

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 19, 2010

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

*Fourth 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**

**Hymn No. 225**

*"Once in Royal David's City"*

*IRBY*

## **Call to Worship**

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00

The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

**Minister:** Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

**People:** **He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then He will speak to them in His wrath, and terrify them in His fury, saying, "As for me, I have set My King on Zion, My holy hill."**

**Minister:** I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

**People:** **Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.**

*from Psalm 2*

## ***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. 214**

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

*GLORIA*

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Confession of Faith**

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

Minister: What was the estate of Christ's humiliation?

**People: The estate of Christ's humiliation was that low condition, wherein He for our sakes, emptying Himself of His glory, took upon Him the form of a servant, in His conception and birth, life, death, and after His death, until His resurrection.**

Minister: How did Christ humble Himself in His conception and birth?

**People: Christ humbled Himself in His conception and birth, in that, being from all eternity the Son of God, in the bosom of the Father, He was pleased in the fullness of time to become the Son of man, made of a woman of low estate, and to be born of her; with divers circumstances of more than ordinary abasement.**

Larger Cat. Questions 46-48

**\*Hymn**

*"From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable"*

*Townend*

From the squalor of a borrowed stable,  
King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,  
Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,  
Now He's standing in the place of honor,  
by the Spirit and a virgin's faith;  
humble servant in the Father's hands,  
He was lifted on a cruel cross;  
crowned with glory on the highest throne,  
to the anguish and the shame of scandal  
filled with power and the Holy Spirit,  
He was punished for a world's transgressions,  
interceding for His own beloved  
came the Savior of the human race! But the  
filled with mercy for the broken man. Yes, He  
He was suffering to save the lost. He  
till His Father calls to bring them home! Then the  
skies were filled with the praise of heav'n, shepherds listen as the  
walked my road and He felt my pain, joys and sorrows that I  
fights for breath, He fights for me, loosening sinners from the  
skies will part as the trumpet sounds hope of heaven or the  
an-gels tell of the Gift of God come down to man  
know so well; yet His righteous steps give me hope a-gain:  
claims of hell; and with a shout our souls set free:  
fear of hell; but the Bride will run to her Lov-er's arms,  
at the dawn-ing of Im-man-u-el.  
I will fol-low my Im-man-u-el!  
death de-feat-ed by Im-man-u-el!  
giv-ing glo-ry to Im-man-u-el!

## The Sacrament of Baptism

9:30/11:00

The Rev. Bill Lamberth  
The Rev. Patrick Lafferty  
Dr. Pete Deison

### Parental Vows

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

### Congregational Vow

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of these children?

9:30

11:00

Harrison Campbell Wade  
McKinley Annabel Wade  
Emerson Olivia Wade  
Thatcher Holden Wade  
Noah Anthony Whittle

Caroline Anne Palmer  
Emma Grace Cecilia Menerey  
Silas James Porter  
Grace Parker White  
Gable Rose Scott

### Hymn No. 213

9:30/11:00

“What Child Is This”

GREENSLEEVES

### Public Confession of Sin

Lord Christ,  
we confess our willingness to be loved  
but also our reluctance to love.  
We confess our readiness to accept Your forgiving love  
but also our refusal to forgive.  
We confess our eagerness to grasp Your offer of redeeming love  
but also our resistance to follow You without question.  
In this Advent time, forgive us our failure  
to respond as we should.  
Come to us anew, and by Your grace, assist us to receive You  
with joy as the shepherds;  
with gratitude, as Simeon;  
with obedience, as Mary;  
with love, as You have loved us.  
Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

### Private Confession

## Words of Assurance

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; He has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing.

Zephaniah 3:14-17

### *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

Dr. Deison 9:30

Mr. Lafferty 11:00

## Musical Offering

8:00

"Birthday of a King"  
Crystal Szoelloesi, Soprano

W. H. Neidlinger

9:30/11:00

"Unto Us Is Born a Son"  
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, Director

arr. Willcocks

*Unto us is born a Son, King of quires supernal: See on earth His life begun, of lords the Lord eternal.*

*Christ, from heav'n descending low, comes on earth a stranger; ox and ass their owner know, be cradled in the manger.*

*This did Herod sore affray, and grievously bewilder, so he gave the word to slay and slew the little childer.*

*Of His love and mercy mild this the Christmas story; and O that Mary's gentle Child might lead us up to glory.*

*Unto us a Boy is born! The King of all creation; came He to a world forlorn, the Lord of every nation.*

## \*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.*

*Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> 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." <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.*

*<sup>13</sup> Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the Child, to destroy Him." <sup>14</sup> And he rose and took the Child and His mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."*

*<sup>16</sup> Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:*

*<sup>18</sup> "A voice was heard in Ramah,  
weeping and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."*

*<sup>19</sup> But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup> saying, "Rise, take the Child and His mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child's life are dead."*

**The Morning Sermon**

*"Through Herod's Eyes"*

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

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

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

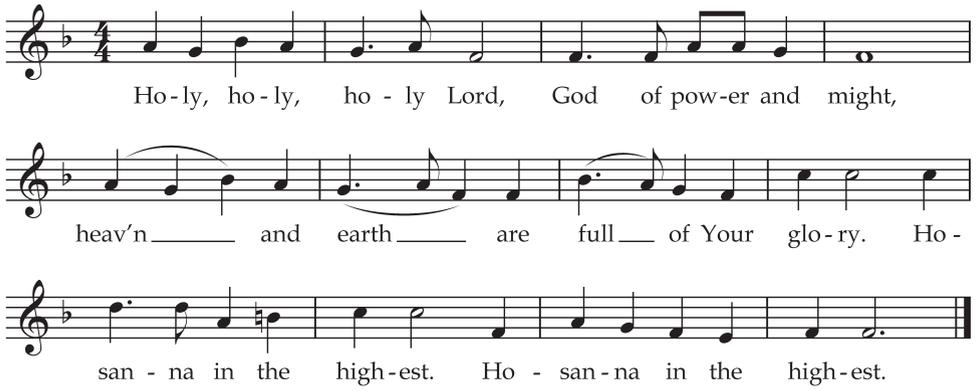
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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**

**\*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.*

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

**\*Closing Hymn No. 211 “God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”** GOD REST YOU MERRY

**\*The Benediction**

Minister: Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even He who arises to rule the Gentiles; in Him will the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:12-13  
 People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Postlude**

Mr. Howland, *Organ*

*\*The congregation stands.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Caroline Steindorf and Will Kinney.*

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

# SERMON NOTES

*Matthew 2.7-20*  
"Through Herod's Eyes"

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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.**

## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 19, 2010

### Praise

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

I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your heritage, and the ends of the earth Your possession. Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

from Psalm 2

#### **"From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable"** *(sing or say these words together)*

Please refer to hymn on page three

### Hearing and Learning God's Word

#### **Scripture Reading:** *Matthew 2.7-20 (one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What are some ways that people display a hatred of Christmas?
2. What is the difference between hating Christmas and hating Christ?
3. Why did Herod want to kill Jesus?
4. How does the story of Herod relate to the story of baby Moses?
5. From what does the Redeemer deliver us?
6. To what does the Redeemer deliver us?

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

7. How does the Father deliver the Redeemer, and how does the Redeemer deliver us?
8. Identify what it means to be a God-hater.
9. Why did the Magi return home by a different route?

#### **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.

#### **"What Child Is This?"** *(sing or say these words together)*

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary