



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

- It is helpful for us to know who is worshipping on campus. If you haven't registered to attend, please visit 2pc.org now and use the buttons at the top of the homepage to let us know you're here!
- To help everyone keep proper distance when exiting, please exit by row to the closest exterior Sanctuary door (back rows to the North doors; front rows to the South doors). Also, please keep masks on throughout the worship service and while on campus.
- A live stream of services is available at 2pc.org/live for those unable to attend at this time.
- Please take this order of worship with you as you exit. Hint: You can bring it back for worship this evening at 6:00!
- The order of worship for the evening service begins on page 7 of this booklet.
- **52 Reasons Devotion Series:** In July of this year, Pastor George introduced an encouraging weekly devotional regarding the importance of corporate worship for the people of God. To follow that series, click "media" at the top of our homepage at 2pc.org, subscribe to our social media channels (@2PCMemphis), or find it in the Messenger email newsletter each Friday.
- **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 and enter your name and email address—then watch for it to arrive in your inbox on Friday afternoons!

Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

EXALT THE ROYAL KING

PRELUDE: Meditation on "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" John Vandertuin
Samuel Metzger, organ

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE. Dean, Dylan, Avery, Lucy Rose, and Joyner Franklin (8:15)
Charlie and Kirsten Scheel (11:00)

✦CALL TO WORSHIP. Brett Wynne
For the protection of our community during the pandemic, singing along to hymns is discouraged.

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL
Words: Charles Wesley, Mark Hunt / Music: Rowland Prichard; arr. Samuel Metzger / Luke 2:25

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse, of Thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to Him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end;
By His life He brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

✦INVOCATION

✦PSALTER LESSON Select Verses from Psalm 89

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations

**For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness"**

You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:

**'I will establish your offspring forever
and build your throne for all generations'"**

Of old you spoke in a vision to your godly one, and said:
"I have granted help to one who is mighty;
I have exalted one chosen from the people.

**My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him,
and in my name shall his horn be exalted**

I will set His hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers

**He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God,
and the Rock of my salvation'**

And I will make him the first born,
the highest of the kings of the earth.

**My steadfast love I will keep for him forever,
and my covenant will stand firm for him.
I will establish his offspring forever
and his throne as the days of the heavens.**

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE VENI EMMANUEL

Words: John Mason Neale / Music: Thomas Helmore / Isaiah 59:20

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

ENJOY THE HUMBLE SAVIOR

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and merciful Father,
You sent Your Son as the sunshine that rises
to banish the darkness of sin and death.
Forgive us for preferring the dark ways
of self-centeredness and self-sufficiency.
You sent Your Son to guide our feet onto the path of peace.
Pardon us for proudly persisting in warring ways
that cause conflicts with others.
Humble us and embolden us
to follow Your lead in pursuing peace and reconciliation.
This we pray in the strong name of Jesus.**

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.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "All Praise to Thee" Elaine Hagenberg

Words: Martin Luther / Music: arr. Elaine Hagenberg / II Corinthians 8:9

All praise to Thee, eternal God, who, clothed in garb of flesh and blood,
Dost take a manger for Thy throne, while worlds on worlds are Thine alone.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thou comest in the darksome night to make us children of the light,
To make us in the realms divine, like Thine own angels, round Thee shine.

A little child, Thou art our Guest that weary ones in Thee may rest;
Forlorn and lowly is Thy birth that we may rise to heav'n from earth.
Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen.

*The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(See announcements on pages 10-11.)*

VIDEO: A WORD TO THE CHILDREN Peggy Stephens
Deacon

EXTOL THE SUPREME LORD

✦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: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" WINCHESTER NEW

Words: Charles Coffin / Music: William Henry Monk / Revelation 21:23

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!
Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.
We hail You as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
Without Your grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.
Stretch forth Your hand; our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more.
O let Your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....Exodus 40:34-38

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the

tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the Lord was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON: God’s Glory.....George Robertson

I. Covering (Exodus 40:34-35)

II. Leading (Exodus 40:36-37)

III. Witnessing (Exodus 40:38)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦BENEDICTION

✦BENEDICTION RESPONSE..... GLORIA

Words: Traditional French Carol / Music: arr. Edward Shippen Barnes / Luke 2:14

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

POSTLUDE: Toccata on “Joy to the World”Michael Dell

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Glory to God in the Highest

ADVENT 2020

Hangin' of the Green

Tonight at 6:00 in the Sanctuary

This evening, we'll be led in worship by our children's choir and handbell ringers. Our traditional "Live Nativity" will be presented as a video. For the safety of our congregation, this service will not conclude with the decorating of the church or the outside live nativity.

Advent Material for Families

Our Children's Ministry team will be passing out Advent materials for families in the Connector before and after the morning and evening services today.

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

December 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Online Premiere at 2pc.org/live

This year, it's safest that we sing out loud from our own homes, so we're taking our annual favorite sing-along service online! This online-only event will feature pre-recorded music from our choir and orchestra as well as our children's choir. Plan your own mini watch party at home! There will be no on-campus worship for this service.

