



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

December 16, 2012



Praising His Name

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.
Please silence your mobile devices.*

BRASS AND ORGAN PRELUDE:

"Christmas Angels" Felix Mendelssohn, arr. Lloyd Larson

A WORD ON WORSHIP

The Delight of Angels

Sanders L. Willson

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

8:15: Lucy and John Beckham

11:00: Pam, Mike, Amanda, Chris, and Ryan Taylor

CHORAL PRAISE: "Glory be to the Father" Charles Stanford

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

World without end. Amen.

The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)

Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music

CALL TO WORSHIP Richard G. Cain

♠HYMN OF ADVENT: No. 218 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" . . REGENT SQUARE *stanzas 1-4*

♠READING FROM THE PSALMS: Psalm 148:1-5a, 14b. William R. Jorgensen (8:15) Trina L. Jones (11:00)

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;

praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels;

praise him, all his hosts!

Praise him, sun and moon,

praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens,

and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

♠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE. REGENT SQUARE

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;

Evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One:

Come and worship, come and worship,

Worship Christ, the newborn King.

♠PRAYER OF ADORATION

Receiving His Grace

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,
 Who created the heavens and the earth and all that in them is,
 and Who made the angels and every human being to give You praise,
 we confess with sorrow that we have failed to fulfill Your purposes for us,
 for we have been quick to praise ourselves and to ignore Your Majesty,
 to serve ourselves and to forget Your worship,
 to please ourselves and to shun Your holy commandments.
 Please forgive us, for we are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.
 Grant to us anew hearts aflame for You;
 fill us with joy at the announcement of Jesus' reign;
 and give to us a holy zeal for His Kingdom,
 that we may honor and glorify You, both now and forevermore. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✠HYMN OF SALVATION: No. 203 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" . . . MENDELSSOHN

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Dan G. Burns

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Gloria in Excelsis" W.A. Mozart

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.
 Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
 Laudamus, Benedicimus,
 Adoramus, Glorificamus.
 Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.
 Domine Deus, Rex coeletis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
 Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.
 Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.*

Glory to God in the highest,
 And, peace to His people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 Almighty God and Father,
 We worship You, we give You thanks,
 We praise You for Your glory.
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 You take away the sin of the world.

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GLORIA

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
 And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo,
 Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

✠PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✠GREETINGS

Hearing His Word

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Andrew E. Keasling

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 1:26-35, 38
(page 855 in pew Bible)

During our morning and evening Advent worship services this year, we are studying the Scripture texts comprised in the traditional Nine Lessons and Carols Service, which we shall observe on the morning of the Fourth Sunday in Advent.

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON

Behold, I am the Servant of the Lord

Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF JOY: No. 207 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice". IN DULCI JUBILO

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Postlude on 'Mendelssohn'"David Willcocks

✦Indicates congregation standing

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We consider it a privilege to have our children in worship with us. If your small children become restless and vocal, we invite you to the children's room especially designed for them at the rear of the Sanctuary. They are also welcome in the nursery. Older children should also be encouraged to come to church prepared to stay in their pew throughout the service.

One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you or to offer helpful direction regarding your spiritual life. He will be in the Gathering Room, which is the first room on your left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary (closest to the pulpit). You may also send your confidential email to pastor@2pc.org with questions about your spiritual life.

FESTIVAL *of* CAROLS

Tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

We invite you to join us this evening for worship at our annual Festival of Carols service! Sing-along carols will include "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," and many other favorites!

This service is a particular favorite for families because of the familiar carols, beautiful orchestrations, and the special activity book designed for children.

Nursery is provided for ages 4 and under.