

1st Sunday after Christmas

January 1st, 2023

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Star of the East

Kennedy

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: A new day has dawned, a new year begun.

All: O Lord, call us so we may hear your voice.

One: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

All: O Lord, keep us in your ways and on your path.

One: May we enter this new year with hope and excitement.

All: Remind us that you lead us, O Lord, and guide us as we look to you and worship you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

#133 vv. 1,3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin, for I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me. I have sinned against you, and you alone; I have done what is evil in your sight. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit. I pray this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

from Revelation 21:1-6

One: Behold, there is a new heaven, a new earth, and a new city.

All: The river of life flows; the tree of life bears fruit in every season.

One: This heaven, this city, this river, this tree, are a vision of our life;

All: life reborn, life restored, life renewed. Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

#133, v. 4

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Registration Pad found at the end of the row and pass it along.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory Meditation on "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

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Response

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

#143, v. 4

Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READINGS

Genesis 17:1-8
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Jeremiah 31:31-34

p. 13 OT
p. 215 OT
p. 735 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 1:1-17

p. 1 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

RENEWAL OF THE COVENANT & THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table & Covenant Renewal

Preparatory Hymn O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright #827, vv. 1-2

The Act of Covenant

Choose this day whom you will serve and whom you will worship. Will you worship and serve Yahweh in sincerity and faithfulness, or will you follow after other gods?

Far be it from me that I should forsake Yahweh to serve other gods, for it is Yahweh our God who brought his people up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, and who has done great things in our sight.

Who is this God whom you will serve and in whom you believe?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Do you commit yourself today to these beliefs? And do you commit yourself not only to belief, but to action, vowing to take up the cost and joy of discipleship to Jesus Christ during the coming year and henceforth, forevermore?

As I begin this new year, I commit myself again to the beliefs and actions of a disciple of Jesus Christ. I renew my covenant with God and with my fellow disciples to seek and respond to the will of God; to walk in God's ways; to join the mission of the church to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the world; to worship God while striving for truth, justice, peace and reconciliation; to pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God; to look with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and the blessing of eternal life; and to rely on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower me as I endeavor to be obedient to the will of God. This I will do, with the help of God.

Let us pray.

I give myself completely to you, O God. Assign me to my place in your creation. Let me suffer for you. Give me the work you would have me do. Give me many tasks or have me step aside while you call others. Put me forward or humble me. Give me riches or let me live in poverty. I freely give all that I am and all that I have to you. And now, Holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. May this covenant made on earth continue for all eternity. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. They are lifted up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion of the People A Communion Invitation Martin/Courtney
Prayer after Communion

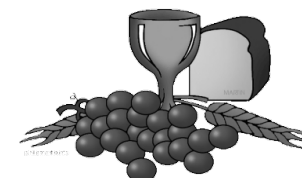
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Vision Statement of 2nd Presbyterian Church
Responding in gratitude to God's love and grace, we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community, following Jesus and serving him in the world.

HYMN OF SENDING As with Gladness Men of Old #150

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Arr. Sikes

PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT, AS YOU ARE ABLE



Communion: We welcome all who follow Jesus, regardless of denomination, to the Lord's Table, including children. Parents who wish to celebrate communion as a family may get their children from the nursery during the singing of the Communion preparation hymn. Communion will be received via intinction this morning. Prefilled communion cups are

available at the entrances to the sanctuary for those who do not wish to come forward for intinction.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

John Lasater – Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Fran and Marty McLean, Kim Hudgens

Technicians: Matt Casey(video) and Paul Sexauer (audio)

We are currently in Covid Phase GREEN. There are no Covid precautions.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are excited to have you with us today and hope you feel at home! We are honored you are here and pray you will feel God’s presence in this place. If you do not have a church home, we would love for you to be a part of the 2nd Pres. Please let us know a bit about you by completing a Visitor’s Card or by filling out your information in the Friendship Register. Children are welcome in worship. There is a **family worship area** down the front. There is also a “crying room” next door in the Library where the service is live-streamed. **Children’s Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex. A **nursery is available** for infants and children through age 6. **Hearing Devices** are available if needed.

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Narrative Lectionary, Year 1.

Jan. 1	Matthew 1:1-7	Covenant Renewal Service
Jan. 8	Matthew 3:1-17	Jesus’ Baptism
Jan. 15	Matthew 4:1-17	Temptation in the Wilderness
Jan. 22	Matthew 5:1-20	The Beatitudes

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God.

CONNECT

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP in the Mary Chambers Room following worship this morning. The Mary Chambers Room is the room at the front left of the sanctuary.

