

2nd Sunday of Christmas

January 5th, 2020

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

The Old Year Now Has Passed

J. S. Bach

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Jeremiah 31:7-9

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

All: And also with you.

One: From distant lands and faraway shores, God calls us together.

All: Like a shepherd tending his flock, God gathers us in.

One: Along straight paths and cleared byways, God guides our journey.

All: Like a mother taking the hand of her child, God leads us home.

One: Praise the Lord, O people! Shout for joy!

All: Let us sing aloud with gladness. Let us worship the Lord!

✦ HYMN OF PRAISE

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

#152

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to testify to the light of Christ, which enlightens everyone. But we hide in the shadows and shrink from bearing witness to the light. You call us to come together, praising you by living and worshiping and learning in community, no matter how messy. Yet we prefer our “alone” time with you and refuse to let go of our individuality. Forgive us our selfishness. Send your Holy Spirit to embolden us to step into your light and join our lives with others as we embody your love and embrace your hope. Sustain our joy long after the wreaths and ribbons are packed away, that we may bear witness to your abundant grace and enduring truth. Amen.

✦ ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

One: God’s mercy is wide; God’s love is infinite. God restores us to the fullness of life meant for us.

All: Grounded in love and rooted in discipleship, out of gratitude we offer ourselves in service to others

One: God’s limitless grace is ours to share in Christ.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

✦ RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

#579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be

World without end. Amen. Amen.

✦ 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 pew and pass it along.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Christ, the Lord, Our Sure Foundation*

Lloyd Larson

Christ, the Lord, is our sure foundation, Christ, the head and cornerstone;

Chosen by our God most precious, binding all the church as one.

Jesus Christ, the one rejected, by the faithless cast aside;

Living Stone, ordained to live eternally on high!

Christ, the Lord, is our sure foundation, Christ, the head and cornerstone;

Chosen by our God most precious, binding all the church as one.

Chosen race, O holy nation, called from darkness into light;

Sing of grace and mercy and proclaim God’s power and might.

You are led by God’s great light.

Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong,
And now, O King Eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal, till sin’s fierce was shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet Amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning where’er your face appears;
Your cross is lifted o’er us; we journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest: lead on, O God of might.

Christ, the Lord, is our sure foundation, Christ, the head and cornerstone;

Chosen by our God most precious, binding all the church as one.

✦ Doxology *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* #592

✦ Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

p. 690 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

p. 2 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sarah Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

✦ Hymn of Preparation *Come to the Table of Grace* #507

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving & The Lord’s Prayer (*Hymnbook p.16*)

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

Prayer after Communion

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Vision Statement of Second 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

We Three Kings of Orient Are

#151

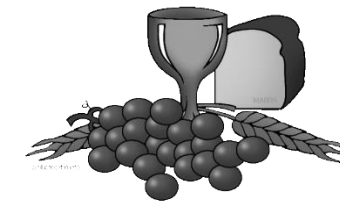
✦ BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

✦ POSTLUDE

Toccata on Joy to the World

arr. M. Setcbell

✦ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND



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.**

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

David Stultz – Asst. Director of Music/Organist

Second Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Doug (H) and Leslie Matthews, Tracy Horton and Brent Walther

Technicians: Matthew Lowe (video), Max Jones (audio)

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Alan Ferguson, from the family.

COMMUNION WILL BE RECEIVED VIA INTINCTION this morning. Please proceed down the center aisle, break off a piece of bread, dip it in the cup on the side on which you are seated, and return to your seat via the side aisle. A gluten free communion station is provided to the right. If mobility is an issue for you, please remain in your seat and an elder will serve you where you are.

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary:

Jan 5	Matthew 2:1-12	Epiphany
Jan 12	Psalms 29	Hearing the Voice of God
Jan 19	Psalms 139	Remembering MLK
Jan 26	Matthew 4:12-23	Who Did Jesus’ Followers See?

STEWARDSHIP

IF YOU STILL HAVE NOT turned in your 2020 Pledge Card please do so by placing it in the offering plate or dropping it by the church office. THANK YOU!

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. **A nursery is available** for infants and children through age 6. **Hearing Devices** are available from an usher, if needed. **Children's Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex.

FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER & ACTIVITIES resume THIS Wednesday, January 8th. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. Our cooking teams will be back in action this week, so you can count on something yummy to eat. It's *Intergenerational Family 'Round the Table* night! We'll be exploring the first few stories of Genesis as we consider *God and God's People*.

FOOD & FRIENDS resumes NEXT Sunday, January 12th. Food & Friends is a ministry to college students and young adults wishing to share fellowship with one another over a meal after Sunday morning worship. If you would like to sign up to host, look for the sign-up link in the weekly email newsletter or contact Sarah Morgan at smorgan@2ndpres.org.

LUNCH BUNCH will meet on Tuesday, January 7th in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. John Reynolds will present an illustrated talk on Three Ghost Railroads of the Knoxville area. For reservations, please call John Reynolds (865-588-0085) or Mariann Thuesen (865-253-7653). This is a catered lunch and will cost \$10.00 per person. All are welcome to attend!

SERVICE & OUTREACH

THERE IS A "MITTEN TREE" IN THE ATRIUM for those wishing to bless West View Elementary students with gloves and/or mittens to go with the hats the PW Arts & Crafts circle has been making. Let's fill up the tree with colorful warmth for little fingers!

A MESSAGE FROM UKIRK. At UKirk UTK, we rely on financial support to make God's love known to all students at UT Knoxville. Each and every gift is extremely important to the future of this ministry. Please consider financially supporting UKirk through a one-time or recurring gift. To do so, please go to our website, www.ukirkutk.org/support. We are grateful for your prayers and financial support.

DISCIPLESHIP

Spiritual Growth Opportunities @ 2nd

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Resumes THIS Wednesday. This winter and spring we will be studying the book of Judges.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

Faith Science & the Future (Rm 221) – Current Events through a faith lens
Bible Discovery Class (Barbour Room) – *This Present Word* curriculum
The Pilgrim's Class (Library) – Studying the Book of Galatians
9th-12th Grade (Youth Room) – Waffles & The Word
6th-8th Grade (Rm 206) – Bible Stories & activities

JUDGES – A WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: What happens when Israel settles in the Promised Land and forgets their God? The book of Judges shows the tragic downward spiral of Israel's leaders and people. It is an honest look at the human condition through difficult, and sometimes disturbing, stories.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, January 5th

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. First Sunday Youth Fellowship

Monday, January 6th

4:30 p.m. Cross Ministry
5:00 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship

Tuesday, January 7th

11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch
5:00 p.m. Facilities Committee
6:00 p.m. Care & Compassion Ministry
7:00 p.m. Service & Outreach Ministry
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
8:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, January 8th

4:00 p.m. Line Dancing
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner
6:05 p.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 12th

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Food & Friends

WINTER WEATHER POLICY: Sunday worship will never be cancelled due to weather, but please use good judgment if the roads are icy or snowy. Wednesday activities follow the Knox County School System for closings. Committee meetings and other activities will be the decision of the chairperson or person in charge of the activity.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Betty McCollum, Allene Miller, Pam Maples, Mike Nichols, The Blakemore Family, Joe Beals, Emily Rose, Dee Snyder, Joanna Hall, and Jennifer Levy-Tatum.

*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.

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