

PRESTON HOLLOW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 12, 2021

Prelude

Noël Suisse

Louis-Claude Daquin

Welcome and Invitation to Discipleship



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arr: Stuart Nicholson

Introit

"Ding Dong! Merrily on High"

The Sanctuary Choir

Ding Dong! Merrily on high, in heav'n the bells are ringing. Ding, dong! Verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing.

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,

and i-o, i-o, i-o, by priest and people be sungen. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray ye dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers; May ye beautifully rime Your evetime song, ye singers.

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

*Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Brian, Meagan, Nico, Lucca, and Max Martinelli

One: Joy is deep gladness and celebration—found in God and God's creation. In your presence, O Lord,

All: **there is fullness of joy.** (Psalm 16.11)

One: We long to hear the angels' words:

All: **I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.** (Luke 2.10)

One: Today we light the candle of joy because Jesus is our joy.

All: **Let us worship the God of light and joy.**

*Hymn 134

"Joy to the World"

ANTIOCH

*Prayer of Confession

God of joy, we have not listened to your good news; instead we have tuned into the noise of the world. We have hurried through this week, not stopping to notice you or your creation. And we have followed the whim of the crowd, rather than following you. Bring silence so that we may hear your voice clearly. Give us space so that we may pay attention to you and your creation. And direct us so that we may follow where you lead. May silence, space, and direction, bring us to your very presence, to experience true joy that is independent of circumstances. We pray in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Words of Forgiveness

One: Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: **We are saved by grace through faith. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI (Creatorex)

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. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Luke 2:10

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Ruffner

Behold: Behold the Promise

*Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the People 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.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

"Go, Tell It On the Mountain"

The Sanctuary Choir

Text found at Hymn 136

arr. Ryan Murphy

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 119

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Peter Lutkin

The Sanctuary Choir

The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord lift His countenance upon you,

And give you peace, and give you peace,

The Lord make His face to shine upon you,

And be gracious unto you, be gracious,

The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.

Amen.

Postlude

Postlude on MENDELSSOHN "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!"

David Willcocks

Leaders in Worship

Our preacher today is Rev. Matthew Ruffner. Rev. Caroline Braskamp and Rev. Mark Brainerd are our liturgists. Artist in Residence, Bradley Hunter Welch, is today's organist. Director of Music, Steve Jobman, directs the Sanctuary Choir.

The flowers in the Columbarium were made possible by:

James Roten to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Jane Keefer Roten**.



Rev. Matthew Ruffner
Senior Pastor



Rev. Mark Brainerd
Senior Associate Pastor



Jeannie Corbitt
Monie Pastoral Resident



Rev. Dr. Bob Poteet
Parish Associate



Rev. Dr. John Roper
Parish Associate



Rev. Caroline Braskamp
Parish Associate

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

4 p.m. - Family Service - Sanctuary
5 p.m. - Contemporary Service - Founders Hall
6 p.m. - Traditional Service - Sanctuary
9 p.m. - Traditional Service - Sanctuary

CONNECT

PHPC Information Session

Are you a guest to PHPC and want to know more about the church and its ministries? Our Member Engagement Coordinator, Allison Cochran, will be in the library (just off the Atrium) immediately following the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services on December 19th to meet you and share more about our community of faith.

KERA Christmas Music Special

Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church's new PBS Christmas music special, "CELEBRATE & SING: Glory to the Newborn King" premieres on television next week! It will air twice in primetime in North Texas on KERA-TV, Channel 13: Monday, December 20, at 8 p.m. and Friday, December 24, at 8 p.m. It will be available nationally on Christmas Day at 4 p.m. from the church's streaming webpage and Facebook live. The hour-long Christmas spectacular features the Sanctuary Choir; full orchestra, the Sanctuary Handbell Ringers, the Cantor Chorale, organ solos and bagpipes.

College Lunch

College Students, get ready to enjoy a holiday lunch following worship on December 19 at Torchy's Tacos! The church will provide appetizers and Christmas sweaters encouraged. RSVP with Shannon Guse at sguse@phpc.org.

Fireside Christmas Storytime

December 21 - 6-7:30 p.m., Youth House

PHPC Kids invites families to come celebrate God's love with stories and songs. For more info contact Daryl Anderson at danderson@phpc.org.

No PHPC Kids Chapel on Sunday, December 19, 2021.

We encourage families to worship together for a special Christmas music service at 10:30am.

GIVE

The **Every Dollar Counts** offering this month goes to PHPC's Malawi Mission. For over 20 years, PHPC has partnered with Malawian Presbyterians to support the building and running of hospitals and water wells and the education of children, doctors, nurses, teachers, and seminary students in Malawi. Just as we have all been impacted by COVID-19, so have our partnering ministries in Malawi. To learn more about the Malawi Mission Team or our other PHPC Mission Partners, visit www.phpc.org/mission.

Interested in making a commitment to PHPC?

Visit phpc.org/commit or contact Director of Development Haley Dale at hdale@phpc.org.

If you would like to give online, please visit, phpc.org/give.

You may also give by texting: "GIVE" to 972-861-1116.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

- Congratulations to Margaret and Tom Williams on the birth of their granddaughter, Molly Elizabeth Martin on December 4th
- Prayers for Merle Wratishaw, son Fredric, daughter-in-law Faye and their family and friends on the death of wife and mother, Lovelle Wratishaw who passed away on December 5th
- Prayers for Richard and Lisa Centala and their family on the death of Richard's mother, Joanne
- Prayers for Nate & Lacy Schultz and their family on the death of Nate's mother, Kyle Schultz on November 29th
- Prayers for the family and friends of Cynthia Goff who passed away on December 5th
- Prayers for the family and friends of Adrianne Collins whose sister passed away on December 5th.

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"TRUSTING THAT ALL BELONG TO GOD. LIVING LIKE WE BELONG TO ONE ANOTHER."