



a festival of nine

LESSONS

& CAROLS

DECEMBER 18, 2022 • 8:15 + 11:00 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



# A FESTIVAL OF Nine Lessons and Carols

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols tells the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus in nine Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books, and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns, and choral music.

The format was based on an order drawn up by Edward White Benson, later Archbishop of Canterbury but at that time Bishop of Truro, in Cornwall, for use on Christmas Eve 1880. Tradition says that he organized a 10:00 p.m.

service on Christmas Eve in a temporary wooden shed serving as his cathedral and that a key purpose of the service was to keep men out of pubs on Christmas Eve.

The original liturgy has since been adapted and used by other churches all over the world. The best-known version has broadcast annually from King's College, Cambridge, on Christmas Eve since 1918. It features carols sung by the College's famous choir. Our tradition at Second Presbyterian Church is based on this service.

PRELUDE: "Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen" (*Behold, a Rose Breaks Into Bloom*) . . . . . Johannes Brahms

*Leo Davis, organ*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE . . . Chad, Lindley, Luke, Charlie, Miles, and Way Jackson (8:15)  
Patsy Dougherty and Tricia Butler (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Barton Kimbro

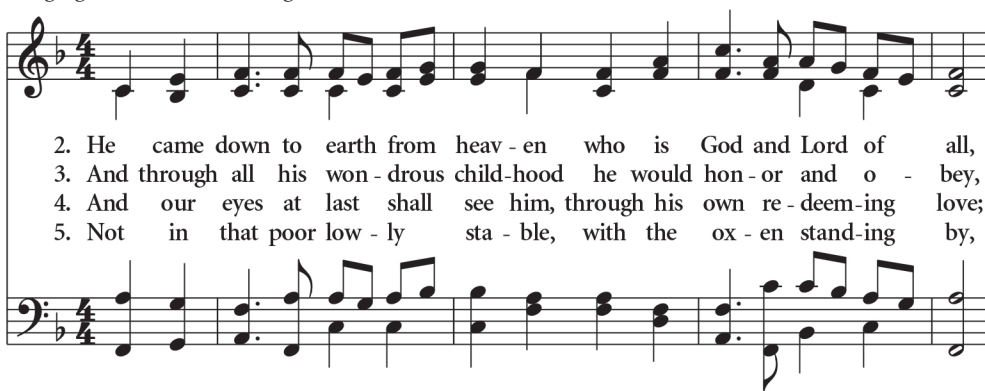
PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 146 "Once in Royal David's City" ..... IRBY

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander / Music: Henry J. Gauntlett; arr. David Willcocks / Luke 2:12

*Daija McNeil, soloist:*

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

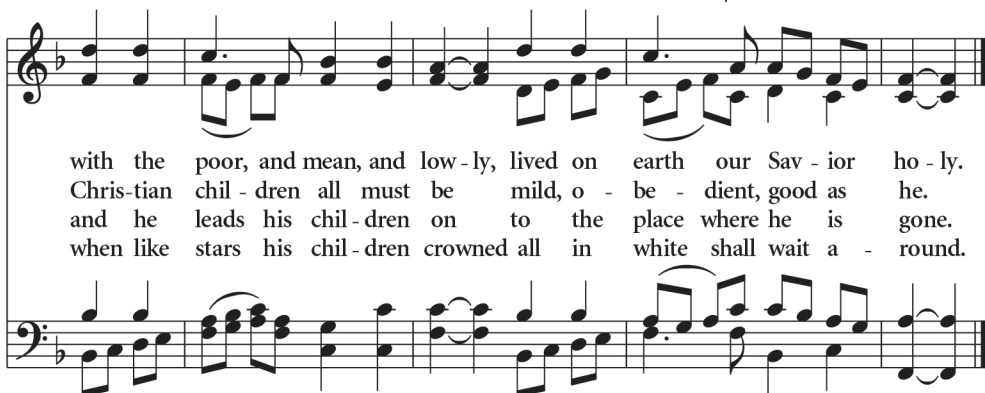
♠ *Congregation stands and sings:*



2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,  
3. And through all his won - drous child-hood he would hon - or and o - bey,  
4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;  
5. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,



and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall:  
love and watch the low - ly maid - en in whose gen - tle arms he lay:  
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove,  
we shall see him, but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;



with the poor, and mean, and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
Chris - tian chil - dren all must be mild, o - be - dient, good as he.  
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.  
when like stars his chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

♠ INVOCATION

## THE FIRST LESSON

*God announces that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.*

Genesis 3:8-19. . . . . Amanda Coop (8:15)  
Ben Lomo (11:00)

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust

you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you." And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CAROL: "Remember, O Thou Man" . . . . . Thomas Ravenscroft

*Words: Melismata 1611 / Music: John Ravenscroft / Genesis 3*

Remember, O thou man, O thou man, O thou man,  
Remember, O thou man, thy time is spent.  
Remember, O thou man, how thou art dead and gone,  
And I did what I can. Therefore repent.

