

**Park Cities Presbyterian Church**

December 17, 2017

*Third Sunday of Advent*

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

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## Prelude

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”  
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

*arr. John Rutter*

## Call to Worship

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

Minister: Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

**People: For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;**

Minister: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given;

**People: And the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

*Isaiah 35:5-6; 9:6*

## \*Carol No. 207

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

*IN DULCI JUBILO*

## \*Prayer of Adoration

## \*Profession of Faith

The Rev. Matt Fray 8:00  
The Rev. Brent Baker 9:30  
Dr. Pete Deison 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;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

**He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Nicene Creed

**\*Carol No. 225**

**“Once in Royal David’s City”  
Stanzas: 1-2, 4-5**

*IRBY*

### **Public Confession of Sin**

**O God, in the beginning You spoke,  
and creation was born, the object of Your loving care.  
In the fullness of time You spoke,  
and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of Your love.  
We wonder at the miracle of creation;  
we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation.  
Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith,  
empty of hope, lacking in love.  
This year let the miracle and mystery of Christmas happen for us again.  
We wait upon You with ready hearts, O God,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### **Private Confession**

### **Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel**

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:4-5

**\*Carol No. 201**

**“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

*ST. LOUIS*

### **Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer**

Mr. Fray 8:00  
Mr. Baker 9:30  
Dr. Deison 11:00

## Musical Offering

8:00

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”  
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

*J.S. Bach*  
*arr. Myra Hess*

9:30/11:00

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”  
Claire Dillahunt, *solo*

*HYFRYDOL*

## \*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.  
The Peace of the Lord be with you always. Psalm 36.9

**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

Luke 1.26-38

*In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,*

<sup>27</sup> *to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary.*

<sup>28</sup> *And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!”*

<sup>29</sup> *But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.*

<sup>30</sup> *And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.*

<sup>31</sup> *And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus.*

<sup>32</sup> *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,*

<sup>33</sup> *and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”*

<sup>34</sup> *And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”*

<sup>35</sup> *And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the Child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.*

<sup>36</sup> *And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren.*

<sup>37</sup> *For nothing will be impossible with God.”*

<sup>38</sup> *And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to Your word.” And the angel departed from her.*

## The Sermon

Signs and Wonders  
“Fear, Favor, and Faith”

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

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

**\*The 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

**\*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 “On Christmas Night All Christians Sing” SUSSEX CAROL  
Mr. Nielson, *piano* arr. Nielson

9:30/11:00 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” arr. David Willcocks  
Dr. Davy, *organ*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

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



*Welcome to Park Cities Presbyterian Church. We are glad you joined us today.*

We want to come alongside you in hospitality and prayer. At the conclusion of our services, there are men and women at the front and back of the sanctuary to meet and pray with you—in complete confidence.

If you are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, you are loved. For support, please speak with us or call Thrive Women’s Clinic at 214-343-9263 or Kari Stainback at 214-224-2738.

*“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*

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# **SERMON NOTES**

Luke 1.26-38

Signs and Wonders  
“Fear, Favor, and Faith”



## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 17, 2017

### Praise

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

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.

Isaiah 9.6

#### **“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”** *(read or sing these words together)*

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth;

*Refrain:*

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

### Hearing and Learning God’s Word

#### **Scripture Reading:** Luke 1.26-38 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. Why was Mary fearful?
2. What did Gabriel say would happen to her?
3. What does it mean that she was shown favor?
4. List all the things that Gabriel says about the Child she will deliver:
5. How does Mary show that she has faith?
6. How can all of this happen?

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

1. When have you experienced fear in your relationship with God?
2. Why was Mary shown favor?
3. Why is it wrong to worship Mary?
4. What gave Mary the strength to believe?
5. Discuss the role of the Holy Spirit in all that Luke has recorded.

#### **Scripture Memory for December:** *(memorize this passage of Scripture this month)*

Luke 2.15-20

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”<sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby lying in a manger.<sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this Child.<sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.<sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.<sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

### 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.