



ADVENT



DECEMBER 4, 2022 • 8:15 + 11:00 AM

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE: "Pastorale" Arcangelo Corelli

Kate Ryan and Michael Brennan, violin; James Ryan, viola; Tammy Holt, harpsichord

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Beth Kontrim, Kathy Kontrim, and Lisa Ritenour (8:15)

Dominique and Cory Jones (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP Brett Wynne

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 131 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL

Words: Charles Wesley, Mark E. Hunt / Music: Rowland H. Prichard / Luke 2:25

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to
2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day - spring
3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose
4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a

set thy peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re -
from on high, ap - pear; come, thou prom - ised Rod of
glo - ries knew no end; by his life he brings us -
child and yet a king, born to reign in us for -

lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the
O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings
Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our

earth thou art, dear De - sire of ev - 'ry
of a birth: "Go to him, your prais - es
cat - tle stall; this the ev - er - last - ing
hearts a - lone; by thine all - suf - fi - cient

na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

◆INVOCATION

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Domine Fili Unigenite" from *Gloria in D Major*, RV 589.....Vivaldi

Domine fili unigenite Jesu Christe.

O Lord, the only begotten son, Jesus Christ.

*The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN..... Jennifer Wilson
The Growing Place Library Coordinator

◆PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

♠HYMN OF PREPARATION: "How Great Our Joy" JÜNGST

Words and Music: Traditional German Carol; arr. Hugo Jüngst / Luke 2:10



1. While by the sheep we watched at night,
 2. There shall be born, so he did say,
 3. There shall the Child lie in a stall,
 4. This gift of God we'll cherish well,



glad tid - ings brought an an - gel bright.
 In Beth - le - hem a Child to - day.
 This Child who shall re - deem us all.
 That ev - er joy our hearts shall fill.

Refrain



How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy, joy, joy, joy!



Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....Micah 3:1-4:13
 (page 777 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON: The Just King George Robertson

I. Unjust Leaders (Micah 3:1-11)

- A. Judges must be even-handed.
- B. Prophets must tell the truth.
- C. Rulers must defend the weak.

II. Just King (Micah 4:1-13)

- A. Four Freedoms
- B. Two Oracles

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 GREATOREX

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

**Gracious Father,
who faithfully fulfilled Your promise of redemption
through the advent of Your one and only Son,
we confess with broken hearts
that we have continued in our sin and rebellion
and have grieved You with our callous hearts.
Please forgive us for all our sins,
for we are truly sorry and do earnestly repent.
Restore and renew our spirits by Your grace
that we may draw near to You, obey You, enjoy You,
and glorify Your matchless Name,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.**

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

“Behold the Lamb of God” Andrew Peterson

Words and Music: Andrew Peterson

We who walk in darkness deep now see the light of morning;
The mighty God, the Prince of Peace, a child to us is born.

*Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin.
Behold the Lamb of God, the life and light of men.
Behold the Lamb of God, who died and rose again.
Behold the Lamb of God, who comes to take away our sin.*

Wand’rers in the wilderness now hear a voice is crying;
Prepare the way, make straight the paths, Your king has come to die.

Son of God (Emmanuel). Son of Man (We praise You).
Behold the Lamb, the hope of man, behold the Lamb.

*Chris Pruett, Daija McNeil, Laurie Niederbrach, and Carrie Weber, vocalists
Nik Weber, guitar; James Ryan, piano*

♠HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 158 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory". REGENT SQUARE

Words: James Montgomery / Music: Henry T. Smart / 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:

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

♠BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE: "Voluntary". John Marsh

Tammy Holt, organ

♠Indicates congregation standing

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Caring Ministry Update

In the Hospital (as of 11/30/22):

John Emmett, *Jordan River at The Farms*

Eva Miller, *Memphis Jewish Home*

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions–Ruslan and Zhanna: Ruslan is the regional director for YL Central Asia, and Zhanna directs the Capernaum project, a special needs ministry, both operating throughout the Former Soviet Union. While they are involved in direct ministry in their home city, they are now training and supporting area and country directors throughout their region. They are also building a team to plant a new church in the coming months. With so many ministry responsibilities, their staff desire that they would be good spouses and parents and devote quality time to their families as well as to their ministries. Please pray for YL staff in Osh, Kyrgyzstan and Dushanbe, Tajikistan as they serve people affected by the border conflict between their two countries. Please pray for wisdom for Zhanna as she leads Capernaum staff in Russia, Ukraine, and Armenia who are deeply affected by war.

Domestic Missions–Young Lives Memphis: Since 2008, YoungLives Memphis has sought to shape generations by investing in teen parents in the city. They offer regular group gatherings, mentorship relationships, annual summer camps, community resources, and more. Pray for teen parents at Kirby, Douglass, and APP high schools. Ask God to meet their basic needs and remove obstacles that prevent them from regularly attending school. Pray for God to draw many to Himself through this ministry, raising up generations of Memphians who walk closely with Christ and live for His glory.

2PC Ministry–Domestic Missions: Led by Brian Lewis, Randi Meyer, and Lisa Grace, the Domestic Missions department partners with local ministries serving in neighborhoods throughout Memphis. Especially during this Advent season, pray for our hearts to be opened to the needs of our ministry partners. Pray for God to renew our love and zeal for our city, that we might boldly bring God's Shalom into the communities surrounding our church. Pray that God would do a mighty work for His glory in our city.

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; *Their son Benjamin and their parents Madge and Charles Smith and Diantha and Carl Weber* by Vicki and Bill Weber; *Lillian and Thomas Patton* by Susan and Claude Crawford, Elizabeth and John Holmes, and their grandchildren **and in gratitude for:** *Vicki Simmons* by Brandon Morrison.

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A Baroque Christmas

Tonight at 6:00 in the Sanctuary

Don't miss this evening of Christmas carols and classical masterpieces from the Baroque period of Western music.

Second's Chancel Choir will be joined by members of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra as they perform Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria* and Arcangelo Corelli's *Christmas Concerto Grosso*.

Festival of Carols

December 11, 6:00 p.m.

Nine Lessons and Carols

December 18, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

A Gospel Christmas

December 18, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas PJ Party

December 20, 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 Advent devotionals, distributed on Tuesdays and Thursdays, text ADVENT to (888) 381-1121.

Also, resources for families are available on a table outside the Nursery.

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

Year-End Giving Reminder

Per IRS regulations, year-end gifts not mailed to the church must be placed in the Sunday offering at church or delivered to the church office no later than Saturday, December 31, 2022, to qualify as a charitable gift for the 2022 tax year.

The church office will be open on December 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Also, online giving will be available 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, 2022, to qualify as a charitable gift for the 2022 tax year.

Mailed envelopes postmarked after December 31, 2022 must be reported as a 2023 gift, regardless of the date on the enclosed check.

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For information about Second, visit our website at 2pc.org or contact Amanda Coop, Director of Engagement, at amanda.coop@2pc.org or (901) 312-0248.

You may also scan the QR code at left to complete a short form to connect with our staff or update your contact information.

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 18 as follows:

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

Name: _____

Given by: _____

Donor Phone Number: _____

December 11 is the deadline for the inclusion of names in the bulletin on December 18, 2022.

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."

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