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December 5, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent

Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: Variations on "Good Christian Men Rejoice" Denis Bédard
Samuel Metzger, organ

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE John, Kelly, Margaux, Mabry, and Hays Irvine (8:15)
Levi and Savannah Gresham (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP Kevin McQuillen

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 127 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL
Words: John Mason Neale / Music: Thomas Helmore; arr. Samuel Metzger / Isaiah 59:20

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on
3. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
4. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy
5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un -
Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law in
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save, and
draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, and
heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and

Refrain

til the Son of God ap - pear.
 cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 close the path to mis - er - y.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

◆INVOCATION

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

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Give by Mail: Second Presbyterian Church, 4055 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Glory, Glory, Glory to the Newborn King" Moses Hogan

Words and Music: Based on "Go, Tell It on the Mountain," arr. Moses Hogan / Luke 2:17

What will we call that pretty little baby? Baby born in Bethlehem.
 What will we call that pretty little baby? Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
 Where was He born, this pretty little baby? Down in a lowly manger.
 Where His birth was in a stable. Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
 Born this night, the Son of Mary. Hail the heav'n born Prince of peace.
 Glory to the newborn King. Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King.

Children, go and tell it on the mountain, Lord, over the hills and ev'rywhere.
 Why don't you go, yes, tell it on the mountain, Lord, that Jesus Christ is born.
 See the newborn baby. Go and tell it on the mountain, Lord, that Jesus Christ is born.

Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King.
 All praise to the newborn King, we're singin' over hill and mountain,
 We're singin' hail, the newborn King. Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King.

*Phillip Bond, soloist
 The Chancel Choir
 Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO: A WORD TO THE CHILDREN Chase Presson
 Campus Outreach Area Director

✦ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

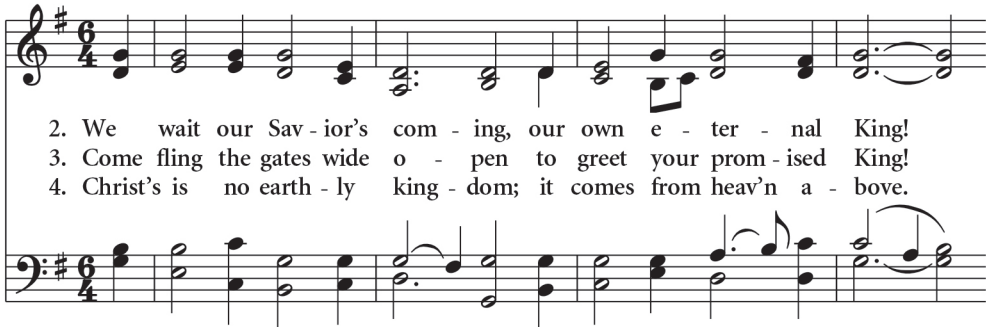
HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 126 "Prepare the Royal Highway" BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Words: Mikael Franzén / Music: Swedish Melody; arr. Samuel Metzger / Isaiah 40:3-4

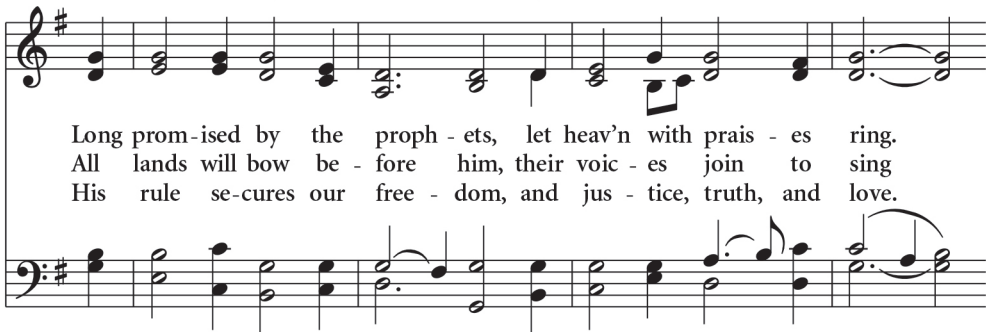
Choir:

Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear!
The hope of ev'ry nation, God's promise of salvation.
Hosanna to the Lord, for He fulfills God's word!

