



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 11, 2011

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

9:30/11:00

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"
Brian Piper, *piano* • David Fray, *cello*

arr. Piper

We Come to Worship at His Bidding

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!"

Psalm 150.6

Call to Worship

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

Minister: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

People: **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.**

Minister: 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.

People: **The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.**

Isaiah 9.2-7

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. Julian Russell 8:00

Dr. Pete Deison 9:30

The Rev. Patrick Lafferty 11:00

We believe that Jesus Christ according to His divine nature is the only begotten Son of God, begotten from eternity, not made, nor created (for then He would be a creature), but co-essential and co-eternal with the Father, the very image of His substance and the effulgence of His glory, equal unto Him in all things. He is the Son of God, not only from the time that He assumed our nature but from all eternity, as these testimonies, when compared together, teach us. Moses says that God created the world; and St. John says that all things were made by that Word which he calls God. The apostle says that God made the world by His Son; likewise, that God created all things by Jesus Christ. Therefore it must needs follow that He who is called God, the Word, the Son, and Jesus Christ, did exist at that time when all things were created by Him. Therefore the prophet Micah says: His goings forth are from of old, from everlasting. And the apostle: He hath neither beginning of days nor end of life. He therefore is that true, eternal, and almighty God whom we invoke, worship, and serve.

Belgic Confession of Faith, Article 10

***Carols of Praise**

No. 229

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

No. 216

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

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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 and Pardon of the Gospel

But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Romans 8:10-11

Hymn No. 230 “Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor” *QUELLE EST*
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. Russell 8:00
Dr. Deison 9:30
Mr. Lafferty 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00 “Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring” *arr. Piper*
 Brian Piper, *piano* • David Fray, *cello*

9:30/11:00 “Star Carol” *John Rutter*
 Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, *director*

Sing this night, for a Boy is born in Bethlehem, Christ our Lord in a lowly manger lies; bring your gifts, come and worship at His cradle; hurry to Bethlehem and see the Son of Mary!

See His star shining bright in the sky this Christmas night! Follow me joyfully; hurry to Bethlehem and see the Son of Mary!

Angels bright, come from heaven's highest glory, bear the news with its message of good cheer: Sing, rejoice, for a King is come to save us, hurry to Bethlehem and see the Son of Mary!

See, He lies in His mother's tender keeping; Jesus Christ in her loving arms asleep. Shepherds poor, come to worship and adore Him, offer their humble gifts before the Son of Mary!

Let us all pay our homage at the manger, sing His praise on this joyful Christmas night; Christ is come, bringing promise of salvation; hurry to Bethlehem and see the Son of Mary!

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Colossians 1.19-20

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.

*The Scripture Reading

Mark 2.13-17

He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to Him, and He was teaching them. ¹⁴ And as He passed by, He saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and He said to him, "Follow Me." And he rose and followed Him. ¹⁵ And as He reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and His disciples, for there were many who followed Him. ¹⁶ And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that He was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to His disciples, "Why does He eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹⁷ And when Jesus heard it, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

The Morning Sermon

"Christ Came Not to Call
the Righteous, but Sinners"

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

— Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00, continue at closing hymn on page six —

*The Great Thanksgiving 8:00

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

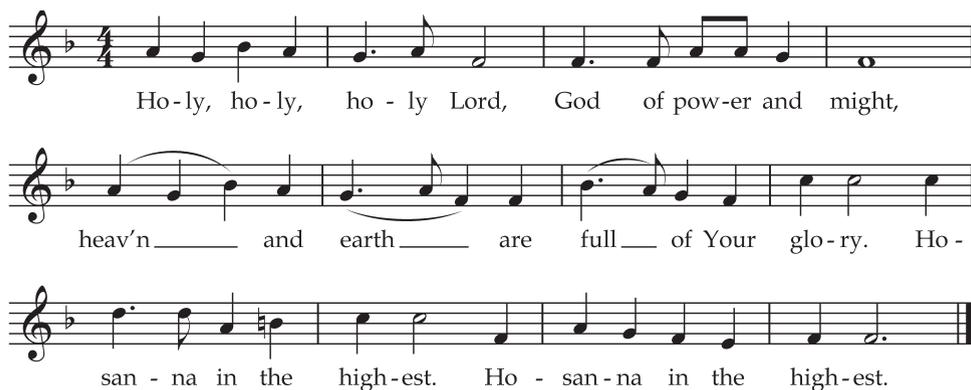
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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 8:00**

***The Words of Institution 8:00**

The Communion 8:00

*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,
 you may use the following Scripture for private meditation.*

Psalm 80.1-7

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Your might and come to save us! Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved! O LORD God of hosts, how long will You be angry with Your people’s prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves. Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

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

***Closing Hymn No. 225** “Once in Royal David's City”

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***The Benediction**

Minister: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

1 Thessalonians 3.12-13

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”
Colin Howland, *organ*

arr. John Rutter

**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.

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.

Senior Pastor

The Rev. Mark Davis

Session/Associate Pastor

Tommy Bain	Dr. Pete Deison	Rick Owens
Alan Balsler	Will Francis	Bobby Payne
Ron Baxter	Harry Hargrave	Kirk Pogoloff
Frank Bullock	Ed Jarrett	Dan Stewart
Kit Case	Louie Little	Randy Wood
Doug Chesnut	David Newman	

Assistant Pastors

The Rev. Ron Williams	The Rev. Julian Russell
The Rev. Bill Lamberth	Dr. Jeff White
The Rev. Patrick Lafferty	The Rev. Tommy Overton

Executive Director

Jeff Barber

Shepherding Elders

*(Elders not currently on the Session but
active in ministry at Park Cities Presbyterian Church)*

John Bateman	Mark Fulmer	Pat Moore
Brad Bradley	David Gowdey	Henry Morgan
David Burgher	John Harper	Stephen Nielson
Rick Bush	John Hawkins	Boots Nowlin
George Chapman	Bob Heinonen	Irv Queal
Jim Chenoweth	Bill Hill	Bob Raspberry
Grady Crosland	Doug Horn	Nelson Somerville
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Jack Denman	Kent Johnson	Steve Vanderhill
Curt Dobbs	Bryan Keyes	John Vanderveld
Bert Ehrmann	Don King	Ron Wideman
Bill Farrell	Bill Mabus	Steve Williamson
Paul Flowers	Mike McMahon	Arthur Wood
David Franklin	Robert Mighell	

SERMON NOTES

Mark 2.13-17

“Christ Came Not to Call the Righteous, but Sinners”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 11, 2011

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. 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.

“Star Carol” *(read and reflect on these words together)*

Please refer to the words of the Musical Offering on page three.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Mark 2.13-17 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What did Jesus tell Levi to do? *(verse 14)*
2. Where did Jesus lead him? *(verse 15)*
3. What did they do in Levi’s house? *(verse 15)*
4. Who are we told was with Jesus? *(verse 15)*
5. How did the Scribes and Pharisees respond? *(verse 16)*
6. What did Jesus say to them? *(verse 17)*
7. What was their sickness? *(verse 17)*
8. How can they be healed? *(verses 14, 17)*
9. Are you sick?
10. Are you following Jesus?

Questions for older children

1. What are the symptoms of their illness?
2. Where do you think and with whom do you think Jesus would dine if He walked on earth today? Why?
3. Are the Pharisees “well” or are they also sick?
4. How is following Christ the remedy?

Scripture Memory for December *(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

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.