

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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.

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 *“Thou Who Wast Rich”*

9:30/11:00

Laurie and Taylor Hargrave, *duet*

QUELLE EST

Please join in singing verse 3 of Carol No. 230 when directed.

We Come to Worship at His Bidding

“Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!”

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

***Carol of Praise No. 214** *“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

GLORIA

***Prayer of Adoration**

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

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

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.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Comfort of the Gospel

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’” Jeremiah 33.14-16

Duet

9:30/11:00

“Mary, Did You Know?”
Laurie and Taylor Hargrave

Greene

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Overton 8:00/9:30

Mr. Lamberth 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

“Star of Bethlehem”
Amy Mackenroth, solo

Vale

9:30/11:00

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director

arr. Wilberg

*Infant holy, Infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Swiftly winging angels singing, nowells ringing,
tidings bringing: Christ the Babe is Lord of all.*

*Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the
glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow: Christ the Babe was born for you.*

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill
toward men! The peace of the Lord be with you always. Luke 2.14

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**

2 Corinthians 5.17-21

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold,
the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself
and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the
world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the
message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making
His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For
our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the
righteousness of God.*

The Sermon

WHY DID CHRIST COME?
"Christ Came to Make All Things New"

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!

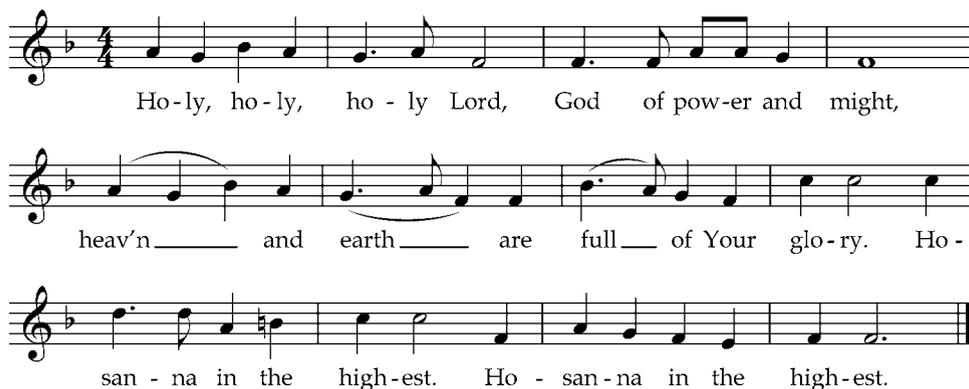
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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.

*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 102.18-22

Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD: that He looked down from His holy height; from heaven the LORD looked at the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die, that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD, and in Jerusalem His praise, when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.

—Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00 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."

Hebrews 13.20-21

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

IRBY

***The Benediction**

Minister: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. 1 Thessalonians 5.23-24

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

"Choral Improvisation on *In Dulci Jubilo*"
Mr. Colin Howland, organ

Karg-Elert

**The congregation stands.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the majestic glory of God and in thanksgiving for and in honor of our dear friend, Nancy Shamburger, by the Figari family.

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3.20-21

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

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Tommy Bain	Will Francis	Rick Owens
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*(Elders not currently on the Session but
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Bill Farrell	Robert Mighell	Arthur Wood
Paul Flowers	Pat Moore	
David Franklin	Henry Morgan	

SERMON NOTES

2 Corinthians 5.17-21

WHY DID CHRIST COME?
"Christ Came to Make All Things New"

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 23, 2012

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 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. 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 40:2-5

"Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor" *(read or sing these words together)*

Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man;
Stooping so low, but sinners raising, heav'nward by Thine eternal plan.
Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 *(one person may read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. Define the word new.
2. What do we like about new things?
3. What does "new creation" mean in 2 Corinthians 5:17?
4. What is the only way a person can be a "new creation"?
5. What two things must happen for a person to become this "new creation"?
6. For those who are new creations, what message has God given us?
7. Are you a new creation?

Questions for older children

1. Why is it necessary that we be made new creatures?
2. Explain the importance of verse 19.
3. What is an ambassador?
4. How are you an ambassador for Christ?

Scripture Memory for December: *(memorize these verses of Scripture)*

Matthew 1:20-21

But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(say 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.