



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

December 13, 2020
Third Sunday of Advent

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

- It is helpful for us to know who is worshipping on campus. If you haven't registered to attend, please visit 2pc.org now and use the buttons at the top of the homepage to let us know you're here!
- To help everyone keep proper distance when exiting, please exit by row to the closest exterior Sanctuary door (back rows to the North doors; front rows to the South doors). Also, please keep masks on throughout the worship service and while on campus.
- A live stream of services is available at 2pc.org/live for those unable to attend at this time.
- Please take this order of worship with you as you exit. Hint: You can bring it back for worship this evening at 6:00!
- The order of worship for the evening service begins on page 6 of this booklet.
- **52 Reasons Devotion Series:** In July of this year, Pastor George introduced an encouraging weekly devotional regarding the importance of corporate worship for the people of God. To follow that series, click "media" at the top of our homepage at 2pc.org, subscribe to our social media channels (@2PCMempis), or find it in the Messenger email newsletter each Friday.
- **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 and enter your name and email address—then watch for it to arrive in your inbox on Friday afternoons!

Christmas Flower Order Form

I/We wish to contribute \$_____ to the Flower Ministry of Second Presbyterian Church for use in decorating the church for the Christmas season in memory or honor of loved ones. Please acknowledge the gift (omitting the amount) in the bulletin on Sunday, December 20 as follows:

Please check **ONLY** one: In Memory of In Honor of In Gratitude for

Name: _____

Given by: _____

Donor Phone Number: _____

December 13 is the deadline for the inclusion of names in the bulletin on December 20, 2020.

Please return this form with your check made out to Second Presbyterian Church and send to 4055 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38111. Clearly designate the gift for the "Flower Ministry."

An online order form is available at 2pc.org/flowers.

Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

ADORE THE SHEPHERD KING

PRELUDE: "What Child Is This" Richard Purvis

Samuel Metzger, organ

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE..... Julie and Pedro Argoti (8:15)
Betty Lu and Warren Jones (11:00)

♣CALL TO WORSHIP..... Todd Erickson

For the protection of our community during the pandemic, singing along to hymns is discouraged.

♣HYMN OF ADVENT: "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" ANTIOCH

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

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders, of His love.

♣INVOCATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15 a.m.

*Abigail Grace Nease, born November 8, 2019, daughter of Mary and Will Nease
Lucy Evelyn Bobango, born July 26, 2019, daughter of Maddy and Allen Bobango
Maury Tully Dicken, born October 14, 2019, daughter of Rebecca and John Dicken*

11:00 a.m.

*Leslie Eason Aldridge, born May 6, 2020, daughter of Lee and Will Aldridge
Britton Elizabeth Hey, born January 7, 2020, daughter of Diana Clair and Brian Hey
Harold James Schnuerer, born August 20, 2019, son of Ann and Richard Schnuerer*

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: "Jesus Loves You" JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.

TRUST THE GRACIOUS KING

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and holy Father,
we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love.
We confess our readiness to accept Your pardoning grace
but also our refusal to forgive others.
We confess our eagerness to receive Your redeeming love
but also our resistance to follow You without question.
In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond as we should.
Come to us anew, and by Your grace;
transform us to receive You with joy, as the shepherds;
with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary;
and with love, as You have loved us.
Even so: come, Lord Jesus, come.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON Galatians 4:4-5

*But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,
to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Domine Fili Unigenite" Vivaldi

Domine fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

*The Chancel Choir
Emily Taylor, conductor*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO: A WORD TO THE CHILDREN Jennifer Wilson
Manager of The Growing Place Library

FOLLOW THE SOVEREIGN KING

✦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.**

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: "The Advent of Our God" ST. THOMAS

Words: Charles Coffin / Music: Aaron Williams / Philippians 2:6-7

The advent of our God with eager prayers we greet,
And singing haste upon His road His glorious gift to meet.
The everlasting Son scorns not a virgin's womb;
That we from bondage may be won He bears a bondsman's doom.
Daughter of Zion rise to meet thy lowly King;
Let not thy stubborn heart despise the peace He deigns to bring.
As Judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again,
And His true members all unite with Him in heav'n to reign.
Let evil flee away ere that dread hour shall dawn,
Let this old Adam day by day God's image still put on.
Praise to th'Incarnate Son, who comes to set us free,
With God the Father, ever one, to all eternity.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. Luke 2:14

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

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

SERMON: Heaven on Earth George Robertson

I. Glory in Heaven

- A. War
- B. Covenant
- C. Friendship

II. Peace on Earth

- A. War
- B. Covenant
- C. Friendship

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦BENEDICTION

✦BENEDICTION RESPONSE. GLORIA

Words: Traditional French Carol / Music: arr. Edward Shippen Barnes / Luke 2:14

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE: Toccata on "He Is Born the Divine Christ Child" Denis Bédard

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Kenneth Coca, cello; James Ryan, viola; Aubrey Mills and Rachel Tenny, violin

The Gift of Song

Sunday Evening Worship · 6:00 p.m.

