

December 8, 2019

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 8, 2019
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Second 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: 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

The Rev. Matt Fray 8:00
The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

**When the fullness of time came
God sent His Son,
His eternal wisdom,
the substance of His own glory,
into this world,
who took the nature of humanity
from the substance of a woman, a virgin,
by means of the Holy Ghost.**

**And so was born the “just seed of David,”
the “Angel of the great counsel of God,”
the very Messiah promised,
whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel,
true God and true man,
two perfect natures united and joined in one person.**

from the Scots Confession (1560), Chapter 6

Musical Meditation

9:30/11:00

“Magnificat”

arr. Helen Kemp

Covenant Choir

based on Luke 1.46-47

Deborah Waterman, conductor • Faith Jennings, piano

Andrea Thomason, flute

*Magnificat! My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit rejoices in the Lord!
My soul gives glory to my God. My heart pours out its praise. God lifted up my
lowliness in many marvelous ways.
My God has done great things for me: yes, holy is God's name. All people will
declare me blessed, and blessings they shall claim.
From age to age, to all who fear, such mercy love imparts, dispensing justice far
and near, dismissing selfish hearts.
Love casts the mighty from their thrones, promotes the insecure, leaves hungry
spirits satisfied, the rich seem suddenly poor.
Praise God, whose loving covenant supports those in distress, remembering
past promises with present faithfulness. Magnificat!*

***Carol No. 213**

“What Child Is This”

GREENSLEEVES

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

Davis Hamilton Ganier
Charles Henry Robinson IV
Jacqueline Frances Magnuson

11:00

Eden Leigh Hudnut
Elijah Malcolm Standish

Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

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 and Pardon of the Gospel

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

Mr. Fray 8:00
Mr. Goebel 9:30/11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

“In Dulci Jubilo”
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

J. S. Bach

9:30/11:00

“Ding! Dong! Merrily on High” *arr. Mack Wilberg*
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, conductor
Stephen Nielson and Dr. Nathan Davy, pianists

*Ding! Dong! Merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing!
Ding! Dong! Verily the sky is riven with angels singing!
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!*

*E'en so here below, below, let the steeple bells be swungen!
And “I-o, i-o, i-o!” by priest and people sungen!*

*Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers!
May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers!*

*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 Scripture Reading

Isaiah 7.14

*Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive
and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.*

Isaiah 9.6

*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.*

Luke 1.26-33

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

²⁷ *to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David.
And the virgin's name was Mary.*

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

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

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

³¹ *And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call
His name Jesus.*

³² *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,*

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

The Sermon

THE REST OF CHRISTMAS
“The Rest of His Name”

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**

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”

GOD REST YE MERRY

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;

Refrain:

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born the son of God by name. *(Refrain)*

“Fear not, then,” said the angel, “let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him from Satan’s pow’r and might.” *(Refrain)*

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place.
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace.
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface. *(Refrain)*

*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.*

**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 REST OF CHRISTMAS
“The Rest of His Name”

Isaiah 7.14; 9.6; Luke 1.26-33

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 8, 2019

Praise

Call to Worship: *(everyone together)*

Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!”

Isaiah 40.9

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” *(read or sing these words together)*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7.14; 9.6; Luke 1.26-33

(one person read the Scripture aloud)

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

1. Why are names so important?
2. What are the various names of Jesus that we looked at in the sermon today?
3. Why do you think so many different names are attached to Jesus?
4. What is significant about each of these names?
5. How can the name of Jesus bring us rest?

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

Isaiah 9.6

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.

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.