



CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2021

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Noel Fanfares" Charles Callahan

Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Sinfonia" from *Messiah*. G.F. Handel

James Ryan, conductor

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE John, Britton, Jack, Elizabeth, and Miles Laughlin (5:30)

Alex and Brooke Happ (8:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP Todd Erickson (5:30)

Dan Burns (8:00)

♠PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 140 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

Words and Music: John Francis Wade; arr. David Willcocks / Luke 2:15

1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O come ye, O
2. God of God, Light of Light; lo, he ab-
3. Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion, sing, all ye
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap-py morn-ing: Je-sus, to

come ye to Beth-le-hem; come and be-hold him born the King of
2. hors not the vir-gin's womb: ver-y God, be-got-ten, not cre-
3. cit-i-zens of heav'n a-bove; glo-ry to God in the
4. thee be all glo-ry giv'n; Word of the Fa-ther, now in flesh ap-

an - gels;
at - ed; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
high - est; pear - ing;
dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

✦GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:15-20
(page 857 in pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ADESTE FIDELES

**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

✦INVOCATION

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

Our offering this evening will benefit the Caring Ministry Fund, unless otherwise designated for the General Fund. The Caring Ministry Fund assists those in need among our members and in our community. In addition to placing cash or checks in the offering boxes at the Sanctuary exits, you may visit 2pc.org/caring to give online or text CARING followed by the gift amount to (901) 410-9500.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Away in a Manger" Ola Gjeilo

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

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 take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

*Stephanie Rolfe (5:30), Emily Hale (8:00), soloists
The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS

◆PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

◆HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 160 "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing". SUSSEX CAROL

Words: Trad. English Carol / Music: arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams / Luke 2:10

Unison

1. On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing, to hear the news the
2. Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Re - deem - er
3. When sin de - parts be - fore your grace, then life and health come
4. All out of dark - ness we have light, which made the an - gels

Parts

an - gels bring; on Christ - mas night, all Chris - tians sing, to
made us glad; then why should men on earth be sad, since
in its place; when sin de - parts be - fore your grace, then
sing this night; all out of dark - ness we have light, which

Unison

hear the news the an - gels bring: news of great joy, news of great
our Re - deem - er made us glad, when from our sin he set us
life and health come in its place; an - gels and men with joy may
made the an - gels sing this night: "Glo - ry to God and peace to

Parts

mirth, news of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.
free, all for to gain our lib - er - ty.
sing, all for to see the new - born King.
men, now and for - ev - er - more. A - men."

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 7:14-17
(page 863 in pew Bible)

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

SERMON: A Great Prophet George Robertson

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

This is the Lord's table. All who profess their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are invited to receive communion. If this is not your faith, we would still encourage you to walk forward, knowing that no one will make you take the elements. Any of our elders or pastors will be happy to talk to you about questions or doubts you have about faith in Christ. We encourage children not to take communion until they have joined the church but do welcome them to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. All communion wafers are gluten free.

✦PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH The Nicene Creed

**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,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose Kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

✠ GLORIA PATRI GREATOREX

Words: Anon., 4th cent. / Music: Henry W. Greatorex / Psalm 29:2

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the
 Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er
 shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Father, who sent Your one and only Son to bear the sin of the world
 and to bring life and light to sinners far and wide,
 we confess our need of Your gracious and forgiving love,
 for we have violated Your commandments
 by our thoughts, words, and deeds, and we are without excuse.
 On this holy night, we cast our sins upon Jesus
 and pray that You would heal us of our guilt and shame
 and of our wandering hearts,
 that we may serve You with glad obedience,
 to the everlasting glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON Matthew 1:21

*She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus,
 for he will save his people from their sins.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION 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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

No. 170 "What Child Is This" GREENSLEEVES

Words: William C. Dix / Music: Trad. English Melody, 16th cent. / Matthew 2:2

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2. Why lies he in such mean es-tate, where ox and ass are feed-ing?
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him;

Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet, while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing:
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
Raise, raise the 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.

“O Holy Night” Adolphe Charles Adam, Placide Cappeau, John S. Dwight

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of our dear Savior’s birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till He appear’d and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O night, O night divine.

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, here come the wise men from the Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger; in all our trials born to be our friend.

He knows our need, to our weaknesses no stranger,
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother; and in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, let all within us praise His holy name.

Christ is the Lord! O praise His Name forever,
His power and glory evermore proclaim.
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Jauna Ellis, soloist

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LIGHTING OF THE CHURCH

HYMN OF CHRIST’S BIRTH: No. 162 “Silent Night! Holy Night!” STILLE NACHT

Words: Joseph Mohr / Music: Franz Grüber / Luke 2:16

1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
 2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight!
 3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love’s pure light
 4. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;

round yon vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav’n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 with the an - gels let us sing al - le - lu - ia to our King;

sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!

◆HYMN OF JOY: No. 128 "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" ANTIOCH

Words: Isaac Watts / Music: G.F. Handel; arr. Jerry Westenkuehler / Psalm 98:4

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re -
 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the
 ceive her King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of His right - eous -
 room, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 -ness and won - ders of His love, and won - ders of His
 sing, and heav'n and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 love, and won - ders won - ders of His love.

◆BENEDICTION

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Gloria in excelsis Deo.
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POSTLUDE: "Hallelujah Chorus" G.F. Handel; arr. Samuel Metzger

◆Indicates congregation standing

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*Instrumentalists: Diane Zelickman, Lenore McIntyre, violin;
 Beth Luscombe, viola; Mark Wallace, cello*

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December 26 Worship & Family Fellowship Hour

This Sunday, we'll worship in the Sanctuary at our normal times: 8:15 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. In lieu of Sunday School that day, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. for Family Fellowship Hour, where we will enjoy coffee and scones. Note: The nursery will only be open for the 8:15 a.m. service.

Mask Policy

Masks are optional for vaccinated individuals on our church campus. Those not vaccinated (including children above age 2) are encouraged to wear masks to help protect those who cannot be or have not yet been vaccinated. Social distancing between family units continues to be recommended.

The Messenger

The best way to find out what's going on at Second is to subscribe to our weekly email newsletter. To subscribe, simply scroll to the orange box at the bottom of our homepage (2pc.org) and enter your name and email address—then watch for it to arrive in your inbox on Friday afternoons!

Sunday Worship

We invite you to worship with us on Sundays in the Sanctuary. Morning worship meets at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. Evening worship begins at 6:00 p.m. To find out how you can become part of our church community, contact Pastor Todd Erickson via email at todd.erickson@2pc.org or by calling (901) 531-8895.

January Preaching Series

We'll kick off the new year with our annual Gospel Priorities series. Beginning January 9, we will hear from guest pastors and some of our own team during morning and evening worship on the themes of biblical justice, sexuality, and holistic health. Join us these Sundays for worship as we continue to develop our Christian worldview and seek to become the church Christ has redeemed us to be.

January 9: Walter Strickland, *Associate Research Fellow, Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission*

January 16: Hans Madueme, *Associate Professor of Theological Studies, Covenant College*

January 23: Robert Kim, *Assistant Professor of Applied Theology and Church Planting, Covenant Theological Seminary*

January 30: Todd Erickson, *Pastoral Executive, Second Presbyterian Church*



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