

*Thanks be to God,
He is a Savior who seeks the lost,
who with eyes supernaturally farsighted
discerns us a long way off,
and draws our interest to Himself
by the sweet constraint of His grace,
till we are face to face with Him
and our soul is saved.*

*As once, in the incarnation,
He came down from heaven to seek mankind,
so He still comes down silently from heaven
in the case of each sinner,
and pursues His search for that individual soul
following it through all the mazes of its waywardness
and the devious paths of its folly,
sometimes unto the very brink of destruction,
till at last His grace overtakes it
and says, "I must lodge at your house."*

*For, besides the divine omniscience here manifested,
we are made witnesses of the Lord's sovereign and almighty power.*

Geerhardus Vos

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 21, 2025
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 8:00

The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

*Call to Worship

Minister: The LORD has made known His salvation;

People: He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Minister: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

People: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Minister: With trumpets and the sound of the horn,

People: make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD! Psalm 98.2-4, 6

*Proclamation Carol “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

ANTIOCH

Hymn No. 195 in the Trinity Hymnal



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re - ceive her
2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; Let men their songs em -
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in - fest the
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart — pre - pare Him room,
play; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
ground; He comes to — make — His bless - ings flow —
prove The glo - ries of — His right - eous - ness, —



And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing,
Re - peat the sound-ing joy, Re - peat the sound-ing joy,
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His love,



And heav'n, — and heav'n — and na - ture sing.
Re - peat, — re - peat — the sound - ing joy.
Far as, — far as — the curse is found.
And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

Please be seated.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath—The Angel’s Candle

Luke 1.26-33

Jamie and Brenton Lake 8:00

The Nelms Family: Emmett & Catherine, Emmett, Eliza, and Charlotte 9:30

The Mackenroth Family: Amy & Nate, Rosamunde and Peregrine 11:00

Prayer

***Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Pete Hatton 8:00

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

Have this mind among yourselves,
which is yours in Christ Jesus,
who, though He was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but emptied Himself,
by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.
And being found in human form,
He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted Him
and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2.5-11

***Carol**

“What Child Is This”

GREENSLEEVES

Hymn No. 213 in the Trinity Hymnal



1. What Child is this, Who, laid to rest, on Ma - ry's lap — is
2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass — are
3. So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here the
own Him; the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear, shall
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the

Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:
 pierce Him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
 song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:

haste, haste, to bring Him laud, the babe, the Son of Mar - y.
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the Son of Mar - y.
 joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the Son of Mar - y.

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

Emma Katherine Kumpf
 William Barret Worthington
 Henry James Clingman
 Abigail Joan Mueller

11:00

Belle Ryan Rumfield
 Betty Gresham Meek
 Lucy Carra Travis

Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

*Carol

9:30/11:00

"Away in a Manger"

MUELLER

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
 Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
 Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
 And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

Public Confession of Sin

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

Our God and Father,
when we behold Your Son Jesus,
we see Your great love for us,
for You sent Your one and only Son into the world
to die for sinners like us,
so that whoever believes in Him
would have eternal life.
Since You have given Your Son,
we can say with the apostle Paul,
“How will You not also with Christ graciously give us all things?”
Yet, our Father, our appetite for things of secondary
or even of no importance fills our lives
with longings that You never intended us to have.
Our love and devotion to our possessions and our pleasures
reveal again our true need for Jesus.
Lord, in this Christmas season
would You please give us Christ:
fill our hearts with desire to know Him,
to love Him, to serve and follow Him;
fill our mouths with words to honor Him and proclaim Him;
give us His presence to guide us in wisdom,
to give peace to our troubled souls,
to guard and protect our ways;
grant us His grace and favor to forgive our sins,
and to bring us to glory.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’ Jeremiah 33:15-16

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Musical Response

9:30/11:00

“Wexford Carol”
Chamber Ensemble

Traditional/arr. Mears

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

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

*In addition to giving via passed offering plates, you are also welcome
to give online at pcpc.org/give or text “give” to 214-833-7724.*

Musical Offering

8:00

"The Sussex Carol"
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

SUSSEX CAROL
arr. S. Nielson

9:30/11:00

"Angels' Carol"
Chamber Ensemble • Chancel Choir
Nathan Davy, *piano* • J. Marty Cope, *conductor*

John Rutter

*Have you heard the sound of the angel voices
Ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear?
Have you seen the star shining out so brightly
As a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here?
Have you heard the news that they bring from heaven
To the humble shepherds who have waited long?*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Hear the angels sing their joyful song.*

