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December 12, 2021 · 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

*Third Sunday of Advent*

# Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

## ADORE THE SHEPHERD KING

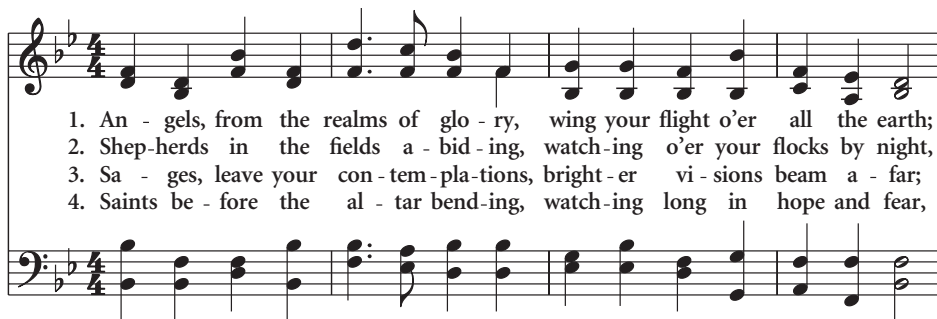
PRELUDE: "Noël Suisse" ..... Louis-Claude Daquin  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Christmas Fantasy for Violin and Organ" ..... Sigurd M. Øgaard  
*James Ryan, violin*

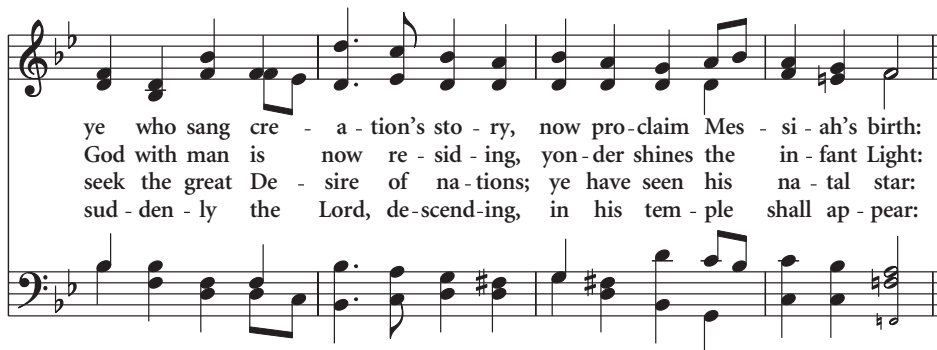
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE..... Ariel, Julie, Lu, and Olivia Aquino (8:15)  
John, Josie, Elizabeth, and Pearson Hammons (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Philip James

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 158 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"..... REGENT SQUARE  
*Words: James Montgomery / Music: Henry T. Smart; arr. Samuel Metzger / Matthew 2:11*

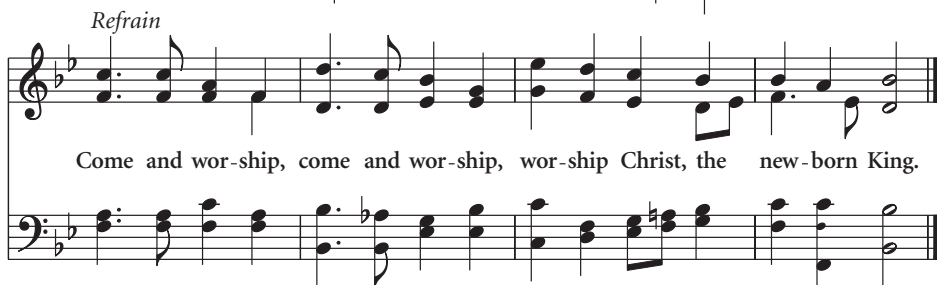


1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
2. Shep - herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night;  
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;  
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,



ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:  
seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:  
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

*Refrain*



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

✦INVOCATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (8:15)

*Elizabeth Dobson Bailey, born July 17, 2021, daughter of Taylor and JP Bailey  
Emma Frances Kinney, born August 3, 2021, daughter of Liz and Rob Kinney*

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.  
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.  
We make our prayer in the strong name of Jesus, our Savior.**

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.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

**Give On Campus:** Offering boxes are available at the Sanctuary exits.  
**Give Online:** [2pc.org/give](http://2pc.org/give)  
**Give by Text:** Text SECOND followed by the gift amount to (901) 410-9500 to give to the General Fund.  
Text WORLD followed by the gift amount to the same number to give to World Missions.  
**Give by Mail:** Second Presbyterian Church, 4055 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Angels We Have Heard on High" . . . . .Matthew Culloton

*Words: Trad. French Carol / Music: Matthew Culloton / Luke 2:14*

Gloria, Gloria!

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountain in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria, in excelsis Deo, Gloria!

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Indulci júbilo, let us our homage show.

