



# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

*Second Sunday of Advent*

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*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.*

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## Welcome and Announcements

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

## Call to Worship

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”  
Kristyn Getty, *soloist*  
9:30/11:00

*VENI EMMANUEL*

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.

## \*Carol No. 196

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”  
Stanzas: 1, 3-4

*HYFRYDOL*

## \*Prayer of Adoration

## The Sacrament of Baptism

9:30/11:00

## Parental Vows

1. Do you acknowledge your children’s need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God’s covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?

3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your children to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

### **Congregational Vow**

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of their children?

9:30

Bowen Matthew Ballard  
Charles Hunter Pond  
Joseph Reagan Magnuson, Jr.  
Samuel Robert Pridgen

11:00

Luke McRoberts Ball  
Elizabeth Grace Peel  
Allison Grace Simcox  
James Pearce Thompson

### **Prayer for the Families**

9:30/11:00

#### **\*Carol No. 225**

8:00

9:30/11:00

“Once in Royal David’s City”

Stanzas: 1, 2, 5

Stanza 1: Choir • Stanzas 2, 5: Congregation

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### **Public Confession of Sin**

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 8:00

The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

**Lord God,**

**we praise You for sending light into this world.**

**We confess that we live as though the light had never defeated darkness.**

**We confess that we ignore the Savior You sent to be among us  
and to live in us.**

**Please forgive and have mercy upon us;**

**illuminate the darkened places of our hearts.**

### **Private Confession**

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

She will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.

Matthew 1.21

\*Carols

“Joy Has Dawned/Angels We Have Heard”

Getty/Townend

9:30/11:00



1. Joy has dawned - on the world, pro-mised from cre - a - tion:  
2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels,  
3. Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry;  
4. Son of Ad - am, Son of Heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som,



God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for e - v'ry na - tion.  
as the might - y Prince of Life shel - ters in a sta - ble.  
gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry.  
re - con - cil - ing God and man, Christ our might - y champ - ion!



Not with fan-fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,  
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,  
Gold, a King is born to - day, in - cense, God is with us,  
What a Sav - ior, what a friend, what a glo - rious mys - t'ry;



but a hum - ble gift of love: Je - sus born of Ma - ry.  
cling now to a moth - er's breast, vul - ner - able and help - less.  
myrrh, His death will make a - way, by His blood He'll win us.  
once a babe in Beth - le - hem, Now the Lord of his - t'ry.

*to Gloria after last verse*

*Refrain*



Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!



Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!



An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,



and the mount - ains in rep - ly ech - o - ing their joy - ous strain:

*to Refrain*

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Lamberth 8:00

Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

“From Heaven High I Come to You”

Johann Pachelbel

Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter long ago. Our God, heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.*

*In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed for the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ. Gloria! Now my eyes have seen; Soli Deo Gloria! He salvation brings as the Lord has promised, I may go in peace.*

*What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man I would do my part; yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.*

**\*Hymn****"In Christ Alone"**

Getty/Townend

9:30/11:00



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of  
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the



light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this so - lid  
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right-eous-  
 world by dark - ness slain: Then burst-ing forth in glo-r'ous  
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



Ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm.  
 ness scorned by the ones He came to save:  
 Day up from the grave He rose a - gain!  
 breath Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are  
 'Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of  
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry sin's curse has  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My Com - for - ter, my All in  
 God was sat - is - fied For ev - 'ry sin on Him was  
 lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is  
 pluck me from His hand; 'Till He re - turns or calls me



All, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 laid; here in the death of Christ I live.  
 mine— bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright  
 2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight!  
 3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light

round yon vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so  
 Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts — sing:  
 ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re -

ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 “Al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!”  
 deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

\*The Scripture Reading

Luke 2.4-7

*And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,*

*<sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with Child.*

*<sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.*

*<sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn Son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.*

The Sermon

THE KING'S CAROLS

Mr. Williams 8:00

“Silent Night”

Dr. Bryan Dunagan 9:30/11:00

Senior Pastor, Highland Park Presbyterian Church

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:**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of Your Glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**\*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. 195 “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”**

*ANTIOCH*

**\*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**

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”  
Dr. Davy, organ

*arr. David Willcocks*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

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

Lucas Aleman, violin  
Alexandra Adkins, violin  
Rachel McDonald, viola  
Christopher Adkins, cello  
Alex Jenkins, bass

*Keith and Kristyn Getty and their band*

# SERMON NOTES

THE KING'S CAROLS

“Silent Night”

Luke 2.4-7

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**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*



## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 9, 2018

### Praise

**Call to Worship:** *(everyone 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.

**“In Christ Alone”** *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page five.

### Hearing and Learning God’s Word

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 2.4-7 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. Read Luke 2.1-7. What strikes you about the conditions, of the ‘world’ into which Jesus was born?
2. Who are the first people, beyond Mary and Joseph, to encounter this “holy infant so tender and mild”? What does that reveal about the heart of our God?
3. Other religions say, ‘here’s how you can come to God’; Christmas announces, ‘here’s how God has come to you.’ What might be getting in the way of your receiving this perfect, undeserved gift?
4. Where is God inviting you to lay down fear and worry, so that you can sing these words “all is calm, all is bright”?

**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. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a Baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>“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.