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November 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent

WELCOME TO SECOND

- **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!
- 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.
- **Mask Policy:** Masks are optional for vaccinated individuals on our church campus for all worship services and events. If you are not vaccinated, we ask that you continue to wear a mask to help protect those who cannot be or have not yet been vaccinated. Children above age 2 should continue to wear masks.
- Social distancing between family units continues to be recommended.
- **Nursery:** Our nursery is available for the 8:15 a.m. service and during the Sunday School hour to ages three and under and for the 6:00 p.m. service to ages four and under.
- Visit 2pc.org/live for a livestream of all services.

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 19 as follows:

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

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December 12 is the deadline for the inclusion of names in the bulletin on December 19, 2021.

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.

Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

The order of worship for the evening service begins on page 7.

EXALT THE ROYAL KING

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Jerry and Donna Sanders and Joy Merritt (8:15)
Emma Forrest and Taylor Wetta (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP Todd Erickson

♣PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 131 "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

✦PROPHETIC LESSON: Isaiah 59:20-21; 60:1-3 Elizabeth Wall

“And a Redeemer will come to Zion,
to those in Jacob who turn from transgression,” declares the LORD.

And as for me, this is my covenant with them,” says the LORD:

**“My Spirit that is upon you,
and my words that I have put in your mouth,
shall not depart out of your mouth,**

or out of the mouth of your offspring,
or out of the mouth of your children’s offspring,” says the LORD,

“from this time forth and forevermore.”

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

**For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;**

but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.

**And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ADESTE FIDELES

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

ENJOY THE HUMBLE SAVIOR

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious, heavenly Father,
all of us stand in fresh need of rescue and release
from the weight of our sin by our Lord Jesus Christ.
We confess as we begin this Advent that
instead of peaceful, we are anxious;
instead of joyful, we are irritable;
instead of amazed, we are indifferent;
and in the place of anticipation, we are fearful.
In our unbelief, we have become impoverished.
Pardon and free us from these sins that plague us,
for we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON I Timothy 1:15

*The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

Give On Campus: Offering boxes are available at the Sanctuary exits.

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

OFFERTORY: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" Craig Courtney

Words: Nahum Tate / Music: Craig Courtney / Luke 2:8-14

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shown around.
"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind;
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind,
To you in David's town this day is born of David's line,
The Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign:
The heav'nly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed,
All meanly wrapt in swathing bands and in a manger laid.
All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace.
Good will henceforth from heav'n to earth begin and never cease."

*The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO: A WORD TO THE CHILDREN Kirsten Scheel
Early Childhood Coordinator

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: No. 137 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" WINCHESTER NEW

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

Choir:

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!

✦*Congregation stands and sings:*

**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. Revelation 14:6-8

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and

worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water." ⁸Another angel, a second, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality."

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON: The Promised Reconciler George Robertson

I. Content of the Gospel of Reconciliation *(Revelation 14:6)*

II. Command to Believe the Gospel *(Revelation 14:7-8)*

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦BENEDICTION

✦BENEDICTION RESPONSE. GLORIA

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

✦POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Joy to the World" Michael Dell

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Advent

Hanging of the Green

Tonight at 6:00 in the Sanctuary

Celebrate the beginning of the Advent season with us tonight at our Hanging of the Green service. We'll be led in worship by our children's choirs. Then we'll decorate the campus on our way to the Fellowship Hall, where we can snap a picture at the photo booth, decorate cookies, and make Christmas crafts. The evening will conclude with a live nativity outdoors.

Rejoice Greatly! A Chamber Music Concert

December 5, 6:00 p.m.

Festival of Carols

December 12, 6:00 p.m.

Nine Lessons and Carols

December 19, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

PJ Story Time

December 21, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship

4:00 p.m. Family Service

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

Candlelight Communion Services

Visit 2pc.org/advent for more dates, details, and service opportunities.