Remember Adam's fall, O thou man, O thou man,  
Remember Adam's fall from heaven to hell.  
Remember Adam's fall, how we were condemned all  
In hell perpetual, there for to dwell.

Remember God's goodness, O thou man, O thou man,  
Remember God's goodness and His promise made.  
Remember God's goodness, how He sent His Son doubtless,  
Our sins for to redress. Be not afraid.

The angels all did sing, O thou man, O thou man,  
The angels all did sing upon the shepherds' hill.  
The angels all did sing praises to our heavenly King,  
And peace to man living with a good will.

*The Chancel Choir  
Calvin Ellis, director*

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Abraham's Son shall be a blessing to all the nations.*

Genesis 22:15-18..... Rong Guo (8:15)  
Sarah Bacon (11:00)

And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply

your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: No. 138 "Creator of the Stars of Night" .....CONDITOR ALME

*Words: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale / Music: C. Winfred Douglas / Philippians 2:10-11*

*Choir:*

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.

♣ *Congregation stands and sings:*

2. When this old world drew on t'ward night, you came, but not in  
3. At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all  
4. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it,  
splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch, but the child  
hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord,  
Three - in - One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be  
of Ma - ry, vir - gin moth - er mild.  
like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.  
from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

## THE THIRD LESSON

*God promises a Child King who liberates from terrorizing darkness.*

Isaiah 9:2-7 .....Shelley Hill (8:15)  
Elizabeth Wall (11:00)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as

fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: No. 127 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" ..... VENI EMMANUEL

*Words: Latin, trans. John M. Neale, Henry S. Coffin; 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

*Score continues on next page*

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.

## THE FOURTH LESSON

*The prophet speaks of One who is capable of changing the world.*

Isaiah 11:1-4 ..... Ethan Knight (8:15)  
Haley Overcast (11:00)

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear

of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



CAROL: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" ..... Howard Helvey

*Words: German Carol, 15th Century / Music: Michael Praetorius; arr. Howard Helvey / Isaiah 11:1*

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,  
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.  
It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter,  
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior,  
When half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
Dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.  
True man, yet very God; from sin and death now save us  
And share our every load.

## THE FIFTH LESSON

*The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary.*

Luke 1:26-38 ..... Grace Knight (8:15)  
Brandon Morrison (11:00)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne

of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy — the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

CAROL: "Almost There" . . . . . Heather Sorenson

*Words and Music: Michael W. Smith, Wes King, Amy Grant; arr. Heather Sorenson*

Mary, full of innocence, carrying the Holy Prince,  
You're almost there, you're almost there.  
Mother of the Living Word, trusting in the voice you heard,  
You're almost there, you're almost there.  
You're almost where the angels see redemption's plan unfolding.  
All hope is in the Son you'll bear; you're almost there.  
A lonely road, a willing heart, prayer for strength to do your part;  
You're almost there, you're almost there.  
Trust the Father to provide Bread of Heaven prophesied;  
You're almost there, you're almost there.  
You're almost where the waiting ends, delivering the Life within,  
The answered prayer, Emmanuel; you're almost there.  
You're almost where the journey ends, where death will die and life begins,  
The answered prayer, Emmanuel; you're almost, almost there.  
Ah, you're almost where the waiting ends, delivering the Life within,  
The answered prayer, Emmanuel; you're almost there.  
You're almost where your journey ends, where death will die and life begins,  
The answered prayer, Emmanuel; you're almost there. You're almost there.