*The Chancel Choir  
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO: A WORD TO THE CHILDREN . . . . . Lucy Stevens  
*Elementary Coordinator*

## 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.**

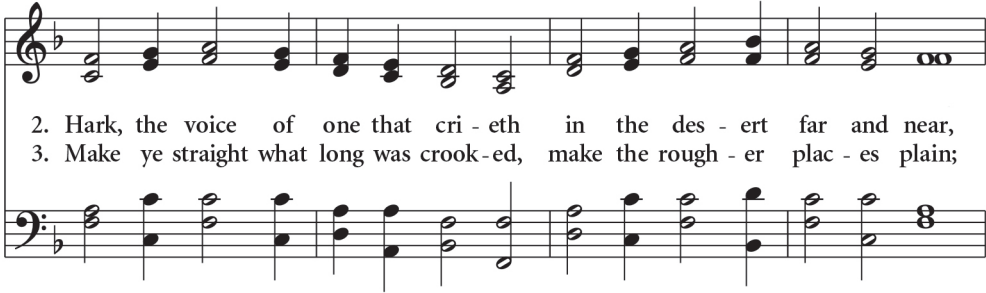
HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 129 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People".....PSALM 42

Words: Johannes Olearius; tr. Catherine Winkworth / Music: Genevan Psalter / Isaiah 40:1


Choir:

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;  
Tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

♠ Congregation stands and sings:



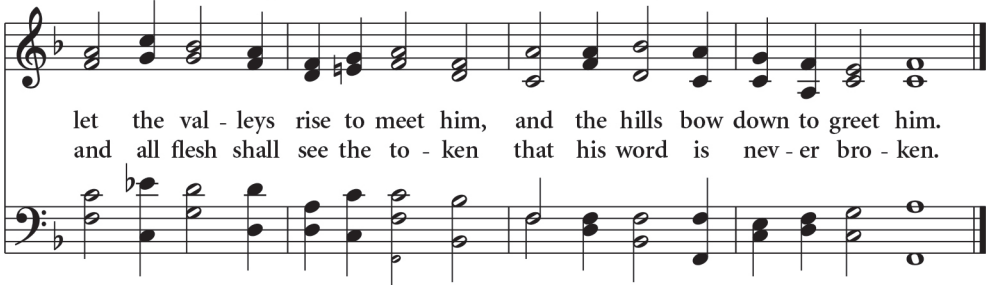
2. Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert far and near,  
3. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er plac - es plain;



bid - ding all to true re - pent - ance, since the king - dom now is here.  
let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign.



O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a - way;  
For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that his word is nev - er bro - ken.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. . . . . Revelation 14:9-12

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

SERMON: The Promised Consolation. . . . . George Robertson

- I. **Consternation of Conceit** *(Revelation 14:9-11)*
- II. **Consolation of Christ** *(Revelation 14:12)*

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦BENEDICTION

✦BENEDICTION RESPONSE. . . . . GLORIA

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE: “Un Flambeau, Jeanette, Isabelle” . . . . . Denis Bédard

✦Indicates congregation standing

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# Advent

**Festival of Carols**  
*Tonight at 6:00 in the Sanctuary*

Don't miss this magnificent evening of worship and sing-a-long carols, led by our Chancel Choir and Orchestra as well as our Sunday Night Worship Team, Spirit & Song Children's Choir, and Faithline Youth Choir.

**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](http://2pc.org/advent) for more dates, details, and service opportunities.**

## Congregational Meeting

The Session has called the congregation to meet today at both morning services 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.

## Caring Ministry Update

**In the Hospital** (as of 12/8/21):

Eva Miller, *Allen Morgan Rehab*

Paul Brown, *Baptist Rehab*

Rebecca Schmidt, *Baptist Memphis*

## Weekly Prayer Focus

**World Missions–Dave & Joyce:** Dave and Joyce work as Bible translators for villages in Southeast Asia and are currently translating the Old Testament for the Bauzi people in their native language. Dave has recently submitted 1 and 2 Kings, Ezra, and Nehemiah to their translation coordinator for approval. He frequently holds Google meets with Yormi, his Bauzi co-translator in Papua, to ensure that the local villagers there are comprehending the text. Pray for Dave and Yormi as they continue to work through these time-consuming comprehension checks of the texts with sometimes unreliable internet connections. Dave, Joyce, and their son Ryan, who is a nurse in a town nearby, were all hospitalized earlier this fall with Covid. All are still recovering and would appreciate prayers for complete recovery. Continue to pray for their efforts to bring the Bible to unreached people groups in their native languages.

**Domestic Missions–Advance Memphis:** Advance Memphis seeks to empower adults in South Memphis to break cycles of unemployment, establish economic stability, reconcile relationships, and restore dignity through knowledge, resources, and skills, by the power of Jesus Christ. They praise God for guiding them to become a more trauma-informed space for students, employees, and neighbors. Pray for wisdom as they re-evaluate their workforce development programming in light of the national labor shortage. Pray for the nine students who recently began the Work Life class as well as for the graduating class—that they would find permanent work with benefits. Finally, pray for graduates and neighbors battling addiction to seek ongoing support in their recovery process.

**2PC Ministry–The Shine Ministry:** The Shine Ministry at Second serves individuals (and families of individuals) with special needs by communicating and demonstrating the good news of Christ's love for all people. They do this through their weekly Sunday School class, Jumping for Jesus on Wednesday nights, the Shadow Program (which allows students to stay with their peers in appropriate grade levels while receiving biblical, differentiated learning), and more. Pray for Shine members, many of whom have underlying health risks and, as such, have experienced increased isolation since Covid hit—pray for God to meet these Special Friends wherever they are. Pray also for God to grow the Shadow Program and continue using it to encourage our whole congregation. As Shine seeks their first ever full-time coordinator, pray for God to grant wisdom and guidance to the search committee. Finally, pray for Shine participants and families to be integrated into the full life of our church as valued, vital members.

## 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.

## 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 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. on the 31st, but you may give online at [2pc.org/give](http://2pc.org/give) until midnight that day. 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
November	\$ 817,656	\$ 808,107	\$ (9,549)	\$ 845,918
YTD 7/1/21–11/30/21	\$ 3,239,115	\$ 3,494,148	\$ 255,033	\$ 3,381,456

## 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](http://2pc.org/flowers).*