Hanging of the Green

6:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME Philip James

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE. Ethan, Grace, Mary, Joshua, and Philip Knight

CALL TO WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 140 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

Words and Music: John Francis Wade / Luke 2:15

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him born the King of angels;**

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

**God of God, Light of Light;
Lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb:
Very God, begotten, not created;**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest;**

✦ *Congregation stands*

**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;**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 9:2 Emory Poole

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL: "Light a Candle" Michael Burkhardt

Words and Music: Michael Burkhardt / John 1:9-13

Light a candle for hope this Advent, one bright candle for hope. Jesus the hope of the world.
Light a candle for peace this Advent, one bright candle for peace. Jesus the peace of the world.
Light a candle for joy this Advent, one bright candle for joy. Jesus the joy of the world.
Light a candle for love this Advent, one bright candle for love. Jesus the love of the world.

*Music Makers Choir
Hannah Crowley, director
Mary Lawrence Flinn, accompanist*

INVOCATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 9:6-7. Dominic Devine

⁶For 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. ⁷Of 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.

CAROL: "Away in a Manger" MUELLER

Words: John Thomas McFarland / Music: James R. 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 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.

*Pre-K & JK Cherub Choir
Christy Young, director*

♠HYMN: No. 145 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"ST. LOUIS

Words: Phillips Brooks / Music: Lewis H. Redner / Micah 5:2

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**
**For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.**
**How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.**
**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.**

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 1:26-33Abigail Wingo

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.

²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do

not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He 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, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL: "Come, Jesus, Prince of Peace" Diane Hannibal

Words and Music: Diane Hannibal; arr. Brad Nix / Isaiah 7:14

Come, O come, Emmanuel, come to us and stay.
Come, O come, Emmanuel, could this be the day?
Jesus, Prince of Peace, hope of all the earth;
Come, O come, Emmanuel, we await Your birth.

Come, O come, Emmanuel, joy of heav'n come down.
Come, O come, Emmanuel, King without a crown.
Jesus, Prince of Peace, come to guide our way;
Come, O come, Emmanuel, live in us today.

*Music Makers and Spirit & Song Choirs
James Ryan, violin*

CAROL: "Prepare!" Allen Pote

Words and Music: Allen Pote / Isaiah 40:1-5

Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare ye the way of the Lord.
For God has chosen to come to earth, joining the human race.
Born a child in holy birth, taking a human face.
His name shall be Emmanuel, the baby born in the night.
God will be revealed in us. Piercing the darkness with light.

*Spirit & Song Choir
Christy Young, director*

FOURTH SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 1:46-56 Mary Abbott Elliott

⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸for he has looked on the humble estate of
his servant. For behold, from now on all
generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for he who
is mighty has done great things for me, and
holy is his name. ⁵⁰And his mercy is for those
who fear him from generation to generation.
⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has
scattered the proud in the thoughts of their

hearts; ⁵²he has brought down the mighty
from their thrones and exalted those of
humble estate; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with
good things, and the rich he has sent away
empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in
remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵as he spoke to
our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring
forever." ⁵⁶And Mary remained with her about
three months and returned to her home.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL: "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" arr. James Ryan

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

Choir:

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

♠ *Congregation stands and sings:*

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."**

**Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
 Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
 Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
 Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."**

*Faithline Choir
 James Ryan and Calvin Ellis, directors*

FIFTH SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 1:67-75

⁶⁷And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, ⁶⁸"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people ⁶⁹and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, ⁷⁰as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; ⁷²to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, ⁷³the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

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

HOMILY: Serving Without Fear Dan Burns

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

WORDS OF INSTRUCTION AND DISMISSAL

- Decorating Opportunities:**
 Children and families make crafts, decorate cookies, and take photos (*Fellowship Hall*)
 Decorate the B building stair railing (*Reception Area – B Building*)
 Decorate the Chapel with the Chapel Class
 Decorate the International Ministry tree (*West Entrance – Outside C310*)
 Decorate the Narthex and lobby areas around the Sanctuary (*Connector*)
 Help hang outdoor wreaths on all exterior building doors

