



ADVENT



DECEMBER 11, 2022 • 8:15 + 11:00 AM

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADORE KING JESUS

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Wir glauben all' an einen Gott"J.S. Bach

Leo Davis, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Christmas Fantasy for Violin and Organ"Sigurd Øgaard

Tammy Holt, violin; Leo Davis, organ

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE..... Linda and Ron Zampini (8:15)

Daija McNeil and Veronica Parker (11:00)

✦CALL TO WORSHIP..... Todd Erickson

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 161 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN

Words: Charles Wesley, George Whitfield / Music: Felix Mendelssohn, William Cummings; arr. David Willcocks / Luke 2:13-14



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold him come, off-spring of the vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'in-car-nate De - i - ty,
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,

with th'an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King."

✦ INVOCATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15

*Evelyn Lane Gilbert, born March 27, 2016, daughter of Allison and Blake Gilbert
 Reaves Rutherford Gilbert, born January 7, 2018, son of Allison and Blake Gilbert
 Gladdie Ruth Gilbert, born February 28, 2020, daughter of Allison and Blake Gilbert
 Redding Allen Gilbert, born July 19, 2021, son of Allison and Blake Gilbert*

11:00

Peyton Edwards Allen, born June 15, 2022, son of Sara and Daniel Allen

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 KING JESUS

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 Online:** 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*

INSTRUMENTAL OFFERTORY:

Grand Fantasia on "Joy to the World" Marc Cheban; arr. Joseph Joubert

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN. Peggy Stephens
Deacon

PROCLAIM KING JESUS

✦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.**

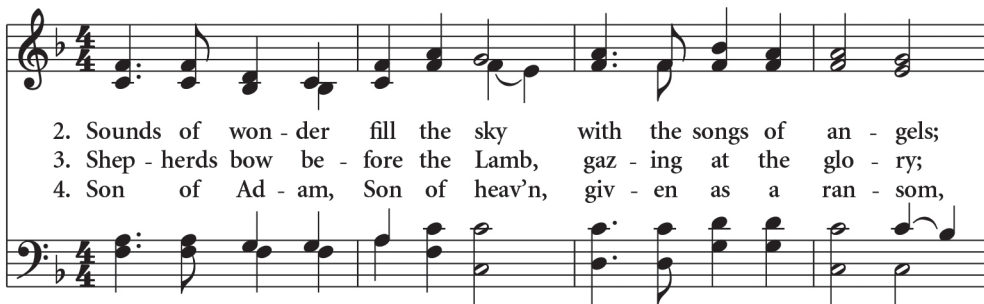
HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 175 "Joy Has Dawned" JOY HAS DAWNED

Words and Music: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend / John 1:18

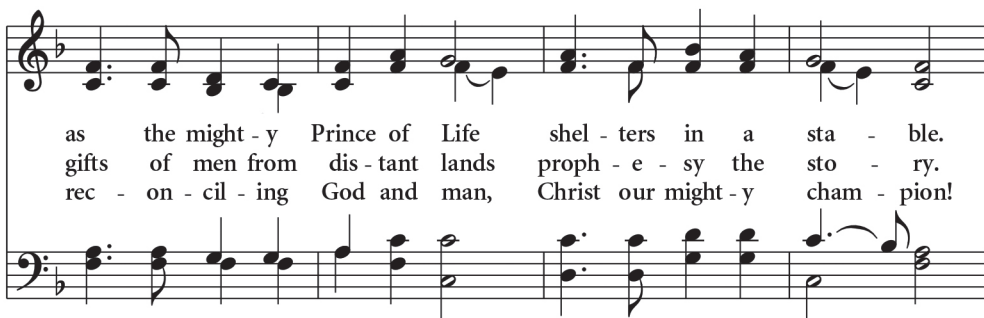
Choir:

Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation:
 God's salvation now unfurled, hope for ev'ry nation.
 Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory,
 But a humble gift of love: Jesus born of Mary.

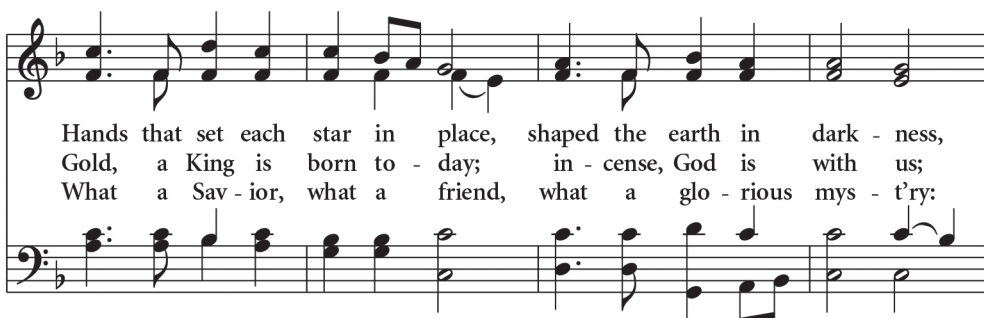
♠ Congregation stands and sings:



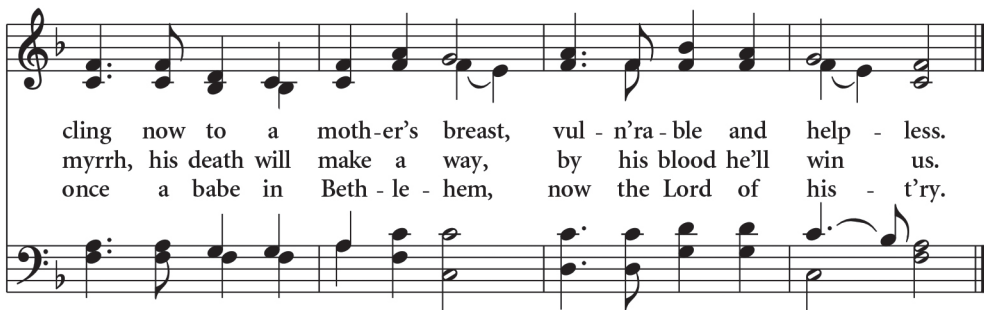
2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels;
 3. Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry;
 4. Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som,



as the might - y Prince of Life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
 gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry.
 rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ our might - y cham - pion!



Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
 Gold, a King is born to - day; in - cense, God is with us;
 What a Sav - ior, what a friend, what a glo - rious mys - t'ry:



cling now to a moth - er's breast, vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
 myrrh, his death will make a way, by his blood he'll win us.
 once a babe in Beth - le - hem, now the Lord of his - t'ry.

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Micah 5:6-6:8
(page 779 in pew Bible)

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

SERMON: Triumphant King..... George Robertson

- I. **Grace** (Micah 5:5-15)
 - A. Defeats Us by Conquering Our Enemies
 - B. Defeats Our Enemies by Dispersing Us
- II. **Guilt** (Micah 5:10-6:7)
 - A. Avenges
 - B. Sues
- III. **Gratitude** (Micah 6:8)
 - A. Justice
 - B. Mercy
 - C. Humility

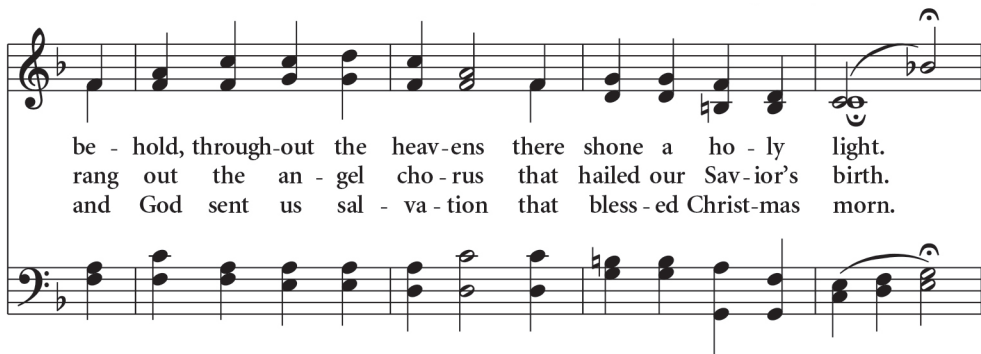
PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♣HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 167 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” GO TELL IT
Words: John W. Work, Jr. / Music: African-American Spiritual / Luke 2:17

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo! a - bove the earth
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger our hum - ble Christ was born,



✦BENEDICTION

✦BENEDICTION RESPONSE..... GLORIA

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

✦POSTLUDE: Toccata on “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” Christopher Pardini

✦Indicates congregation standing

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ADVENT

Festival of Carols

December 11, 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Don't miss this magnificent evening of worship, led by our Chancel Choir and Orchestra as well as our Gospel Choir, children's choirs, and youth choir.

This service is an annual favorite because of the sing-along Christmas carols and joyful holiday atmosphere.

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.

Sermon Notes

Caring Ministry Update

Sympathy to:

Ginny Atkinson on the death of her mother, *Mary Annette Logan Patterson*, December 1, 2022.

In the Hospital (as of 12/7/22):

John Emmett, *Jordan River at The Farms*
Eva Miller, *Memphis Jewish Home*

Congratulations to:

Andrew and Alison Quinn on the birth of a son, *Owen Warren Quinn*, November 16, 2022.

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions—Craig and Stacy Pohl: Craig and Stacy served for 20 years in South America before being called to serve in Japan this past May. The MTW team they joined plans to plant a new congregation in Chiba, Japan, just a few miles from downtown Tokyo. They also plan to strengthen and encourage the existing church in their city and begin a campus ministry at two high schools and a college nearby. The Pohls are currently in full-time language school so they can build relationships with and minister to their neighbors in Japanese. They are grateful to be making steady progress in the language and can use what they are learning in everyday situations. Pray that the Lord would continue to grow encouraging, gospel-centered friendships with church members, classmates, and neighbors. Please pray for spiritual growth and protection for their two daughters, who are stateside college students.

Domestic Missions—Service Over Self: Service Over Self is a neighborhood restoration ministry that seeks to bring more of God's shalom into their partner neighborhoods of Binghampton, The Heights, and Orange Mound through volunteer home repair and leadership development. SOS praises God for consistent attendance at SOS Builds; pray for the middle and high school students involved to love and follow Christ. Pray for Jesus-loving, servant-hearted college students to apply for summer staff and sign up for Spring Break trips. Praise God that their 2023 summer camps are nearly full!

2PC Ministry—Children's Ministry: The Children's Ministry desires to see children know God intimately through Jesus Christ, trusting in Him alone to save, sanctify, and satisfy them. While the team equips parents to serve as their children's primary vision-casters, they also equip all 2PC members to share in the awesome responsibility of discipling our children. Pray that families will take advantage of and be encouraged by the Advent resources provided by the Children's Ministry, as well as the Christmas PJ Party on December 20. Pray for God to bless the ongoing search for an administrative assistant, and pray for 15 more volunteers to serve in the nursery once per month during the 8:15 a.m. worship service.

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.

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.

Congregational Meeting: Today

The Session has called the congregation to meet today at both morning services to elect officers to begin service in January 2023 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.

Do You Have the 2PC Mobile App?

Have you downloaded our church app? It's a great tool for easily registering for events and Bible studies, searching our media library, giving online, searching your parish directory, and more. Simply search "Second Presbyterian Church" in the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store to download!

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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: _____

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

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