

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 12, 2010

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

Third 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

Hymn No. 230 "Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor"

QUELLE EST

Call to Worship

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

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

People: **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.**

Minister: And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Isaiah 60:1-3

People: **Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him, small and great.** Revelation 19:5

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. 218

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

REGENT SQUARE

*Prayer of Adoration

*Confession of Faith

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00
The Rev. Patrick Lafferty 9:30
The Rev. Bill Lamberth 11:00

The Son of God, the second Person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon Him man's nature, with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one Person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which Person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.

Westminster Confession of Faith 8.2

*Hymn No. 207

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

IN DULCI JUBILO

Please be seated.

Public Confession of Sin

God of the Bethlehem star,
everyone is searching for Your light
shining in the face of Christ.
The Magi sought Christ simply to worship Him.
But Herod sought Him to appease his jealous anger.
We confess that our motives in seeking Jesus are not pure.
We do not come simply to worship:
We come to Christ asking His benefits of reassurance, health, wealth;
asking Him to fulfill the hundred petitions
for not-so-important requests that we heap before Him.
But the Magi sought first the kingdom.
Help us, God, to follow their example,
putting our own need in perspective,
worshiping the Christ in love, content to be in Your presence,
and laying our gifts before You.
Then may we journey, trusting that Your goodness and light
will accompany us all the days of our life.

based on Matthew 2.1-16; 6.33

Private Confession

Words of Assurance

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1.5-7

Hymn**"We Three Kings of Orient Are"**

KINGS OF ORIENT

9:30/11:00

We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
 Born a king on Beth - le - hem plain, gold I
 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I,
 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 Glo - rious now be - hold Him a - rise, King, and

gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 bring to crown Him a - gain, King for ev - er,
 owns a De - i - ty nigh, prayer and prais - ing,
 life of ga - ther - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 God, and sa - cri - fice! Heav'n sings Al - le -

Refrain

moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star:
 ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign:
 all men rais - ing, wor - ship Him, God most high:
 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb:
 lu - ia: Al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies:

O — star of won-der, star of night, star with roy-al beau-ty bright;

west-ward lead - ing, still pro-ceed-ing, guide us to Thy per-fect light.

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison 8:00
 Mr. Lafferty 9:30
 Mr. Lamberth 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

"How Beautiful are the Feet" from *Messiah*
 Megan Knapp, Soprano • J. Marty Cope, Organ

Handel

9:30/11:00

"Lowly Bethlehem"
 Chancel Choir • Colin Howland, Director

Nagy

*Lowly town, Bethlehem, humble village of David. Holy town, Bethlehem,
 bless the Child born to you. Poor and small, Bethlehem, in the portion of Judah,
 least of all, Bethlehem, yet our Lord comes to you. So with angels we sing
 Hallelujah! And warmly welcome our King, the only Son of God above.*

*O Lion of Judah, asleep in a stable, the peace of all nations there resting in
 You. O Lion of Judah, asleep in a stable, the hopes of all nations are vested in
 You. Here you set aside Your majesty, taking on a servant's form, heir to flesh
 and death's indignity, wrapped in rags to keep You warm. Though no comforts*

were afforded You, with no place to lay Your head, though no glories were accorded You, Jesus, You are Lord of all.

Gloria in excelsis, God most high! Lowly town, Bethlehem, humble village of David. Least of all, Bethlehem, yet our Lord comes to you.

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Romans 5:1

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

Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,² saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him."³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶ "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a Ruler
who will shepherd My people Israel."

⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the Child, and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him."⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the Child was.¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.¹¹ And going into the house they saw the Child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

The Morning Sermon

"Through the Magi's Eyes"

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

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

*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 69.22-29

Let their own table before them become a snare; and when they are at peace, let it become a trap. Let their eyes be darkened, so that they cannot see and make their loins tremble continually. Pour out Your indignation upon them, and let Your burning anger overtake them.

May their camp be a desolation; let no one dwell in their tents. For they persecute him whom You have struck down, and they recount the pain of those You have wounded. Add to them punishment upon punishment; may they have no acquittal from You. Let them be blotted out of the book of the living; let them not be enrolled among the righteous. But I am afflicted and in pain; let Your salvation, O God, set me on high!

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

***Closing Hymn No. 226** "As with Gladness Men of Old"

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***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

Mr. Cope, *Organ*

**The congregation stands.*

For information regarding PCPC's Sunday Morning Communities, please visit the Information Center located up the steps just outside the front south door of the sanctuary. Someone there will be happy to assist you.

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

Matthew 2.1-12
“Through the Magi’s Eyes”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 12, 2010

Praise

Call to Worship (*everyone together*)

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

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory" (*sing or say these words together*)

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2.1-12 (*one person read the Scripture aloud*)

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

1. How did the Magi's journey begin?
2. How does every Christian's journey begin?
3. What is the purpose of the Magi's journey?
4. How does this passage describe who Jesus is?
5. What do the Magi do when they see Jesus? What will we do?
6. Why did they bring gifts?

Questions for older children

7. How do we hear the shepherd's voice?
8. How is our journey similar to the Magi's?
9. What can we learn from their journey?
10. What does this passage teach us about Jesus?

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.

"We Three Kings of Orient Are" (*sing or say these words together*)

Please see hymn on page four