

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 2, 2018
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

First 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.*

***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;

People: The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain."

Isaiah 40.1-4

***Carol of Anticipation and Adoration**

No. 194

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Profession of Faith**

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00
The Rev. Brent Baker 9:30
The Rev. Paul Goebel 11:00

For thus says the LORD of hosts:
Yet once more, in a little while,
I will shake the heavens and the earth
and the sea and the dry land.
And I will shake all nations,
so that the treasures of all nations shall come in,
and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts.
Behold, I send My messenger,
and he will prepare the way before Me.
And the Lord whom you seek
will suddenly come to His temple;
and the messenger of the covenant
in whom you delight,
behold, He is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

Haggai 2.6-7, Malachi 3.1

Musical Meditation “Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes” *arr. David Leeman*
9:30/11:00 Chancel Choir • Covenant Choir
Barbara Leeman and J. Marty Cope, *conductors*
David Leeman, *piano* • Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

*Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long. Let every
heart prepare a throne and every voice a song.
He comes the captives to release, in Satan's prison held. The gates of brass
before Him burst! The iron fetters yield.
He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure, and with the
treasures of His grace to enrich the humble poor.
Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Your welcome shall proclaim, and
heav'n's eternal arches ring with Your beloved name.*

***Carol No. 196** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” *HYFRYDOL*
8:00 all stanzas
9:30/11:00 stanzas: 1-2

Recognition of New Members
9:30/11:00

The Sacrament of Baptism
9:30

Siri Truong
David Truong
Abby Pathammavong

***Carol No. 196** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” *HYFRYDOL*
9:30/11:00 stanzas: 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. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

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. Isaiah 9.2

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison 8:00

Mr. Baker 9:30

Mr. Goebel 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Alec Rowley

Dr. Davy, organ

9:30/11:00

“My Song in the Night”

arr. Wilberg

Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director • Dr. Davy, organ

*O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night, come to us with Thy tender love,
my soul's delight, unto Thee O Lord in affliction I call, my comfort by day
and my song in the night.*

*O why should I wander an alien from Thee, or cry in the desert Thy face
to see, my comfort and joy, my soul's delight, O Jesus, my Savior,
my song in the night.*

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased! The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Luke 2.14

People: **And also with you.**

*The Scripture Reading

Luke 2.8-20

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹ *And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.*

¹⁰ *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.*

¹¹ *For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

¹² *And this will be a sign for you: you will find a Baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."*

¹³ *And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,*

¹⁴ *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"*

¹⁵ *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."*

¹⁶ *And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby lying in a manger.*

¹⁷ *And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this Child.*

¹⁸ *And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.*

¹⁹ *But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.*

²⁰ *And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.*

The Sermon

THE KING'S CAROLS
"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

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

***The Great Thanksgiving 8:00**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

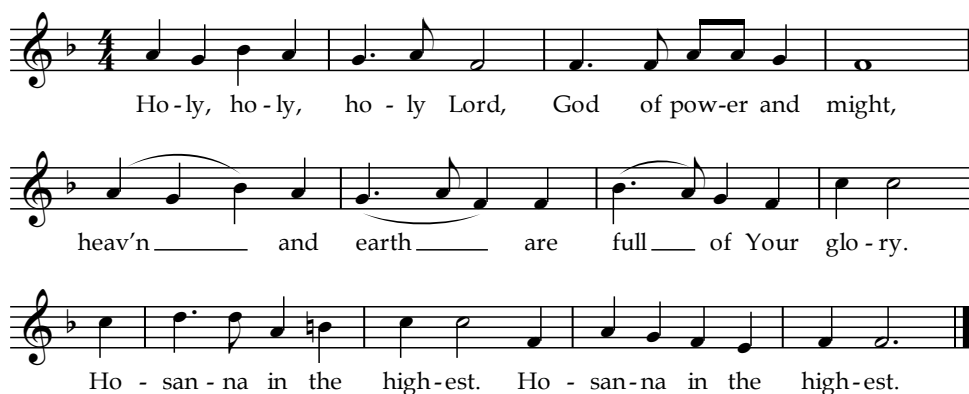
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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 Words of Institution 8:00**

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. 214 "Angels We Have Heard on High"**

GLORIA

***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

Toccata on “Veni Emmanuel”
Dr. Davy, organ

Andrew Carter

**Please stand if you are able.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the
glory and praise of God and in loving memory of our parents:
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.**



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

SERMON NOTES

THE KING'S CAROLS
"Angels We Have Heard on High"
Luke 2.8-20

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 2, 2018

Praise

Call to Worship: *(everyone together)*

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. Isaiah 40.1

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *(read or sing these words together)*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: Luke 2.8-20 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What announcement did the angel make when appearing to the shepherds?
2. How does the angel's song in verse 14 reveal to us the chief end of man and the purpose of Christmas?
3. How did the shepherds respond to the news?
4. How did the shepherds respond after they saw the Child?
5. How can we “*come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing*”?

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

Luke 2.11-14

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a Baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”

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.