POSTLUDE

DECORATING THE CHURCH

*At 7:10 p.m., reassemble outside the Russell (PDS) Building
 for the live nativity (South side of campus)*

◆THE NATIVITY: "Silent Night" STILLE NACHT

Words: Phillips Brooks / Music: Lewis H. Redner / Micah 5:2

**Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
 Round yon virgin mother and child.
 Holy infant, so tender and mild,
 Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

◆BENEDICTION

◆Indicates congregation standing

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*A special thank you to our choir helpers: Pat Corbitt, AJ Crowley, Hannah Crowley, Sarah Curtis,
 Karen Emmett, Beth Fischer, Mary Lawrence Flinn, Julia Knowlton, Grace Simmons, Linda Wingo*

Second Day Prayer: December 2

Our first Second Day Prayer in November was a hit, and we're excited to cover December 2 in prayer, too. Visit 2pc.org/pray to sign up for your 30-minute prayer time and mark your calendar to intercede on behalf of our city.

Caring Ministry Update

Congratulations to:

Reid and Callie Wesson on the birth of a son, *James Brandon Wesson*, August 27, 2021. Paternal grandmother is Lucy Wesson.

In the Hospital (*as of 11/19/21*):

Eva Miller, *Allen Morgan Rehab*
Joan Morgan, *Baptist Rehab*
Paul Brown, *Baptist Memphis*

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions–The Pohls: The Lord has used Craig and Stacy Pohl to minister in the Presbyterian Church in Chile for over eight years. They are thankful that the Chilean church is firmly established and poised for growth and that God has now called them to a new assignment in Japan. Pray that the Lord will bless Craig and Stacy as they go to Kaihin Makuhari Grace Church to encourage the leadership of that church and to help plant a new bilingual congregation. Pray for quick acquisition of the Japanese language, for adjustment to a new culture, and for the provision and logistics needed for their move in April 2022. Pray for their daughters, Aimee and Karis, as they study at Covenant College and heal from heart arrhythmia and COVID, respectively.

Mission Memphis–Bethany Christian Services: Bethany Christian Services envisions a world where every child has a loving family. Their goal is to serve one million children and families with the greatest needs in the most fragile conditions each year. Pray for God to protect their staff, expectant mothers, and adoptive families. Pray also for God to bless and use their therapeutic foster care program and post-release program for unaccompanied minors. Finally, pray for patience as they await the approval of their refugee resettlement program proposal, as well as for God to move this process forward.

2PC Ministry–Memphis Fellows: The Fellows Program is a nine-month spiritual and vocational leadership program that prepares recent college graduates to live a seamless life of faith. We're thankful for our 17th class of Fellows who joined us this past September. Please pray for these eight Fellows—Anna, Cameron, Carter, Connor, Kenny, James, and Logan—as they balance working Monday through Thursday, taking seminary-level classes on Friday, serving in our church and city, being mentored, and living with their 2PC host families. Pray for the Lord to affirm their callings as they grow in their faith and seek to understand their part in God's story. Pray for God to increase their appreciation for how work and faith intersect as they minister and witness for Him in Memphis. Finally, please pray for Director Deborah Coleman as well as the Fellows teaching team, Todd Erickson, Barton Kimbro, and David Bowen, as they lead, teach, and encourage our Fellows.

November Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this month are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: *Ann and Oscar Edwards* by Jimmy and Mary 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; *Mary Elizabeth Garrott* by Brandon and Joe Morrison; *Milla Gieselmann* by her parents and sister; *Dr. Max Wesley Painter* by his family; and *Anna Leita Werkhoven and Andrew Werkhoven* by Margaret and James Werkhoven.

General Fund Giving Update

	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	Variance	Last Year Actual
October	\$ 616,677	\$ 725,281	\$ 108,604	\$ 624,214
YTD 7/1/21–10/31/21	\$ 2,421,459	\$ 2,686,041	\$ 264,582	\$ 2,535,538



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