*He is come in peace in the winter's stillness,
Like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night;
He is come in joy like the sun at morning
Filling all the world with radiance and with light.
He is come in love as the Child of Mary;
In a simple stable we have seen His birth:*

*He will bring new light to a world in darkness,
Like a bright star shining in the skies above;
He will bring new hope to the waiting nations
When He comes to reign in purity and love.
Let the earth rejoice at the Savior's coming;
Let the heavens answer with the joyful morn:*

*An Advent Doxology

TRURO



1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
2. So, come, my Sov' - reign, en - ter in! Let new and



King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
no - bler life be - gin! Thy Ho - ly Spi - rit,



draw - ing - near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.
guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

*During the 9:30 service, 1st and 2nd graders may exit at this time using the doors at the front-right of the Sanctuary to meet their teachers for Worship Explorers. **Children must be checked-in and have a nametag.** A check-in kiosk is available in the hallway outside the Sanctuary doors.*

***The Scripture Reading: Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.9-18**

- Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,*
² *but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world.*
³ *He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,*
⁴ *having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs.*
- ²⁻⁹ *But we see Him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.*
¹⁰ *For it was fitting that He, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.*
¹¹ *For He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why He is not ashamed to call them brothers,*
¹² *saying, "I will tell of Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing Your praise."*
¹³ *And again, "I will put My trust in Him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given Me."*
¹⁴ *Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,*
¹⁵ *and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.*
¹⁶ *For surely it is not angels that He helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham.*
¹⁷ *Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.*
¹⁸ *For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.*

Sermon

"The Union of the Incarnation"

Mr. Higginbottom 8:00
Mr. Goebel 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!

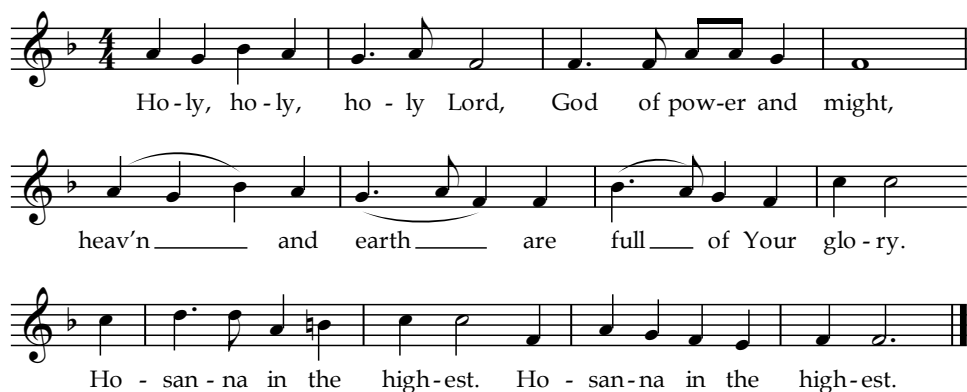
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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:



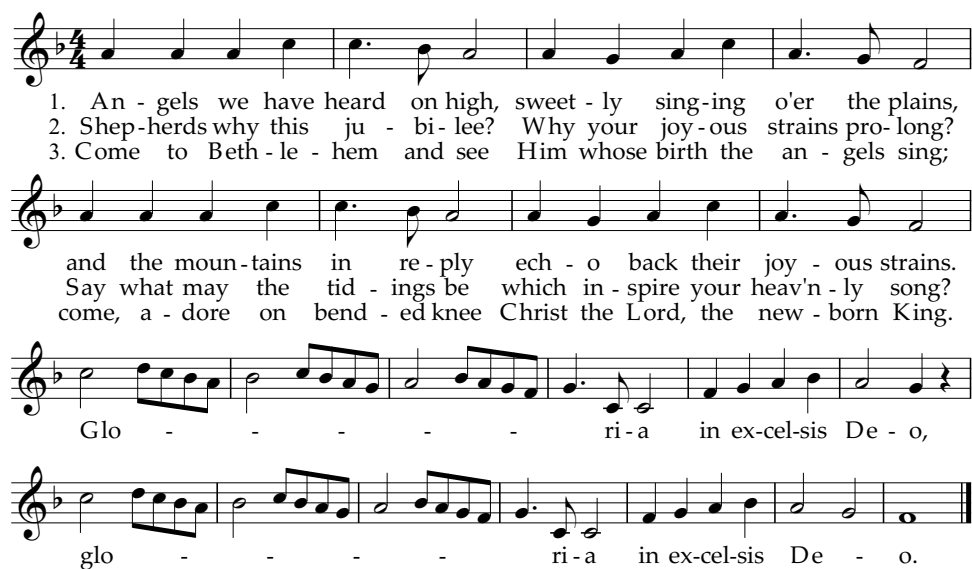
***The Words of Institution 8:00**

Communion 8:00

*Please remain seated.
 You will be served by your elders, and we will all partake
 together when so instructed by the pastor.
 (The bread being served is gluten free.)*

***Closing Carol "Angels We Have Heard on High"**
Hymn No. 214 in the Trinity Hymnal

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.

