

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

DECEMBER 4, 2016
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude

8:00 "Partita on 'Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Max Drischner
J. Marty Cope, *organ*

9:30/11:00 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Hopson
High School Ensemble • Covenant Choir • Chapel Choir
Emma Jennings and Virginia Waterman, *handbells*
Lynda Fray, *director*

Please sing when so directed.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Call to Worship

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

Minister: O Zion, messenger of good news, shout from the mountaintops!

People: **Shout it louder, O Jerusalem. Shout, and do not be afraid.**
Tell the towns of Judah, "Your God is coming!" Isaiah 40.9

Minister: He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs
in His arms; He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead
those that are with young. Isaiah 40.11

People: **Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the**
virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name
Immanuel, which means, God with us. Isaiah 7.14; Matthew 1.23(b)

*Carol of Adoration No. 208 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

*Prayer of Adoration

*Profession of Faith

Dr. Julian Russell 8:00
The Rev. Bill Lamberth 9:30
The Rev. Chad Scruggs 11:00

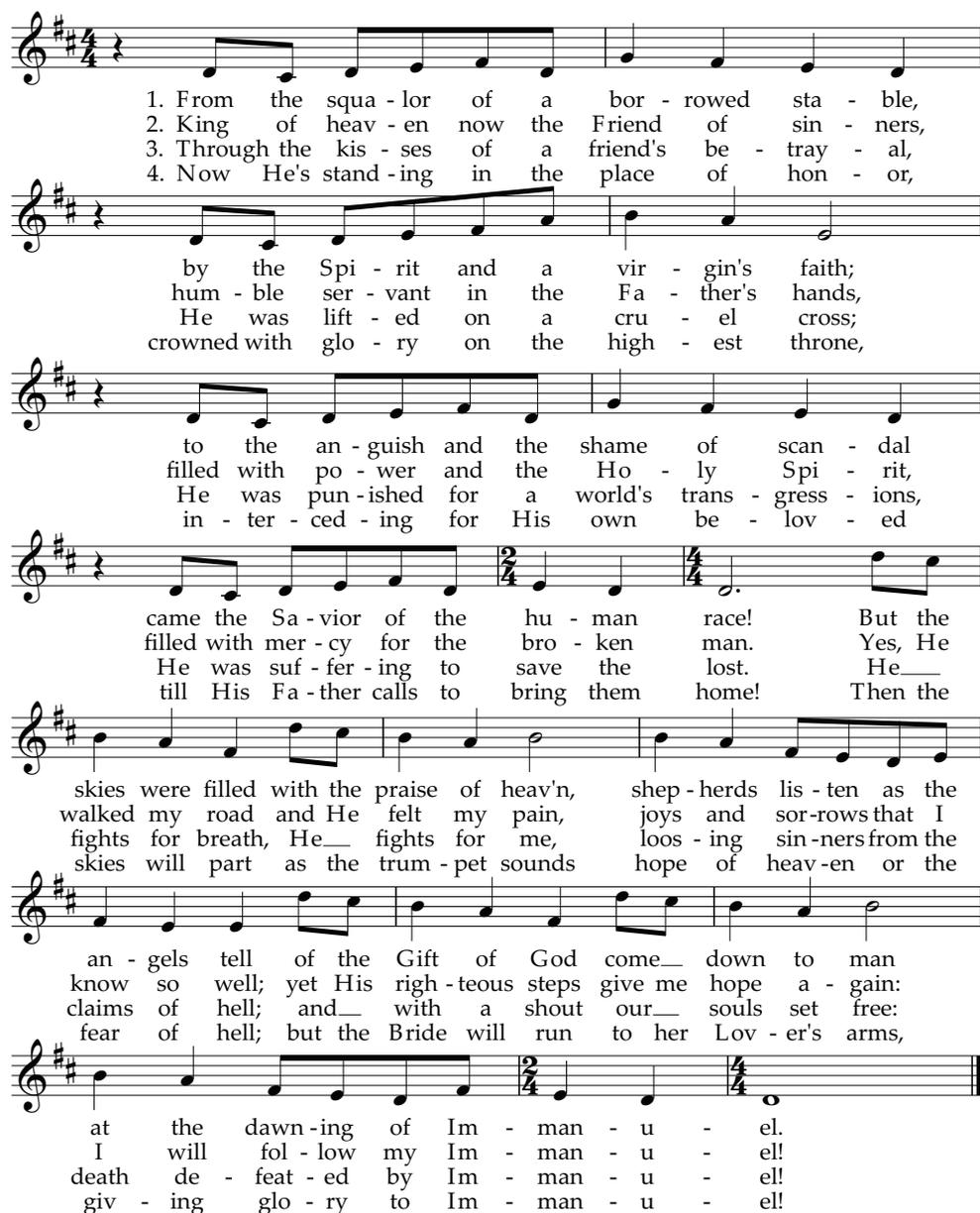
We believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man. from the Nicene Creed

*Hymn

“From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable”

