

1st Sunday of Advent

November 27th, 2022

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Arr. Diemer

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Presbyterian Women Leadership

✠RESPONSE

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love

Randy Edwards

**Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love! These are the gifts you bring from above
Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be light of your Hope, reflected in me.**

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Habakkuk 3

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

All: And also with you.

One: Today we begin a season of waiting.

All: As we wait, we will rejoice in the Lord.

One: Today we begin a season of preparation.

All: As we prepare, we will delight in the God of our salvation.

One: Today we look toward the coming of the Christ child with hopeful anticipation.

All: And with hopeful anticipation, we will worship God!

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

Creator of the Stars of Night

#84 vv. 1-3

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we await your coming, but the world is not ready. We want to create a place for you, but we are consumed by the pain and anger and fear around us. We cry out to you for justice, but we don't recognize when we are part of the problem. We long for your peace, but we admit that it often feels like it is beyond our grasp. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Guide us in living lives of faith, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

✠ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

from Isaiah 41:1-2

One: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

All: Our sins are forgiven.

One: The penalty has been paid.

All: Thanks be to God.

✠RESPONSE

Creator of the Stars of Night

#84, v. 4

**To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One
Praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.**

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.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, power, and glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

✠HYMN OF PREPARATION *How Long, O Lord, How Long?* TRENTHAM

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 1:2-8

p. 228 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Road Home

Stephen Paulus

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4; 3:17-19

p. 871 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory

Vom Himmel Hoch

Luther/J.S. Bach

✠Response

Savior of the Nations Come

#102, v.4

Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, virgin's son, incarnate Word

To the holy Trinity praise we sing eternally

✠Prayer of Dedication

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. In a broken and fearful world, God's Holy Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

✠HYMN OF SENDING

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

#87

✠BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Pritchard/Innes

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Geoff Duggan – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

John Lasater – Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Liz Peebles, Mary Kay Sullivan, Bennie Myers & Bill Ragsdale

Technicians: Dale Henley (video) and Matthew Lowe (audio)

WORSHIP

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

Nov. 27	Habakkuk 1-3	Faith as a Way of Life
Dec. 4	Esther 4:1-17	Esther
Dec. 11	Isaiah 42:1-9	Light to the Nations
Dec. 18	Matthew 1:18-25	Jesus as Immanuel

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the ministries and people of Second Presbyterian Church, by Fay and Willard Carr.

DUE TO THE PREVALENCE OF THE FLU VIRUS, we are taking a break from passing the peace in worship for a few weeks. Please continue to greet one another and welcome guests informally as you feel comfortable.

IT'S TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS! Please place your orders by December 7th so that a poinsettia can be placed in the sanctuary to honor your friends and loved ones. Order forms can be found in the Church Office, Atrium, or the Narthex.

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTERS NEEDED: We need one more group for next Sunday. If your family, small group, ministry team, or group of friends would like to light the candle on the Advent Wreath during worship, please contact Pastor Tim.

THE PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS MUSIC PROGRAM is THIS Thursday, December 1st at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please come out and join us!

THERE WILL BE A BRIEF CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at the end of worship on Sunday, December 11th for the purpose of electing two at-large members to the Nominating Team.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AT SECOND: Usher Coordinator and more Ushers are needed. Become more acquainted with Second Presbyterian folks by being our next Usher Coordinator; the best part is that you do not need to go to any meetings, all you need are your organizational skills. And, if you only want to meet new people and welcome them to Second, be part of our Ushers Team by serving once a month. Please call or email Betsy at (865) 406-4800 for more information.

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 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 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.

CONNECT

CHURCH EMAIL LIST: If you do not currently receive our regular emails and would like to be kept informed of what's going on at 2nd Presbyterian, please send an email to Marta Villalta (mvallalta@2ndpres.org) and ask to be added to the distribution list.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A COOKIE SWAP! We will gather in the fellowship hall on Sunday, December 4th at 1:30 pm for a cookie swap and other Advent festivities. Bring a few dozen of your favorite cookies to share, and you'll go home with a delicious assortment of your own.

DRIVE-THRU CAROLING: The youth of the church will be hosting a Drive-Thru Christmas Caroling on December 18th from 2-4 p.m. in the courtyard. If you would like to come sing, please arrive at 1:30 pm. We also need volunteers to transport some of our homebound members. Mark your calendars now and let Sarah Morgan know if you are willing to help!

GROW

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

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. Any questions, contact Margaret Sullivan (865) 588-3103.

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.

SUPPORT

CHURCH WORKDAY: Help us clean up our church property and be ready for the Holiday Season! December 3rd, 8:30 a.m. – Noon. Dress for the weather. Please bring your outdoor hand tools. Call Neal after 6 a.m. at (865) 384-8741, if you have any questions about inclement weather that morning.

OUR STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE PERIOD is a time when friends and members of our congregation are asked to prayerfully consider our response to God's call for our church – and our response to God's abundance in our lives. If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider doing so. You may make your pledge online through a link on the church website's home page (2ndpres.org). Thank you for your commitment to the mission and ministry of 2nd Presbyterian.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, November 27th

9:45 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
Faith, Science & The Future Sunday (Barbour Room)
11:00 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, November 29th

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Room & Gym)

Thursday, December 1st

1:00 p.m. GO Team (Mary Chambers Room)
5:30 p.m. Preschool Music Program (Sanctuary)

Saturday, December 3rd

8:30 a.m. Church Workday

Sunday, December 4th

9:45 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
Faith, Science & The Future Sunday (Barbour Room)
11:00 a.m. Worship
1:30 p.m. Cookie Swap (Fellowship Hall)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Andrew Weaver, Kennedy Wilson, Anita Etheridge, Kristi Maples,
Pat Wininger, Jerry Young, 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 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN STAFF

Ministers:	Members & Friends of the Congregation
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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 *Psalm100*.



2nd Pres Knox

WELCOMING + FAITHFUL + HOPEFUL

*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.*

Second Presbyterian Church

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Faith as a Way of Life

What Biblical Faith Isn't:

Faith is not _____.

Faith is not the _____ of _____.

Faith is not a _____.

What Biblical Faith Is:

Faith is _____ God...
enough to _____.

Faith is _____ God enough to _____.

Faith is _____ God enough to _____.

Two Honest Questions and Answers:

1) Why are you _____?

Answer: _____.

2) Why would you _____?

They're _____ than _____!

Answer: _____ deal with _____.

Habakkuk's Faithful Response:

I'll _____ you _____.