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January 1, 2023
Season of Christmastide

Morning Worship

11:00 a.m.

A KING WORTHY OF OUR JOYFUL WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" Timothy Matthews
Kathy Priestley, organ

PIANO PRELUDE: "What Child Is This" arr. Elizabeth Story
Brad Jones, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Brad Morrow

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 90 "Of the Father's Love Begotten" DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
Words: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius; tr. John M. Neale / Music: Plainsong Melody; arr. Charles W. Douglas / John 1:1, 14

1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten
2. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed,
3. This is he whom heav'n - taught sing - ers
4. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore him;

ere the worlds be - gan to be,
when the Vir - gin, full of grace,
sang of old with one ac - cord,
an - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;

he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
whom the Scrip - tures of the proph - ets
all do - min - ions, bow be - fore him

he the Source, the End - ing he,
 bore the Sav - ior of our race;
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word;
 and ex - tol our God and King;

of the things that are, that have been,
 and the babe, the world's Re - deem - er,
 now he shines, the long - ex - spect - ed;
 let no tongue on earth be si - lent,

and that fu - ture years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 first re - vealed his sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 let cre - a - tion praise its Lord, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

✦INVOCATION

✦EPISTLE LESSONHebrews 1:1-4

Long ago, at many times and in many ways,
 God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

**but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,
 whom he appointed the heir of all things,
 through whom also he created the world.**

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature,
 and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

**After making purification for sins,
 he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
 having become as much superior to angels
 as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.**

**Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving,
And unwearied praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory, evermore and evermore!**

A KING WORTHY OF OUR HUMBLE REPENTANCE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God,
who has, in the person of Your Son Jesus,
entered space and time to save us from our sins,
we confess that we have often failed You
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
Please forgive us for all our sins of negligence,
laziness, and wastefulness,
for we are truly sorry and do earnestly repent.
Grant to us a new zeal to love and to follow You—
to worship You and to advance Your Kingdom—
and grant us holy joy in so doing,
in the blessed name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON II Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

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SOLO OFFERTORY: "Gesù Bambino" Pietro Yon

Words: Frederick H. Martens/ Music: Pietro Yon / Luke 2:15

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night,
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced,
And at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.

*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night,
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light.
Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell,
From paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell.

Ah! O come, let us adore Him. Ah! Adore Him, Christ the Lord.
O come, O come, O come, let us adore Him. Let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Valetta Brinson, soloist

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

A KING WORTHY OF OUR SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

✦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. 312 “Speak, O Lord”SPEAK, O LORD

Words and Music: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend / I Corinthians 2:9-10

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food of your
 2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your

ho - ly Word. Take your Truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fash-ion us
 mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti-tudes in the ra - di-ance
 plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will ech - o down

in your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be seen to-day
 of your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
 through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es;

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in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful-
 your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
 and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your

fill in us all your pur - pos - es, for your glo - ry.
 nev - er fail; let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
 church is built and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....Micah 6:8
 (page 780 in pew Bible)

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

SERMON: Jesus Is with Us George Robertson

- I. Justice
- II. Mercy
- III. Humility

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♠HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 472 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"HENDON

Words: Frances R. Havergal / Music: Henri A. C. Malan; harm. Lowell Mason / Romans 6:19

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
 2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, al - ways, on - ly,
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would
 5. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no its
 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them
 of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and
 for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with
 I with - hold. Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry
 long - er mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall
 trea - sure - store. Take my self, and I will be ev - er,

flow in cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 be thy roy - al throne, it shall be thy roy - al throne.
 on - ly, all for thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

♠BENEDICTION

♠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

♠POSTLUDE: "People Look East"..... arr. M. MacDonald

♠Indicates congregation standing

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Sermon Notes

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Caring Ministry Update

Sympathy to:

Lou Patrick on the death of her mother, *Lorine Richard*, December 19, 2022.

The family of *Celia Sartain* on her death, December 25, 2022.

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Roberts who were married December 31, 2022. Mrs. Roberts is the former Emma Ayers.

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

Kitty Strub, Memphis Jewish Home

Bill Hardin, Allen Morgan

Mark Panton, Baptist East

Dot Walker, Methodist Germantown

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions–Leslie: Leslie continues her work coaching new missionaries as they arrive in Germany. Pray that the Lord would give her wisdom and discernment as she helps new missionaries develop healthy and holy work/life rhythms and helps families with children get acclimated to German culture. Pray for the newest group of missionaries—ask the Lord to build good relationships among them and with Leslie. Ask the Lord to penetrate the hearts of thousands in the homeless and refugee population of Berlin, bringing many to salvation. Ask the Lord to send more missionaries devoted to spreading the good news in Germany.

Domestic Missions–JIFF: JIFF (Juvenile Intervention Faith-based Follow-up) provides Christ-centered intervention programming to juvenile court referred youth ages 9–18 to help break the destructive cycle of youth crime. JIFF praises God that in 2022, they were able to serve over 240 youth, exceeding the number of youth they were able to serve in 2021. Pray that God will grow that number even more in 2023, transforming lives, families, and generations for His glory. JIFF recently hired their first female case manager and began their first all-female cohort this past November. Pray for God’s blessing on this new initiative. Pray also for leaders at Juvenile Court to fear the Lord and walk with integrity each day.

2PC Ministry–Fresh Start: Our Fresh Start Divorce Recovery program invites people to deal openly and honestly with issues that come with the end of a marriage. With topics ranging from self-esteem, children, coping with an ex-spouse, and letting go of the past, Fresh Start aims to come alongside those navigating this difficult life change with the hope, healing, and tender mercies of Christ, our Shepherd. The *Repair What Is Broken* aspect of our mission statement describes the opportunity Fresh Start affords the greater Memphis community. Pray for God to bring to the next Fresh Start class this month those who feel desperate and gripped by shame. Pray for Fresh Start to be a safe place where people experience love and acceptance, through which the astounding, healing power of the gospel is made manifest.

January Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this month are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: *Stephen Warner Flinn* by his family; *Percy Galbreath* by the Frank M. Crump family; *Beverly and John Pettey* by their children and grandchildren **and in gratitude for:** *Catherine and Dan Burns* and *Our Missionaries* by Reverend and Mrs. Ron Sadlow.

January 1 Worship Schedule Reminder

We are meeting for worship at 11:00 a.m. only today. We will not meet for Sunday Night Worship, and our nursery is 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.

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*

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.

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 tomorrow, January 2 as, together, we cover the day in prayer.

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

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