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December 25, 2022
Christmas Day

Morning Worship

11:00 a.m.

BEHOLD AND PRAISE HIM!

ORGAN PRELUDE: Fanfare on "Joy to the World" Paul Fey
Leo Davis, organ

♠CALL TO WORSHIP: Based On Isaiah 9:2 David Bowen

God is here! the Messiah has come!

We open our eyes to see Him and lift our hearts to worship Him.

**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.**

Jesus Christ is our life and light!

In His name and in His power, let us worship God.

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 128 "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" ANTIOCH

Words: Isaac Watts / Music: George Frederick Handel; arr. Lowell Mason / Psalm 98:4

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room,
play; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1. and heav'n and na - ture sing,
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sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

◆INVOCATION

◆PSALTER LESSON Psalm 98

Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!

**His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.**

The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

**He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.**

**All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

**Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!**

Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together
before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning:
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

TRUST AND RECEIVE HIM!

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, our gracious, heavenly Father,
we confess our tendency to seek great things for ourselves
rather than seek first Your kingdom.
We covet power, yet You came among us as a little child.
We believe the lie that material things will make us happy
when You alone offer what is permanently satisfying.
Pour out Your grace upon us
and forgive us for the glory of Your great name.
Soften our hearts and open our lips that we may sing Your praise
and testify to Your transforming power
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. Titus 3:4-7

*But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us,
not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy,
by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,
whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

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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: "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" Mark Hall, Bernie Herms

Words and Music: Mark Hall, Bernie Herms / Luke 2:7, John 1:29

Sweet little Jesus boy, born in a manger;
Sweet little Holy child, we didn't know who You were.

Long time ago it seems, You were born;
Born in a manger Lord, sweet little Jesus boy.

Didn't know you'd come to save us all, to take our sins away.
Our eyes were blind, we did not see; we didn't know who You were.

You have shown us how, and we are trying.
Master, You have shown us how, even as You were dying.

This world treats You mean, Lord; treats me mean, too.
But that's how things are done down here; we didn't know it was You

Didn't know You'd come to save us all, to take our sins away.
Our eyes were blind, we did not see; we didn't know who You were.

Jauna and Calvin Ellis, duet

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

HEAR AND FOLLOW HIM!

✦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

1. Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion:
 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,

God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.
 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!

Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
 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:

but a hum - ble gift of love: Je - sus born of Mar - y.
 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 6:8, 7:14-20
(page 780 in pew Bible)

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

SERMON: The Good King.....George Robertson

- I. **Good People** (Micah 6:8)
- II. **Good God** (Micah 7:14-20)

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,

be - hold, through-out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

✦BENEDICTION

✦BENEDICTION RESPONSE..... GLORIA

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

✦POSTLUDE: "Hallelujah Chorus" G.F. Handel; arr. John Ebenezer West

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Sermon Notes

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January 1 Worship Schedule

Next Sunday, January 1, we will meet for worship at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Sunday School, 8:15 a.m. worship, and Sunday Night Worship will not meet. The nursery will also be closed. We'll return to our regular worship schedule (8:15 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.) on January 8.

Caring Ministry Update

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Rodgers who were married on December 3, 2022. Mrs. Rodgers is the former Caroline Peters.

Sympathy to:

Thom Weller on the death of his father, *Joseph Clement Weller*, December 15, 2022.

Jean Wall on the death of her husband, *Hershel "Pat" Wall*, December 16, 2022.

In the Hospital (as of 12/19/21):

Kitty Strub, Memphis Jewish Home

Bill Hardin, Allen Morgan

Mark Panton, Baptist East

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions—On this Christmas Day, please pray for all of our missions partners across the world. Many are in countries where Christmas is not celebrated, or the name of Jesus is not proclaimed as Lord and Savior. Many live in areas of the world facing ongoing economic and political instability, little to no religious freedom, devastating poverty, or even war. Many are spending the Christmas season away from friends and family. Please pray that they would feel the presence of God's Holy Spirit on this day. Pray that they would be encouraged by the hope of the world that came on Christmas Day, that their faith would be strengthened, their hope renewed, and their hearts encouraged. May God richly bless these saints as they labor to advance the kingdom of God for His glory.

Domestic Missions—One by One: One by One praises God for providing a matching donor for Giving Tuesday last month! Recently, the ministry was able to shower many mothers with love at Mom Blessing Day. Pray for one of One by One's newest mothers, who is only 14 years old. Pray for God to bless this young mom's relationship with her mentor and draw her to Christ.

2PC Ministry—Campus Outreach: Campus Outreach is a global network of ministries working through local churches to reach and develop the next generation of Christ-centered leaders on the university campus. Their mission is to glorify God by building laborers on the campus for the lost world (Matthew 9:35-38). Since 1996, 2PC has served as the "hub church" of the CO Memphis region, which today consists of eight schools, two of which—Rhodes College and the University of Memphis—are local. Praise God that 280+ students from the Memphis region will attend NYC in a couple days! Pray for God's love to capture the heart's of unbelieving students, prompting them to surrender their lives to Christ. Pray for students who know Jesus to catch a vision to make disciples. Pray for all CO staff and students to receive refreshment and encouragement from the Lord during the winter break.

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 on themes Jesus discusses in His inaugural address in Luke 4 as He begins His public ministry. 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

Second Day Prayer: January 2

Alongside churches all across the city, Second dedicates one day each month to lift our voices to the Lord in prayer for 24 consecutive hours, asking God to expand and flourish His kingdom here in Memphis as it is in heaven.

Join us from your home, your office, your car, or anywhere else you find yourself on Monday, January 2 as, together, we cover the day in prayer.

Visit 2pc.org/pray to sign up to pray and download the prayer guide.

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 by January 25. Contact Britton Laughlin at 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 to register and learn more. Contact Mary Raine Ivy with questions at maryraine.ivy@2pc.org.

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.

Caring Ministry Fund

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

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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