## THE SIXTH LESSON

*Luke recounts the birth narrative of our Lord.*

Luke 2:1-16 . . . . . Rusty Shappley (8:15)  
Don Batchelor (11:00)

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone

around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

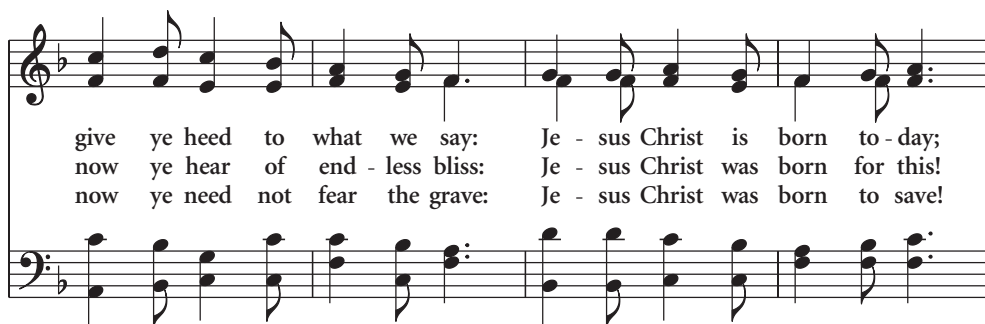
**Praise be to Christ.**

♣CAROL: No. 149 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" ..... IN DULCI JUBILO

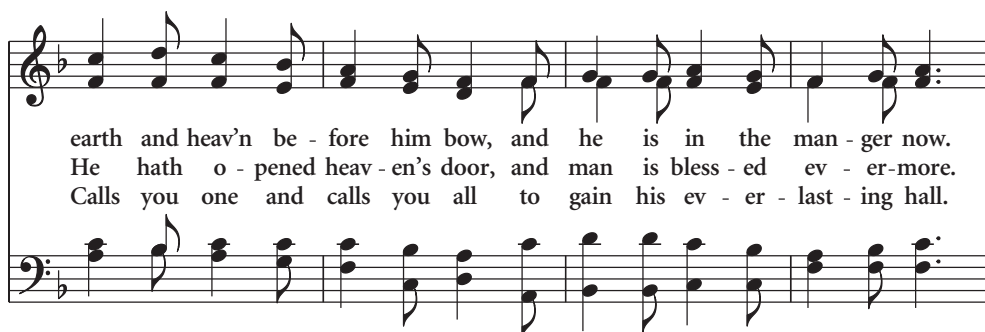
Words and Music: Trad. German Carol; tr. John Mason Neale / Luke 2:11



1. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;  
 2. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;  
 3. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



earth and heav'n be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 He hath o - pened heav - en's door, and man is bless - ed ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

## THE SEVENTH LESSON

*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*

Matthew 2:1-11 . . . . . Min Song (8:15)  
Blanche Tosh (11:00)

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned

the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

CAROL: "I Wonder as I Wander" . . . . . John Jacob Niles

*Words and Music: John Jacob Niles / Luke 2:16-20*

I wonder as I wander out under the sky,  
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die,  
For poor on'ry people like you and like I...  
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall,  
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.  
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,  
And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,  
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,  
Or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing,  
He surely could have it, 'cause He was the King.

*Phillip Bond, soloist*

## THE EIGHTH LESSON

*Behold the glory and receive the grace of our incarnate Lord.*

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to

everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

### WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

**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: "Ding Dong! Merrily on High" . . . . . Carolyn Jennings

*Words: French Carol; arr. Carolyn Jennings / Luke 2:14*

Ding dong! merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing.  
Ding dong! verily the sky is riven 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.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ✦PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

### *The promised Messiah from Bethlehem*

Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops; siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek. But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall

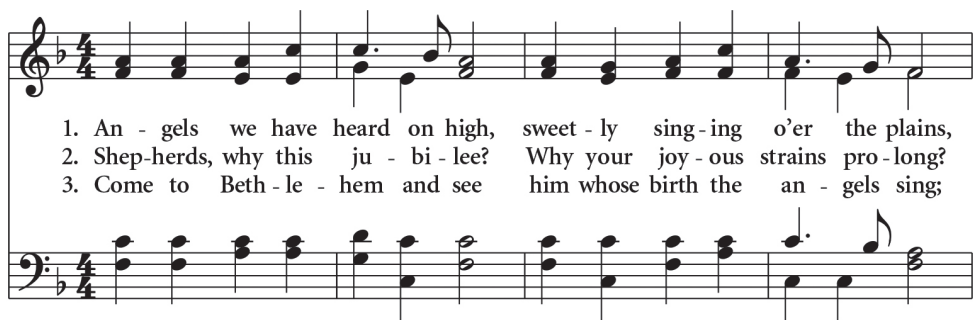
return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace. When the Assyrian comes into our land and treads in our palaces, then we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight princes of men.