Visit 2pc.org/advent for the full Advent schedule.

Hanging of the Green

6:00 p.m.

PRELUDE: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night" Dan Forrest
Samuel Metzger, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Artez Henderson

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Bryan, Rachel, Claire, Lilly, and Charlie Hallum

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✦O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL VENI EMMANUEL

Words: John Mason Neale / Music: Thomas Helmore / Isaiah 59:20

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, Thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

Jauna Ellis, Christy Young, and Calvin Ellis

✦INVOCATION

FIRST GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2:1-7 Caroline Fisher

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Words: John Thomas McFarland / Music: James Murray / Luke 2:7

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

*Hannah, Ruthie, Lila, and Frannie Crowley
Mary Lawrence Flinn, piano*

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:8-20

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. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SINGarr. Douglas Wagner

*2PC Kids Ringers
Carrington Ellis, Caroline Fisher, Joy Fulmer, Lilly Hallum,
Lydia Morgan, Natalie Morgan, Naomi Powell, Selah Powell
Christy Young and Fred Flinn, directors*

VIDEO: THE NATIVITY

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

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

SERMON: God So Loved..... Josh Preston

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called the congregation to meet at both morning services on December 13 to elect officers to begin service in January 2021 on the Diaconate and Session. The officers being elected have previously been nominated by the congregation and have completed a period of training and examination.

Nursery Availability Update

Our nursery is closed today and will be closed following Christmas Eve on Sunday, December 27. Visit 2pckids.org to register for other Sundays during Advent. To volunteer in the nursery, email kids@2pc.org or call (901) 454-0034.

Congregational Communities

Some of our adult Congregational Communities are meeting on campus on Sunday mornings, and others continue to meet online. Visit 2pc.org/cc for a full list of CCs or contact your CC leaders directly for more information.

Weekly Focus on Missions

World Missions: For over 45 years, Daryl and Marlene have served with JAARS, a division of Wycliffe Bible Translators. Daryl serves as Director of International Aviation Safety for a ministry that transports missionaries to some of the most remote places in the world. They give praise that the recent Aviation Technical Conference (ATC) went as well as could be expected using a Zoom format. Pray that appropriate actions, discussed at the ATC, will be taken to meet the demands and changes of today's world. Pray also that the Lord will continue to fill Daryl and Marlene with His Spirit, equipping them in every way for this very practical ministry.

Mission Memphis: Please pray for the students and staff at Visible Music College to stay encouraged in the Lord during this season. Pray also for the virtual Christmas Concert on December 2—that the Holy Spirit will move in the hearts of those watching from the comfort of their own homes.

Caring Ministry Update

Sympathy to:

Kelli de Witt on the death of her brother, *Thomas Anthony Pacello, Jr.*, November 16, 2020.

Ronald Zampini on the death of his wife, *Catherine Ann Zampini*, November 19, 2020.

Lou Martin on the death of her father, *Robert Flowers*, November 21, 2020.

In the Hospital (as of 11/23/20):

Cathy Yawn, *St. Francis Memphis*
Skip Quinn, *Methodist University*
Russell White, *Baptist Memphis*

General Fund Giving Update

	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	Variance	Last Year Actual
October	\$ 631,780	\$ 624,214	\$ (7,566)	\$ 570,755
YTD 7/1/20–10/31/20	\$ 2,481,799	\$ 2,535,538	\$ 53,739	\$ 2,357,561

Holiday Service Opportunities

There are many ways we can serve our neighbors this holiday season. Visit 2pc.org/serve for ways to serve in addition to those featured below.

Warm Clothing Drive:

Donate warm men's and women's clothing (coats, gloves, hats, etc.) for Calvary Rescue Mission and Memphis Union Mission. Collection barrels will be located in the Fellowship Hall December 6 and 13.

Adopt a Family with the NCC:

Adopt a family through the Neighborhood Christian Centers and provide toys and clothes to make

Christmas extra special. The deadline to adopt is December 11. Visit 2pc.org/serve to sign up. Contact Pam Cox with questions at pcox@nclife.org or (901) 881-6013.

Refugee Empowerment Program Toy Drive: Donate board games, educational games, and toys for ages 5-10 to 258 N. Merton. Email staff@repmemphis.org with questions.

November Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary for the month of November are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: *Milla Gieselmann* by her parents and sister; *Anna Leita Werkhoven and Andrew Werkhoven* by Margaret and James Werkhoven; *Ann and Oscar Edwards* by Mary and Jimmy Edwards and their family; *Our dear parents, Polly and Evan Fellman*, by their devoted daughters, Joanne Fleming and Peg Stringer; *George Shea Flinn* by his sons George, Fred, Carl, and their families; *Laura Lowrey Cook* by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cook and their family; and *Dr. Max Wesley Painter* by his family.

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 20 as follows:

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

Name: _____

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December 13 is the deadline for the inclusion of names in the bulletin on December 20, 2020.

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."

An online order form is available at 2pc.org/flowers.



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