ADORE HIM, THE PROMISED KING

PRELUDE: “He Shall Feed His Flock” from *Messiah* G.F. Handel; arr. Samuel Metzger
James Ryan, conductor

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Alissa, Beckham, and Josh Preston

“My God, Accept My Heart This Day” Howard Helvey
Words: Matthew Bridges / Music: arr. Howard Helvey / Deuteronomy 30:15-2

My God, accept my heart this day, and make it always Thine,
That I from Thee no more may stray, no more from Thee decline.

Creator of the stars of night, Your people’s everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray You hear us when we call.

Anoint me with Thy heavn’ly grace, and seal me for Thine own;
That I may see Thy glorious face, and worship near Thy throne.

Let every thought and work and word to Thee, be ever giv’n:
Then life shall be Thy servant Lord, and death the gate of heav’n.

All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee, while endless ages run.

✦CALL TO WORSHIP Brett Wynne
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“Unto Us a Child Will Be Born” Dan Goeller
Words and Music: Dan and Heidi Goeller / Isaiah 9:6

Unto us a Son will be given, unto us a Child will be born!
He will rule with justice, His peace will never end.
Reigning on the throne of David, He will rule forever more!
And His name will be called:
Mighty God, Eternal Father, Counselor, the Prince of Peace!
In His Kingdom He will bring us: Justice, peace, and righteousness!

✦INVOCATION

THE GIFT OF SONG

INTRODUCTION Calvin Ellis

“Is He Worthy” Dan Forrest

Words and Music: Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive; arr. Dan Forrest

Do you feel the world is broken? We do. Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? We do.
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is. Is a new creation coming? It is.
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is.
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave:
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? He does. Does the Spirit move among us? He does.
And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves? He does.
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave:
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

From ev'ry people and tribe, every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this?
He is! He is!

*Jauna and Calvin Ellis, soloists
The Chancel Choir*

“Sweet Are the Prayers of a Friend” Pepper Choplin

Words and Music: Pepper Choplin / Ephesians 6:18

Sweet are the prayers of a friend.
How sweet are the prayers that are offered up by our friend
Who calls, calling up to heaven, calling Lord, come down and bless again.
Friends pray for healing, they pray relieving the heavy burdens of our souls.
They pray for courage, unfailing courage, asking God to make us whole.
Friends pray us through struggles, through all our struggles, when life seems to fall apart.
They pray us through grieving, always believing, God can heal a broken heart.
Sweet are the prayers of a friend, of a friend, for a friend.

ADORE HIM, THE HUMBLE SAVIOR

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“All Praise to Thee” Elaine Hagenberg

Words: Martin Luther / Music: Elaine Hagenberg / Luke 2:16 and John 1:14

All praise to Thee, eternal God, who, clothed in garb of flesh and blood,
Dost take a manger for Thy throne, while worlds on worlds are Thine alone.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

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.

A little child, Thou art our Guest that weary ones in Thee may rest;
Forlorn and lowly is Thy birth that we may rise to heav’n from earth.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

“Ding Dong! Merrily on High” Carolyn Jennings

Words: G.R. Woodward / Music: arr. Carolyn Jennings / Luke 2:13-14

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 “io, io, io,” by priest and people sungen.

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

“Thou Who Wast Rich” Molly Ijames

Words: Frank Houghton / Music: Charles Kitson; arr. Mollie James; string quartet arr. James Ryan / II Corinthians 8:9

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor all for love’s sake becamest poor;
Thrones for a manger did surrender sapphire paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor all for love’s sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising all for love’ sake becamest man.
Stooping so low, but sinners raising; heav’nward by Thine eternal plan.
Thou who art God beyond all praising all for love’s sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship Thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling make us what Thou would have us be.
Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King we worship Thee.

Glory to God in the Highest

ADVENT 2020

The Gift of Song

Tonight at 6:00 in the Sanctuary

At this service, our choir and orchestra will present favorite anthems from the past year and several Christmas carols. Come and be encouraged by the reminder of the Lord's steadfast love and provision through the texts of the musical selections.

Festival of Carols Recording

What a joy it was to worship the Lord through our annual Festival of Carols on December 6! If you missed the online premiere or would like to watch it again, visit 2pc.org/advent or search "2pcmephris" on YouTube.