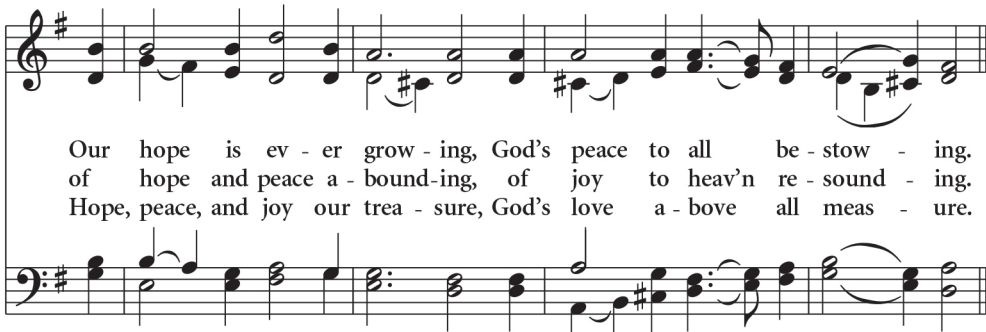
✦ Congregation stands and sings:



2. We wait our Sav - ior's com - ing, our own e - ter - nal King!
3. Come fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised King!
4. Christ's is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Long prom - ised by the proph - ets, let heav'n with prais - es ring.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es join to sing
His rule se - cures our free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Our hope is ev - er grow - ing, God's peace to all be - stow - ing.
of hope and peace a - bound - ing, of joy to heav'n re - sound - ing.
Hope, peace, and joy our trea - sure, God's love a - bove all meas - ure.

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....Revelation 14:8

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. *(Isaiah 40:8)*

SERMON: The Promised Mighty God George Robertson

I. Humbles the Proud

II. Exalts the Humble

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

✦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 GREATORIX

Music: Henry W. Greatorex / Psalm 29:2

**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.**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most Holy Father, we plead for Your mercy,
for we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved You with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us for all our past unfaithfulness:
our pride, hypocrisy, and impatience;
our self-indulgent appetites and ways;
our intemperate love of worldly comforts;
our negligence in prayer and worship;
and our failure to believe and rest in gospel grace.
For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON..... I John 4:9-10

*In this the love of God was made manifest among us,
that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.
In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us
and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our 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

“Remembrance” Chris Davenport, Benjamin Hastings

Words and Music: Benjamin Hastings, Chris Davenport / Matthew 26:26-28

I take the bread of life, broken for all my sin;
Your body crucified to make me whole again.
I will recall the cup, poured out in sacrifice,
To trade this sinner’s end for Your new covenant.

*Hallelujah. I’ll live my life in remembrance.
Hallelujah. Your promise I won’t forget.*

I’ll walk salvation’s road with fear and trembling;
Your way borne as my own as Christ is formed in me.

If ever I should lose my way, if ever I deny Your grace,
Remind me of the price You paid.

You’ve been so, so good to me.
Oh to think where I would be if not for You.

As far as heights reach from the depths, as far as east is from the west,
So far Your grace has carried me.

Until I see You face to face, until at last I’ve won my race,
Remind me You’re not finished yet.

Trio: Mandy Webb, Jauna Ellis, Calvin Ellis

No. 133: "The Advent of Our God" ST. THOMAS

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

1. The ad - vent of our God with ea - ger prayers we greet,
 2. The ev - er - last - ing Son scorns not a vir - gin's womb;
 3. Daugh - ter of Zi - on rise to meet thy low - ly King;
 4. As Judge, on clouds of light, he soon will come a - gain,
 5. Let e - vil flee a - way ere that dread hour shall dawn,
 and sing - ing haste up - on his road his glo - rious gift to meet.
 that we from bond - age may be won he bears a bonds - man's doom.
 let not thy stub - born heart de - spise the peace he deigns to bring.
 and his true mem - bers all u - nite with him in heav'n to reign.
 let this old Ad - am day by day God's im - age still put on.

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦HYMN OF THANKSGIVING ST. THOMAS

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

**Praise to th'Incarnate Son, who comes to set us free,
 With God the Father, ever one, to all eternity.**

✦BENEDICTION

✦BENEDICTION RESPONSE GLORIA

**Gloria in excelsis Deo,
 Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

POSTLUDE: Celtic Toccata on "Angels We Have Heard on High" Grimoaldo Macchia

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Sermon Notes

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Caring Ministry Update

Sympathy to:

Chad Jackson on the death of his father, *Daryl Jackson*, November 26, 2021, in Vanore, TN.

John Norfleet on the death of his sister, *Molly Ross*, November 26, 2021.

