

December 15, 2019

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 15, 2019
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Third 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.*

Prelude

8:00 "Sleepers, Awake!" J. S. Bach/*Ferruccio Busoni*
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

9:30/11:00 "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" *John Rutter*
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

*During the Prelude, please join in silent preparation
of heart and mind to worship our God.*

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;** Isaiah 35:5-6

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 9:6

***Carol of Adoration No. 218 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"** REGENT SQUARE

***Prayer of Adoration**

**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

***Carol No. 214**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

GLORIA

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.
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

9:30/11:00

Musical Offering

8:00 "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" WALTHAM/MARKS
Mr. Nielson, *piano* arr. Nielson

9:30/11:00 "Mary, Did You Know?" Lowry/Green
Laurie and Taylor Hargrave, *vocalists* • Dr. Davy, *piano*

***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/Announcements

***The Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 9.6-7

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.

⁷ Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Sermon

THE REST OF CHRISTMAS
"The Rest of His Government"

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.

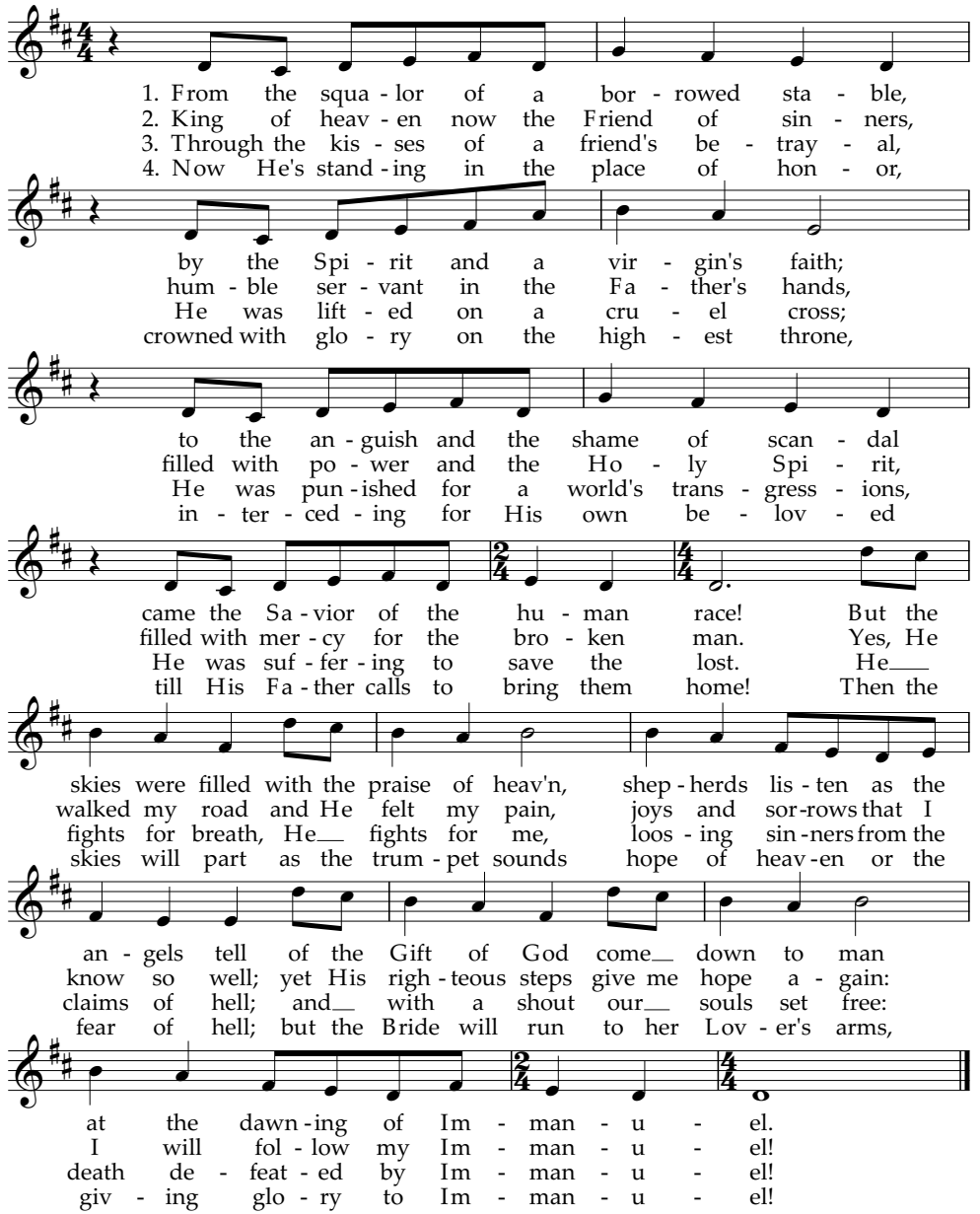
People: Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name; evermore praising You, and singing:

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.*



1. From the squalor of a borrowed stable,
 2. King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,
 3. Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,
 4. Now He's standing in the place of honor,
 by the Spirit and a virgin'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 anguish and the shame of scandal
 filled with power and the Ho-ly Spi-rit,
 He was pun-ished for a world's trans-gress-ions,
 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!

*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

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
Mr. Nielson, *piano*

HYFRYDOL
arr. S. Nielson

9:30/11:00

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

David Willcocks

**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 Government”

Isaiah 9.6-7

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 15, 2019

Praise

Call to Worship: *(everyone together)*

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then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
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His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

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

Please see the hymn on page six.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:6-7 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What does the government mean in this passage?
2. What is God’s sovereignty?
3. How should the government resting on Jesus’ shoulders bring us comfort and rest each day?
4. Where do you need to experience the peace of His government in your own life?

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

Isaiah 9:6

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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.