The Postlude

8:00	“Once in Royal David's City” Mr. Nielson, <i>piano</i>	<i>IRBY</i>
9:30/11:00	“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” Dr. Davy, <i>organ</i>	<i>arr. David Willcocks</i>

**Please stand if you are able.*

We thank the following musicians for their leadership in worship this morning:

Pam Adams, *flute*
Elise Belk, *oboe*
Alex Kienle, *French horn*
Jacquelyn Adams, *French horn*
Lucas Aleman, *violin*
Jina Aleman, *violin*
Rachel McDonald, *viola*
Chris Adkins, *cello*
Joe Ferraro, *Percussion*

SERMON NOTES

Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.9-18
“The Union of the Incarnation”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions help us engage with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service, and may be useful during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship.

1. What is the Hypostatic Union? What does this doctrine teach us about the two natures of Jesus Christ?
2. In what way are Christians united to Christ? What does our union with Christ have to do with salvation?
3. Why is the Incarnation the foundation of our union with Christ?
4. Read Hebrews 2.10. How is Jesus the founder of our salvation?
5. Read Hebrews 2.11 and 2.17-18. In what way is Jesus our brother? Why is the brotherhood of Jesus essential to the Gospel?

Highlights

DECEMBER 21, 2025

What's Next?

We have friendly faces waiting to help you connect to Christ and one another at PCPC just as you exit the front of the Sanctuary. Look for the Connect banner on your way to the Grand Hall. We would also love to help you abide in and extend Christ. You can find out more at the Information Center in the Grand Hall. Download the free PCPC mobile app to explore more.

Connection Card

Thanks for joining us today! If you are new or looking to connect with others in our church family, please scan the QR code and fill out our Connection Card, so we can know you were here and help you connect.
pcpc.org/connect



Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 (FAMILY) & 8:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Pick up a card in the Grand Hall and invite a neighbor to join us on Christmas Eve at our 4:00 p.m. Family Service or 8:00 p.m. Evening Service. Please utilize our surface level and garage parking, or park in the Equinox Garage at 4222 Avondale Ave.
pcpc.org/advent

Dec. 28 & Jan. 4 Worship

We will hold regular Sunday morning worship services on Dec. 28 and Jan. 4 at 8:00 (Chapel), 9:30, & 11:00 a.m. with Nursery and Preschool at the 9:30 a.m. services only. We encourage Elementary and Youth to attend worship with their parents while their classes take a brief holiday break.

New Members Class

Sundays, January 11–March 1

9:30 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Is the Lord calling you to be a member of PCPC? This class gives you the opportunity to explore PCPC's beliefs and mission. Registration is open.
pcpc.org/membership

WinterGrace

Saturday–Sunday, Jan. 31–Feb. 1

Save the dates for PCPC's annual on-campus retreat themed "God's Grace in Our Fellowship". All ages will participate in two days of fellowship, worship, and teaching with guest speaker David Gibson and musician Sandra McCracken. Please register for Saturday childcare and elementary program.
pcpc.org/wintergrace



Year-End Giving

In order to comply with IRS regulations, Wednesday, Dec. 31, is the deadline for donations to be receipted for 2025. Mailed checks must be postmarked by Dec. 31. Church offices will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 2. Donations can be hand-delivered to the secure drop box at the south entrance. For stock donation instructions, contact cheli.conejo@pcpc.org. Thank you for your generous stewardship of all God has given.
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Special Events

Spring Bible Studies & Classes

BEGIN JAN. 12-16 | REGISTER ONLINE

Adkins & Nielson Concerts

SUNDAY, JAN. 18 | 5:30 & 7:30 P.M.
CAMBRIDGE HALL (LEVEL TWO)

Dessert War (Mother & Son)

FRIDAY, FEB. 6 | 5:00 P.M. |
REGISTER ONLINE

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GENERAL FUND

2025/2026 Operating Budget	\$17,500,000
Jul 1, 2025–Dec 14, 2025 Budget	\$7,800,394
Jul 1, 2025–Dec 14, 2025 Giving	\$8,748,432
Budget Variance	\$948,038