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

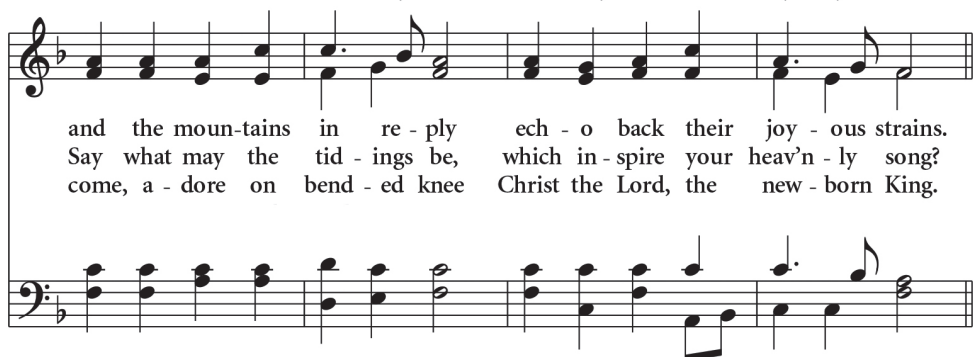
## PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♣HYMN: No. 157 "Angels We Have Heard on High" . . . . . GLORIA

Words and Music: Trad. French Carol; arr. Paul Roberts / Luke 2:14



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
Say what may the tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o, glo -



ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

✦BENEDICTION

✦BENEDICTION RESPONSE..... GLORIA

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

✦POSTLUDE: "Toccata mvmt. 5" from *Symphony No. 5* ..... Charles Widor

✦Indicates congregation standing

CCLI License #252778

# ADVENT

## A Gospel Christmas

*December 18, 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary*

Tonight, we will be led in worship by Sunday Night musicians in a variety of gospel and contemporary music favorites.

Communion will be served, and a reception will follow the service in the lobby outside the Bookmark Bookstore.

## Christmas Eve Worship

4:00 p.m. Family Service

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

Candlelight Communion  
Services (see below for nursery)

## December 25 and January 1

11:00 a.m. Service Only

*Sunday School, 8:15 a.m.  
worship, and Sunday Night  
Worship will not meet. There  
will also not be nursery available.*

To sign up for Pastor George's Advent devotionals,  
distributed on Tuesdays and Thursdays, text ADVENT to (888) 381-1121.

*Visit [2pc.org/advent](https://2pc.org/advent) for more details, including a link to reservations for Christmas Eve  
nursery (available for 5:30 service only), and for a list of 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](https://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.

Also, if you have not submitted your annual giving commitment, please take a moment to do so this week to help us plan our budget for the upcoming ministry year. Visit [2pc.org/give](https://2pc.org/give) to commit online.

## General Fund Giving Update

	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	Variance	Last Year Actual
November	\$ 871,426	\$ 762,282	\$ (109,144)	\$ 808,107
YTD 7/1/22–11/30/22	\$ 3,452,121	\$ 4,065,956	\$ 613,835	\$ 3,494,148



## Caring Ministry Update

### Sympathy to:

Elizabeth Thompson on the death of her sister, *Barbara Robinson Simpson*, November 17, 2022, in Seattle, WA.

Will Aldridge, Jr. on the death of his father, *William Joseph Aldridge, Sr.*, December 7, 2022.

Michael Carrier on the death of his brother, *William Henry Carrier*, December 8, 2022.

Kevin Stout on the death of his father, *Vergil Paul Stout*, December 9, 2022, in Gray, TN.

Chris Settles on the death of his brother, *Tyrek Settles*, December 9, 2022, in Las Vegas, NV.

The family of *George Francis Walterhouse* on his death, December 10, 2022.

### In the Hospital (as of 12/14/22):

Eva Miller, *Memphis Jewish Home*

Lois Pittman, *Baptist East*

Bill Hardin, *Baptist East*

Mark Pantan, *Baptist East*

## Weekly Prayer Focus

**World Missions–Judy:** Judy is the founder of Homecare Spiritual Fellowship (HSF) that ministers to the under-resourced in the Kibera section of Nairobi. HSF ministries include the Bethel School of Dressmaking, women's HIV and health wellness programs, VBS and educational programs for orphaned and vulnerable children, the Karen Retreat Center, and evangelistic outreaches on radio and TV. God has blessed HSF with over 40 years of ministry in the Kibera slum, and Judy's daughters, Esther and Njere, continue to lead in the various holistic aspects of the ministry. Please pray for Judy and her children as they continue to grieve the loss of her husband and their father, Richard. Please pray for pastors Frederick, Pascal, Stephen, Evans, Joseph, Fred, William, Alex, and Jackson as they pastor the children and families of Kibera. Pray for Joseph and Lillian as they teach students at the Bethel School. Pray that the Lord would encourage Judy greatly.