Visit 2pc.org/advent for the full schedule.

Christmas Eve Worship Registration

4:00 p.m. Family Worship Service

5:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

Candlelight Communion Services

We are looking forward to a wonderful evening of worship on Christmas Eve. All of our services will be live streamed for those who prefer to worship at home, but we anticipate many will want to worship on campus. If you intend to worship in person, registration is required.

Visit 2pc.org/advent to register.

Nursery will be available for the 5:30 service by reservation for ages 3 and under. Nursery registration will open December 21 and close December 23 at noon.

Congregational Meeting: The Session has called the congregation to meet at both morning services today to elect officers to begin service in January 2021 on the Diaconate and Session. The officers being elected have previously been nominated by the congregation and have completed a period of training and examination.

Nursery Availability: Our nursery is open during the 8:15 a.m. service to children ages 3 and under and during Sunday Night Worship to children ages 4 and under. Pre-registration is required. Visit 2pckids.org to learn more and register.

Congregational Communities: Some of our adult Congregational Communities are meeting on campus on Sunday mornings, and others continue to meet online. Visit 2pc.org/cc for a full list of CCs or contact your CC leader for more information.

Holiday Service Opportunities: There are many ways we can serve our neighbors this holiday season. One way to honor your loved ones and help the most vulnerable in Memphis is by donating to the Neighborhood Christian Centers' Christmas Basket Fund. Visit 2pc.org/serve to give to this fund and for the full list of ways to serve.

Weekly Focus on Missions

World Missions: Steve and Marion Spencer moved to South Africa to begin Genesis University in 2019. The family returned to St. Louis when the pandemic began, which has allowed them to build relationships with donors and potential sponsors in America. The lockdown in South Africa which forced their educational experts and curriculum developers to stay home from their normal employment the last several months, allowed them to finish their application for the Department of Higher Education and Training, complete institutional policies and

budgets, create a faculty list and student prospectus, and locate a site to begin classes in 2022. Please pray the Spencers can return to South Africa soon and that they can obtain the proper visas. Pray also for government favor as they submit applications for approval and accreditation for the university.

Mission Memphis: Our partners at Refugee Empowerment Program are praising God that they've been able to continue offering services throughout the pandemic. Please pray for the health and safety of newcomers who are hyper-vulnerable to the impacts of COVID-19.

Caring Ministry Update

Sympathy to:

Jane Mims on the death of her father, *Donald Huey Terrell*, December 1, 2020, in Arkansas.

The family of *John Douglass Glass* on his death, December 2, 2020.

Olin Morris on the death of his brother, *Doug Morris*, December 4, 2020, in Wisconsin.

In the Hospital (as of 12/9/20):

Sallie B. Berry, *Methodist Germantown*
Susan Cunningham, *Baptist Collierville*
Russell White, *Baptist Memphis*

Caring Ministry Fund

Each year, a special collection is taken during the month of December to benefit the Caring Ministry's mercy fund that provides financial assistance to the needy within our church and in our community. Through this fund, our Caring Ministry is able to assist hundreds of people annually.

You may write a check and designate "Caring Ministry Fund" in the memo line and place it in one of the offering boxes at the Sanctuary exits or visit 2pc.org/caring to give online.

December Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary for the month of December are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: *Bernice and George Flinn* by their sons George, Jr., Fred, Carl, and their families; *Mr. and Mrs. William D. Nicholson* by their children and grandchildren; *Lillian and Thomas Patton* by Susan and Claude Crawford, Elizabeth and John Holmes, and their grandchildren; and *their son, Benjamin, and their parents, Madge and Charles Smith and Diantha and Carl Weber*, by Vicki and Bill Weber.

Year-end Giving Reminder

Per IRS regulations, year-end gifts not mailed to the church must be placed in the offering boxes at the Sanctuary exits or delivered to the church office no later than Thursday, December 31, 2020, in order to qualify as a charitable gift for the 2020 tax year.

The church office will close at 5:00 p.m., but you can give online at 2pc.org/give through midnight on December 31. Contributions mailed to the church must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service by December 31, 2020, in order to qualify as a charitable gift for the 2020 tax year. Mailing envelopes postmarked after December 31, 2020, must be reported as a 2021 gift, regardless of the date on the enclosed check.

General Fund Giving Update

	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	Variance	Last Year Actual
November	\$ 836,663	\$ 846,300	\$ 9,637	\$ 686,206
YTD 7/1/20–11/30/20	\$ 3,318,462	\$ 3,381,838	\$ 63,376	\$ 3,043,767



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