Nancy Peebles on the death of her brother, *Donald G. Snipes*, November 28, 2021, in The Villages, FL.

Sarah Mercer, Millie Mykleby and Julia Bellott on the death of their mother, *Sharon Bellott Luck*, November 28, 2021, in Kingwood, TX.

In the Hospital (*as of 12/1/21*):
Eva Miller, *Allen Morgan Rehab*
Paul Brown, *Baptist Rehab*

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions–Ruslan & Zhanna: Ruslan, Zhanna, and their four children live in Kazakhstan, where Ruslan directs Young Life Central Asia. He continues to expand Young Life through contact work, clubs, and camps. Ruslan has a heart for the adolescents of Turkmenistan, a closed country hostile toward Christianity and home to 1.5 million adolescents. Zhanna is director of the Young Life Capernaum Project for children and adults with special needs throughout the former Soviet Union. After helping organize a new camp in Tajikistan, her desire is to continue training and equipping volunteers to develop Capernaum at the local level. Please pray that the Lord continues to bring fruit from the YL training conferences Ruslan organized this year. Pray also that the Lord would provide workers to reach the lost and underserved in Central Asia, and that He would encourage and refresh Ruslan's family as they serve Christ through Young Life.

Domestic Missions–Third Millennium Ministries: Thirdmill equips Christians across the globe to advance God's Kingdom by providing high-quality biblical education at no cost. They praise God for the launch of their Thirdmill Institute in Spanish. Pray for safe travel and fruitfulness as their Africa Regional Director leads trainings in Tanzania and Ethiopia. Pray for God to connect their regional directors with pastors and church leaders who desperately need further theological and biblical education to teach their congregations the Word. Pray also for the Burmese translation team as they face persecution—that God would protect them and allow their work to resume. Finally, pray for the Thirdmill website to remain available to Chinese Christians amid government oppression.

2PC Ministry–Restoration & Peacemakers Ministry: RPM seeks to help resolve conflict and restore broken relationships by following the blueprint laid out in Matthew 18. This ministry flows from the gospel, for God the Son came to bring peace by restoring us to God the Father. RPM works under the authority of the church Session, with the supervision of an oversight committee and Second's pastoral staff, to help members resolve problems relating to personal or business disputes, addictions, abuse, marital infidelity, dysfunctional relationships, and more. Pray for God to enable the RPM team to faithfully carry out their mission by operating within a biblical framework, prioritizing confidentiality, and being accessible to church members. Pray that members in need would seek out support from RPM early in conflict rather than delaying. Pray for God to bring reconciliation where there is relational brokenness, healing where there is hurt, hope where there is despair, and harmony where there is discord.

Advent

Rejoice Greatly!

A Chamber Music Concert

Tonight at 6:00 in the Sanctuary

Don't miss this magnificent evening of worship, including pieces from Handel's *Messiah*, Advent hymns, and more, led by soloists and a chamber orchestra.

A reception will follow in the lobby outside the bookstore.

Festival of Carols

December 12, 6:00 p.m.

Nine Lessons and Carols

December 19, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

A Gospel Christmas

December 19, 6:00 p.m.

PJ Story Time

December 21, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship

4:00 p.m. Family Service

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

Candlelight Communion Services

**To sign up for Pastor George's daily Advent devotionals
text ADVENT to (901) 410-9500.**

Visit 2pc.org/advent for more dates, details, and service opportunities.

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!

Mask Policy

Masks are optional for vaccinated individuals on our church campus. Those not vaccinated (including children above age 2) are asked 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.

Congregational Meeting: December 12

The Session has called the congregation to meet at both morning services on December 12, 2021 to elect officers to begin service in January 2022 on the Diaconate and Session. Those up for election have previously been nominated by the congregation and have completed a period of training and examination.

December Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this month 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; *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 Friday, December 31, 2021, in order to qualify as a charitable gift for the 2021 tax year.

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

Mailed envelopes postmarked after December 31, 2021 must be reported as a 2022 gift, regardless of the date on the enclosed check.

General Fund Giving Update

	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	Variance	Last Year Actual
October	\$ 616,677	\$ 725,281	\$ 108,604	\$ 624,214
YTD 7/1/21–10/31/21	\$ 2,421,459	\$ 2,686,041	\$ 264,582	\$ 2,535,538

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 19 as follows:

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

Name: _____

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December 12 is the deadline for the inclusion of names in the bulletin on December 19, 2021.

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.



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