



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 28, 2014

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

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

"Christmas Medley"

arr. Nielson & Young

Stephen Nielson, *piano* • Colin Howland, *organ*

Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams

Minister: And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a Baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

People: **And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"**

Luke 2.10-14

*Carol No. 203

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Confession of Faith**

Dr. Mark Fulmer, *elder* 8:00
The Rev. Tommy Overton 9:30/11:00

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 goingsforth 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

***Carol No. 224**

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

GO TELL IT

Prayer of Confession

Blessed Lord Jesus, no human mind could conceive or invent the gospel. Acting in eternal grace, Thou art both its messenger and its message, lived out on earth through infinite compassion, applying Thy life to insult, injury, death, that I might be redeemed, ransomed, freed. Blessed be Thou, Father, for contriving this way; Eternal thanks to Thee, O Lamb of God, for opening this way; Praise everlasting to Thee, O Holy Spirit, for applying this way to my heart. Glorious Trinity, impress the gospel to my soul, until its virtue diffuses every faculty; let it be heard, acknowledged, professed, felt. Merciful Lord, pardon all my sins of this day, week, year, all the sins of my life; sins of omission and commission; of lip, life and walk; of hard-heartedness, unbelief, presumption, pride; of impurity in thought, word and deed; in opening my heart to Satan’s temptations. I thank Thee for the patience that has borne with me so long, and for the grace that now makes me willing to be Thine. O unite me to Thyself with inseparable bonds, that nothing may ever draw me back from Thee, my Lord, my Savior.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance

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

Carol No. 213

9:30/11:00

"What Child Is This?"

GREENSLEEVES

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Fulmer 8:00
Mr. Overton 9:30/11:00

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Meditation

8:00

Colin Howland, organ

9:30/11:00

"Wexford Carol"

arr. Amy Tate Williams

Caroline Nielson, mezzo soprano • Stephen Nielson, piano

*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 Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

³ to grant to those who mourn in Zion — to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

⁵ Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks; foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers;

⁶ but you shall be called the priests of the LORD; they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God; you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory you shall boast.

⁷ Instead of Your shame there shall be a double portion; instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; they shall have everlasting joy.

⁸ For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹ Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

The Morning Sermon

“The Year of Jubilee”

Mr. Williams

**Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please
continue at closing hymn on page six.**

***The Great Thanksgiving 8:00 only**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

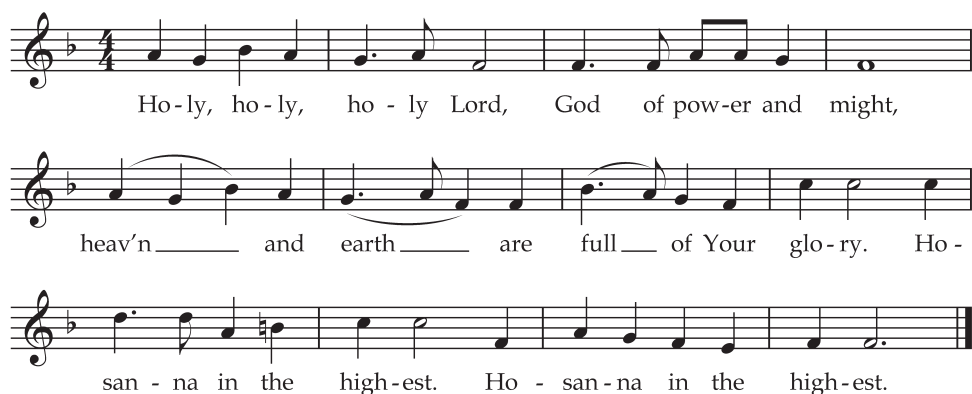
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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.*

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

*Carol No. 195

“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

ANTIOCH

***The Benediction**

Minister: Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible. Ephesians 6.23-24

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

Postlude

“In Dulci Jubilo”
Mr. Howland, *organ*

J. S. Bach

**The congregation stands.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given by the Figari family in loving memory of Thomas Kinder Farris, Sr. on the occasion of his birthday, and to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for His greatest gift.

*“For to us a Child is born; to us a Son is given
He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9.6*

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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SERMON NOTES

Isaiah 61

“The Year of Jubilee”

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 28, 2014

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a Baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" *(read or sing these words together)*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing!

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What is the Servant of the Lord going to bring, proclaim, and grant in Isaiah 61.1-3?
2. What is being rebuilt in this chapter?
3. What will be planted and sprout up? (verses 3 and 11)
4. Who in the New Testament reads from this chapter? Where was he and what happened after he read it?
5. Based on what you read in Isaiah 61, what does the Lord love? What is He concerned about? What are His purposes?

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

Isaiah 9.6-7

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. ⁷ 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. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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.