

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

*Praise God in His Holy Temple*

*Steven Scott*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

*from* Isaiah 60

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

**All: And also with you.**

One: Arise and shine, your light has come!

**All: The splendor of God's glory has risen upon us.**

One: Now the grace of God is ours.

**All: Now the mystery is revealed.**

One: Let us worship God.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

*Sing of God Made Manifest*

#156, vv. 1-3

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the Light of the world to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light in our lives. We turn away from the poor; we ignore the cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin. Send us your Spirit to baptize us once again, so that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. It is in his name we pray. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

*from* Ephesians 3

One: In Christ, God revealed his plan to the world, a plan that had been in place since the beginning of time,

**All: a plan that has been accomplished through Christ Jesus our Lord.**

One: In Christ we have bold and confident access to God through faith in him.

**All: Thanks be to God our sins are forgiven!**

✠ RESPONSE

*Sing of God Made Manifest*

#156, v. 4

Sing of God made manifest on the cloud-capped mountain's crest

Where the law and prophets waned so that Christ alone remained

Glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, given as Jesus set his face

Towards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

p. 690 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2:1-12

p. 2 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**Tim Reynolds**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

✠ Preparatory Hymn *As with Gladness Men of Old* #150

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

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

*arr. Trenney*

Matthew Mimbs, tenor

I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The light of my life is Jesus.  
In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father.

In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Shine, shine, shine!

In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Prayer after Communion

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Vision Statement of 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

*The First Nowell*

#147, omit v. 4

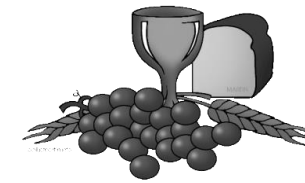
✠ BENECTION AND RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE

*Recessional in C*

*Josef Haydn*

✠ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND



**Communion:** We welcome all who follow Jesus, regardless of denomination, to the Lord's Table, including children. **Prefilled communion cups are available at the entrances to the sanctuary. Please take one for each person in your household for use during communion. Gluten free cups are available in the narthex.**

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds - Pastor

Sarah Morgan - Pastor

Matthew Mimbs - Director of Music & Arts

Christy Lee - Guest Organist

2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir

**Ushers:** Bobbie Denton, Tracy Horton, Cleston Jones, and Bennie Myers  
**Technicians:** Matt Casey, Elizabeth Seastrunk (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

## WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

### UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:

Jan 2	Matthew 2:1-12	Making Room for the World (Epiphany)
Jan 9	Luke 3:3-18, 21-22	John Baptizes in the Jordan River
Jan 16	Matthew 5:1-12	The Beatitudes
Jan 23	Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Ezra Reads the Book of the Law

**THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK** were given to the glory of God.

**OUR GUEST ORGANIST THIS MORNING** is Dr. Christy Lee. Welcome back, Christy!

**THANK YOU FOR WEARING A FACE COVERING:** Face coverings are currently required for worship, regardless of vaccination status. We also ask that everyone maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance between households while in the building. (Visiting outside in the courtyard before or after worship is encouraged!) Our current Covid Phase is always visible on the home page of our website, where you can also find the guidelines for each phase. Additionally, signs on the doors of the building will alert you to the current Covid Phase. **We are currently in Phase Orange.**

**OUR 2021 ADVENT/CHRISTMAS THEME IS MAKING ROOM:** We are exploring what it means to be called to make room for Jesus in our daily lives, in our homes, in our relationships with others, in the ways we spend our time, in our care for creation, and in the ways we see the world around us. May this season of Advent be a call to you and your family to make room in your time and space for the presence of Christ.

**COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED** this morning with pre-filled, self-serve communion cups. These cups are available to pick up as you enter the sanctuary. Gluten free cups are also available in the narthex.





## 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 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 always welcome in worship, but a **nursery is available** for infants and children through age 6. There is also a "crying room" next door in the Library where the service is live streamed. **Hearing Devices** are available, if needed. **Children's Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex.

## DISCIPLESHIP

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** Kathy Duggan will lead an informal discussion of the Gospel of Mark in January and February. The class will begin THIS Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> with Chapters 1-2. Sandwiches, drinks, and snacks will be served beginning at 6:00, followed by a group discussion at 6:30. Text or call Kathy Duggan at 865-441-8683 if you plan to attend so we can have enough food. If you are not a planner, come anyway and we won't let you starve! We would love to have you, reservation or not. We will try to arrange childcare if you let us know in advance. Otherwise, children will be welcomed and appreciated.

**THE FAITH SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** meets in the Barbour Room at 9:45 a.m.

**UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL.** Pick up your copy of the January-February *Upper Room* Devotional at either entrance to the sanctuary or in the vestibule.

## FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**COMPASSIONATE CUISINE** meals for the homebound: If you are interested in joining a cooking team to prepare meals for some of our homebound members, please contact Leslie Matthews at flowilly@gmail.com or 865.765.0549.

**STUFFED ANIMAL COLLECTION:** The Second Readers group is once again collecting stuffed animals for Judge Irwin's juvenile court. Animals may be left in boxes located in the Atrium/Narthex or, if you prefer, you may make a donation and we will shop for you. The animals must be new and around 12-16 inches in size. Questions, call Margaret Sullivan. 865-588-3103.

**JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH AT 9:45 A.M. FOR BRUNCH!** The Care and Compassion Ministry is sponsoring a brunch before worship! Coffee, hot cocoa and orange juice will be provided, members are asked to bring a brunch dish - breakfast casserole, fruit, pastries, etc. Hope to see you there!

## STEWARDSHIP

**OFFERING PLATES** are at the entrances/exits to the sanctuary. Please remember to offer your gift of thanksgiving as you enter or leave.

**THE OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS INTERESTED IN YOUR SUGGESTIONS** for ruling elders to serve on the Session Class of 2025. A link to submit your suggestions can be found on the weekly email. The deadline for submissions is TOMORROW, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**THE JANUARY SECOND EDITION** is now available! Pick up a copy in the vestibule and narthex. To read online, visit the home page of our website (2ndpres.org).

## THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:45 a.m. Faith, Science, & the Future Class (Barbour Room)  
11:00 a.m. Worship

### Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

6:30 p.m. BSF (All Facilities)

### Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
10:00 a.m. Organ Search Committee (Barbour Room)  
5:00 p.m. Facilities Committee (Zoom)  
6:00 p.m. Care & Compassion (Mary Chambers Room)  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (Sanctuary, Scout Room, & Gym)

### Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner (Mary Chambers Room)  
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study (Mary Chambers Room)

### Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts  
1:00 p.m. Service & Outreach (Mary Chambers Room)

### Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

9:45 a.m. Brunch (Fellowship Hall)  
11:00 a.m. Worship

## PRAYER CONCERNS

The Gill family, the Robertson family, Pam Maples,  
the family of Mary Johnson, Frances Johnson, 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 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.

## SECOND PRESBYTERIAN STAFF

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Check out our blog: 2ndpresknox.blogspot.com

**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 *Psalm100*.



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