**Domestic Missions–World Relief Memphis:** World Relief Memphis exists to empower the local church to serve the most vulnerable. World Relief is eager to welcome their first Syrian refugee family since the ban in 2017. Pray for God's blessing over this family. In the coming year, World Relief anticipates welcoming at least 250 refugees. Pray for the ministry's end-of-year initiatives, for protection from illness, and for God to comfort refugee families with the peace of Christ this Advent season.

**2PC Ministry–Grief Support:** Coordinated by Donna Sanders, GriefShare is an 11-week program that provides Biblical help, encouragement, and hope for the future to those who are recovering from the death of a loved one. In addition to the GriefShare 11-week program, a few times each year, 2PC hosts GriefShare workshops (such as the recent "Surviving the Holidays" seminar). During the holiday season, remember to pray for those who are grieving, particularly that they'd experience the peace and comfort of the Lord as they celebrate the coming of Emmanuel. Pray that they would reach out to others and not walk alone. Pray also for GriefShare's next session, beginning February 8. Pray for God to comfort those who are hurting, that they may begin the healing process.

## Caring Ministry Fund

Each December, a special collection is taken for the Caring Ministry's mercy fund that provides financial assistance to those in need within our church and community. To give to this fund, visit [2pc.org/caring](http://2pc.org/caring) or write a check (*write "Caring Fund" in the memo line*) and place it in an offering plate. Special envelopes are also available in the pew racks.

## January Preaching Series

We'll kick off the new year with our annual Gospel Priorities series. Beginning January 8, we will hear from guest pastors during morning and evening worship. Join us these Sundays for worship as we refocus on those things which Jesus makes a priority in His ministry, that we might make them a priority in ours.

**January 8:** Sirgregory Thornton,  
*Youth Pastor, Downtown Church*

**January 15:** Jonathan Seda,  
*Retired Senior Pastor,  
Grace Presbyterian Church*

**January 22:** Darryl Williamson, *Lead  
Pastor, Living Faith Bible Fellowship*

**January 31:** Steven Chin,  
*Retired Senior Pastor,  
Boston Chinese Evangelical Church*

## Adult Inquirers Class

Interested in learning more about Second or becoming a member? Our next Inquirers class for adults will meet January 27-29.

Register online at [2pc.org/inquirers](http://2pc.org/inquirers) by January 25. Contact Britton Laughlin at [britton.laughlin@2pc.org](mailto:britton.laughlin@2pc.org) or (901) 454-0034 with questions.

## Youth Inquirers Class

Any student in 8th-12th grade who desires to pursue church membership is invited to attend Youth Inquirers Class January 8, 22, and 29 and February 5 and 12.

Visit [2pc.org/youthinquirers](http://2pc.org/youthinquirers) to register and learn more. Contact Mary Raine Ivy with questions at [maryraine.ivy@2pc.org](mailto:maryraine.ivy@2pc.org).

## 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!

## Sign Up for 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](http://2pc.org)) and enter your name and email address—then watch for it to arrive in your inbox on Fridays! For even more content, follow @2pcmemphis on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

## Getting Connected at Second



For information about Second, visit our website at [2pc.org](http://2pc.org) or contact Amanda Coop, Director of Engagement, at [amanda.coop@2pc.org](mailto: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 Flowers

*The following is a list of donations to the Floral Guild Fund, given to the glory of God.*

