

# ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

December 9, 2012



## **Praising His Name**

As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.

Please silence your mobile devices.

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE 8:15: Chuck, Kristen, Hudson, and Elizabeth Ann McElroy 11:00: Virginia Pilcher and Donna Ammons

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 194 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" . . VENI EMMANUEL stanzas 1-4

\*READING FROM THE HISTORICAL BOOKS: II Samuel 7:8-13...... Ben J. Scott (8:15)

Gregory T. Wilkinson (11:00)

Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, "Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel.

And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you.

And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.

And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more.

And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel.

And I will give you rest from all your enemies.

Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever."

O come, Thou Key of David, come And open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to Thee, O Israel.

**†**PRAYER OF ADORATION

HANDBELL MEDITATION: "Carol of the Bells" ..... Leontovich, arr. McChesney

## **Receiving His Grace**

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

 $\phi$ HYMN OF GRATITUDE: No. 219 "All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord" . . . . . CANONBURY stanzas 1, 3 & 5

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both Prince and Slave, You, Peacemaker and Sword-bringer Of the way You took and gave. You, the everlasting instant;

You, Whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain,
Stripped of might upon the cross, shining in eternal glory,
Beggared by a soldier's toss,
You, the everlasting instant;
You, Who are both gift and cost,
You, Who walk each day beside us,
Sit in power at God's side.

You, Who preach a way that's narrow, Have a love that reaches wide. You, the everlasting instant; You, Who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ! Worthy Your defeat and victory. Worthy still Your peace and strife. You, the everlasting instant; You, Who are our death and life. Alleluia.

> The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00) Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music

♦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ...... CANONBURY

Thou comest in the darksome night
To make us children of the light,
To make us, in the realms divine,
Like Thine own angels round Thee shine.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION** 

**†**GREETINGS

## **Hearing His Word**

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

INSTALLATION OF ASSISTANT PASTOR RICHARD GLENN CAIN (11:00)

#### Ministerial Vows

Do you now reaffirm the vows you took upon your ordination as a Pastor, and do you recommit yourself to them in the discharge of your obligations as a Pastor?

Are you now willing to take charge of your ministry in this church, agreeable to your declaration when accepting your call? And do you, relying upon God for strength, promise to discharge to this church the duties of a Pastor?

Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to accept the office of Pastor in this congregation out of love for God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son in this place?

Do you promise to continue to be zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise to you on that account?

Will you seek to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a Minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relative, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before this flock in which God has made you an overseer?

#### **Congregational Vows**

Are you, the members of this congregation ready to receive Dick as Pastor?

Do you promise to submit to Dick in matters of spiritual discipline, and to receive with humility and love the Word of truth?

Do you promise to support him with your prayers, to give encouragement in his work, and to assist him in every way as he seeks to instruct you in the things of the Lord and to lead you in the building of the Kingdom of God here and around the world?

#### **Sessional Vow**

Do you recommit yourselves to fulfill the terms of the call you have extended and to make provision for Dick's needs that the name of Christ may be glorified?

#### Prayer of Installation

### Charge to Minister and Congregation

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER......Sanders L. Willson

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.

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 Terrorizing Darkness, Dawning Light

Richard G. Cain

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To us a Child of hope is born, To us a Son is giv'n, Him shall the tribes of earth obey, Him all the hosts of heav'n.

His Name shall be the Prince of Peace, Forevermore adored, The Wonderful, the Counselor, The great and mighty Lord.

His pow'r, increasing, still shall spread, His reign no end shall know, Justice shall guard His throne above, And peace abound below.

To us a Child of hope is born, To us a Son is giv'n, The Wonderful, the Counselor, The mighty Lord of Heav'n.

#### **†BENEDICTION**

#### **†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN**

#### ORGAN POSTLUDE:

"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" .....arr. David N. Johnson

♦ Indicates congregation standing

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Second Ringers: Beth Fischer, Fred Flinn, Mary Lawrence Flinn, Mimi Vestal, Lauren Theil, Anne Thompson, BJ Webster, Molly Johnson, Debbie Thomas, Nicole Swaim, Jim Cantrell, Terri Theil, director.

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.



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

We invite you to join us this evening as The Westminster Singers and Chamber Orchestra present carols from France, Germany, Poland, Spain, and Great Britain at this candlelit evensong service.