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.*

— Worshippers 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."*

**\*Closing Hymn No. 198** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

TRURO

**\*The Benediction**

**Minister:** According to His promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by Him without spot or blemish, and at peace; and count the patience of our Lord as salvation. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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

**Postlude**

Mr. Howland, Organ

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of Mary Jackson by her family.*

*\*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.**

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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.

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### **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 2.36-38*

“Through Anna's Eyes”

## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 5, 2010

### Praise

#### **Call to Worship** *(everyone together)*

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God."  
Isaiah 40.1-2

#### **"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"** *(sing or say these words together)*

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 the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

### Hearing and Learning God's Word

#### **Scripture Reading:** *Luke 2.36-38 (one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What does Luke 2.36-38 tell us about Anna?
2. Where was she and what was she doing?
3. What is fasting?
4. From what types of things can we fast?
5. Why do people fast?

#### **Questions for older children**

6. Have you ever fasted?
7. How can we worship through fasting?
8. Luke 2.38 says, "And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem." What do you think she talked about?
9. What is the *Redemption of Jerusalem*?

#### **Scripture Memory for December** *(memorize this verse of Scripture this month)*

John 1.14:

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.

### 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.

#### **"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"** *(sing or say these words together)*

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold the King of glory waits;  
The King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.