Townend



1. From the squalor of a borrowed stable,
2. King of heav-en now the Friend of sin-ners,
3. Through the kis-ses of a friend's be-tray-al,
4. Now He's stand-ing in the place of hon-or,
by the Spi-rit and a vir-gin's faith;
hum-ble ser-vant in the Fa-ther's hands,
He was lift-ed on a cru-el cross;
crowned with glo-ry on the high-est throne,
to the an-guish and the shame of scan-dal
filled with po-wer and the Ho-ly Spi-rit,
He was pun-ished for a world's trans-gres-sions,
in-ter-ced-ing for His own be-lov-ed
came the Sa-rior of the hu-man race! But the
filled with mer-cy for the bro-ken man. Yes, He
He was suf-fer-ing to save the lost. He
till His Fa-ther calls to bring them home! Then the
skies were filled with the praise of heav'n, shep-herds lis-ten as the
walked my road and He felt my pain, joys and sor-rows that I
fights for breath, He fights for me, loos-ing sin-ners from the
skies will part as the trum-pet sounds hope of heav-en or the
an-gels tell of the Gift of God come down to man
know so well; yet His righ-teous 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!

Public Confession of Sin

Almighty God,
You who shaped out of nothing all that is,
forgive us for returning empty-handed.
You who called forth light,
forgive our preference for the dark!
You who sent John to be a voice crying,
forgive our unwillingness to say anything at all!
Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Zephaniah 3.14-15

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Russell 8:00
Mr. Lamberth 9:30
Mr. Scruggs 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00 "Prelude in G, Op. 32 No. 5" *Sergei Rachmaninoff*
Dr. Alex McDonald, *piano*

9:30/11:00 "All Is Well" *M. W. Smith*
Chancel Choir • Alicia Ucciferri, *solo*
Dr. Alex McDonald, *piano* • Dr. David Fray, *conductor*

All is well, Angels and men rejoice! For tonight darkness fell into the dawn of love's light. Sing alleluia!

All is well, let there be peace on earth. Christ is come, go and tell that He is in the manger. Sing alleluia!

All is well, lift up your voice and sing. Born is now Emmanuel. Born is our Lord and Savior. Sing alleluia!

*The Greeting of Peace

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 shone.
The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

Isaiah 9.2

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.

Recognition of New Members

9:30/11:00

Sacrament of Baptism

9:30

Katherine Susanne Haley

11:00

Jordan Scott Rench

*The Scripture Reading

Isaiah 45.1-8

Thus says the LORD to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed:

² *I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron,*

³ *I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.*

⁴ *For the sake of My servant Jacob, and Israel My chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know Me.*

⁵ *I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides Me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know Me,*

⁶ *that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides Me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.*

⁷ *I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things.*

⁸ *Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit; let the earth cause them both to sprout; I the LORD have created it.*

The Sermon

INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT
"The Place of Darkness in the Plan of God"

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

Now may the fragrance of His peace
Soar through your heart like the dove released.
Hide in His wings oh weary, distant soul;
He'll guide your spirit home.

And may the hope that will not deceive,
Through every pain bring eternal ease.
There is no night that can steal the promises
His coming brings to us.

So may His joy rush over you;
Delight in the path He has called you to.
May all your steps walk in Heaven's endless light,
Beyond this Christmas night.

Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please
continue at the closing carol 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.*

***Closing Carol No. 218** “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” REGENT SQUARE
Stanzas: 1-3

***The Benediction**

Minister: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD
has risen upon you. Isaiah 60.1

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

Postlude

8:00 “Sonata No. 7, ‘Presto’, Op. 10 No. 3” *Ludwig van Beethoven*
Dr. McDonald, *piano*

9:30/11:00 “Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland” BWV 659 J.S. Bach
“Savior of the Nations, Come”
Mr. Cope, *organ*

**The congregation stands.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory and
praise of God and in celebration of Mildred Kemper on her 102nd birthday
with love and gratitude from Nancy and Randy Best.*

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

We thank the following musicians for their leadership in the worship services this morning:

Kyle Sherman, *trumpet*
Andrew House, *trumpet*
Nancy Jarrett, *french horn*
Jeremiah Umholtz, *trombone*
Joshua deVries, *tuba*
Joe Ferraro, *timpani*
Dr. Alex McDonald, *piano*
Dr. David Fray, *conductor*

SERMON NOTES

Isaiah 45.1-8

INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT
“The Place of Darkness in the Plan of God”

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 4, 2016

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

O Zion, messenger of good news, shout from the mountaintops! Shout it louder, O Jerusalem. Shout, and do not be afraid. Tell the towns of Judah, "Your God is coming!"

Isaiah 40:9

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

Please see the hymn on page two.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 45.1-8 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. How do we know there is only one God? (See Isaiah 45.5-6)
2. What does the word sovereign mean? (ask parents to help)
3. How does God reveal His sovereignty?
4. According to Isaiah 45.1-8, what all does God do?

Questions for older children

1. What is significant about Isaiah 45.7?
2. How does God use darkness to reveal His light?
3. How does God's sovereignty give us hope on our journey through dark times?
4. How does Jesus' own journey give us hope?

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

Isaiah 9.2, 6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ⁶For 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.

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.