SECOND READERS BOOK GROUP will gather at the Buckingham Clubhouse, on January 11 at 11:30 a.m. Our book for the month is “The Maid” by Nita Prose and Leslie Matthews will lead our discussion. Contact Margaret Sullivan at (865)588-3103 if you have any questions. *In the event of inclement weather, we will not meet.*

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S GROUP at Second will not meet in January but will continue its mission and Bible studies on Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 10-11:30 a.m. Add it to your new 2023 calendar and plan to be with us in the Fellowship Hall.

GO

STUFFED ANIMAL DRIVE: Every year Second Readers collect new stuffed animals for the Juvenile Court. We invite you to join us in this endeavor. Please place your donations inside the container located at the atrium.

CHRISTMAS GLOVE PROJECT AND ISAIAH NEEDS: The tree in the atrium is for placing gloves to be given to students at Westview Elementary. The box beneath the tree is for items for the teenagers at Isaiah House. We are collecting Axe body wash and fidget toys for the boys, and hair products and body sprays for the girls.

GROW

THE FAITH SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will resume on January 8th in the Barbour Room with a new time at 9:30 a.m.

PRESBYTERY BIBLE STUDY ON GENESIS: This January and February, the Presbytery of East Tennessee is hosting a virtual/in-person Bible study of Genesis. Each week, participants will gather in person at 3:00 p.m. at a Presbyterian Church near them. (2nd Pres is one of the hosts.) Rev. Dr. Wendy Neff will lead the study from a different location each week. Participants may also join via Zoom from home each week if they prefer. The dates are January 8, 22, 29, February 5, and 12.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, January 1st

10:30 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, January 3rd

5:00 p.m. Facilities Support Team (Zoom)

6:00 p.m. Connect Team (Barbour Room)

Wednesday, January 4th

2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, January 5th

1:00 p.m. Go Team (Barbour Room)

Sunday, January 8th

9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Sunday (Barbour Room)

10:30 a.m. Worship

3:00 p.m. Presbytery Bible Study (Mary Chambers Room)

The Church Office will be closed Monday, January 2nd in observance of the New Year’s Day holiday. Pastor Tim will be out of the office from January 3rd-5th.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Sue Jacox, Kennedy Wilson, Kristi Maples, Pat Winger, Jerry Young, Frances Johnson, Arlys Milligan, Beverli White, Doux Robertson, and Peter Douglas Hamilton.

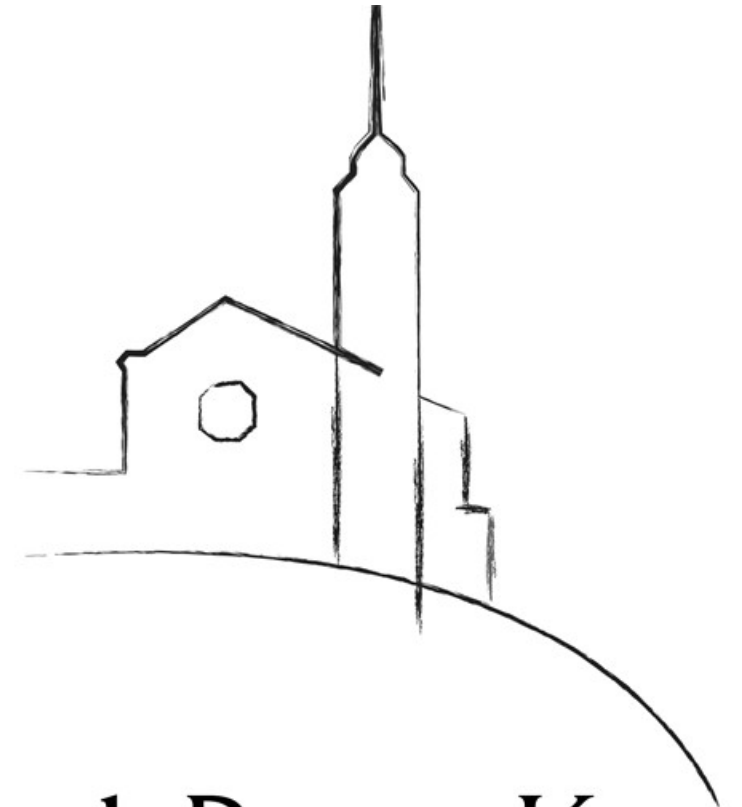
**Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request. Names remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.*

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WI-FI NETWORK: Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is “Second Presbyterian Church”, and the password is *Psalms100*.



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The Genealogy of Jesus

Matthew begins his Gospel not with the _____
of Jesus, but with the _____ of Jesus.

Matthew's Declaration:

Jesus is a _____ of _____
from an _____ of Israelites.

A _____ story is underway.

Two Important Reminders:

Our individual salvation is part of a _____:
God's _____ of the _____.

The new covenant doesn't _____ the old one,
it _____ it.

Son of David:

Jesus fulfills the _____ of _____.

Son of Abraham:

Jesus will _____ and _____.

The Women:

The _____ of God includes _____.