**In Memory of:** *Wilton Hazelwood* by Sandy Hazelwood; *S. Herbert Rhea and Stephen H. Rhea, Jr.* by the Rhea Family; *Henry C. Pitts, Jr.* by Geri G. Pitts; *Mrs. Linda Iverson Smith and Mr. Al Spencer* by Mr. and Mrs. David R. Bridgeforth, Jr.; *Russ Billings* by Janet Misner; *Sara Misner* by Janet Misner; *Tim Russell* by Janet Misner; *Lawanna Ingram* by Janet Misner; *my husband Tom Tosh* by Blanche Tosh; *my son Jay Wallace* by Blanche Tosh; *Michael Albert* by Becki Albert; *Dorothy L. Davis* by Glenda Davis Sharp; *Skip Sharp* by Glenda Davis Sharp; *Bettye and Lewis Taliaferro* by their daughters Elizabeth, Margaret, and Mary; *Timothy Russell* by Katherine W. Russell; *Alice Howard* by Katherine W. Russell; *Carolyn Russell* by Katherine W. Russell; *Milla and Elle Gieselmann* by Katherine W. Russell; *Mary Ruth Witt* by Craig, Geordy, Kelly, Witt, Pender, and Georgianna Wells; *Robert Tipton Jr. and Lib and George Dunklin* by Deborah and Mary Elisabeth Tipton; *Barbara Robinson Simpson* by Sarah O'Neal; *Ruth and Buddy Morrison* by their children and grandchildren; *Dial Boyle Jackson* by her children and grandchildren; *Bucky Shappley* by Pat Shappley; *Nancy Wyatt Stone* by Rhonda and Ronnie Solberg; *Emily Smith Britton, William J. Britton III, Elizabeth McVaugh Cross, George H. Cross, Louise Kenner Smith, and S. Frank Smith* by Cynthia and Mike Cross and family; *Margaret Donato and Earline Patterson* by Ann McCormick; *Jim McCormick* by Ann McCormick; *John T. and Elizabeth Stout* by Elmer W. and Mary Katherine Stout; *Russell and Rachel Schulte and John and Margaret Whittemore* by John and Marilyn Whittemore; *Bettye Weaver* by Ann Wilson, Nancy Weaver, Susan Thomas, and Monte Weaver; *Lee Ragland, Jr.* by Carolyn Ragland; *my parents Jenny and Bill Wunderlich* by Gayle W. Hardee; *Nancy Julia Davidson and Cindy Garner Stanfill* by Orin and Mary Davidson; *George and Rosa Nell Long* by Julia Santos and

*Louise Coleman; our mother Virginia Galyon* by Peggy Noblett, Nancy Williams, and Mary Convey; *Pat Holliday Craddock* by Mr. and Mrs. Craig Holliday; *Elizabeth Leigh Marek* by Doug Marek; *Tim Russell* by Smoky Russell; *Carolyn Russell* by Smoky Russell; *William T. and Barbara Benham*, parents of Anne Willson, by Woody and Aunt Mary.

**In Honor of:** *Lee and David Bowen* by Janet Misner; *The Caring Ministry* by Janet Misner; *Joanne Fleming* by her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren; *Mr. and Mrs. J. William Lovelace* by Mr. and Mrs. Craig Holliday; *Barbara and Kelton Morris, Sr.* by Hailey, Courtney, Hale, and Kelton Williamson; *Owen, Lily, Dottie, and Josh French* by Dot and Dick Fisher; *Cooper, Isla, Lula, Bailey, and Mike Kirwan* by Dot and Dick Fisher; *the Lou Adams, the Galloway Allbrights, the William Adams, and the Hunter Adams Families* by Dot and Dick Fisher; *the Bill Dunavant Family* by Dot and Dick Fisher; *the John Dunavants* by Dot and Dick Fisher; *the Woodson Dunavants* by Dot and Dick Fisher; *our father Ted Galyon* by Peggy Noblett, Nancy Williams, and Mary Convey; *Christy Young and the Children's Choir Workers* by Jim and Pat Corbitt.

**In Gratitude for:** *Libby Dickinson* by Sarah O'Neal; *Dee Walker* by the Deacons; *Overflow Bible Study Women and Leaders* by Leesa and Larry Jensen; *Arlene Roberts* by Leesa and Larry Jensen; *Jill Peak* by the Women of Overflow Bible Study; *Our Youth Staff* by Anonymous; *Elizabeth and Ron Hickman* by Dee Walker; *Sandy Hazelwood* by Jim and Pat Corbitt; *Dan Burns* by Genie Braden; *Growing in Grace Sunday School Class* by Debbie and Mark Perkins; *Carol and David Stewart* by Debbie and Mark Perkins; *Vicki Simmons* by Debbie and Mark Perkins; *Laurin Maddux* by Word Filled Women Table 7; *Allie and Paul Marek* by Doug Marek; *The Staff of 3 Degrees* by Elmer W. and Mary Katherine Stout.

## December Flowers

**The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:** *Dr. and Mrs. Marshall John Catanzaro* by Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Wilfong who were married yesterday. Mrs. Wilfong is the former Weldon Saunders.

**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.



Retell. Reimagine. Repair.

4055 Poplar Avenue · Memphis, Tennessee 38111  
[www.2pc.org](http://www.2pc.org) · (901) 454-0034