

1st Sunday of Advent

November 28th, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

arr. Hayes

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Kennedy & Lewis families

✠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

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

All: And also with you.

One: The day of the Lord is surely coming;

All: the promise of God will be fulfilled.

One: We are called to make room for what is to come.

All: Our hope for the future is in Christ alone.

One: Let us worship God.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

#104

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy on us. We do not feel ready for what tomorrow brings. We mistakenly place our confidence in our own strengths and planning when you alone are our only hope. We live in sin as though there were no justice. We live in fear as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

✠ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Christ renews us in hope: hope for what is to come.

All: Our salvation is found in the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

✠RESPONSE

Of the Father's Love Begotten

#108 v. 1

**Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be
He is Alpha and Omega; he the source, the ending be
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore! Amen.**

✠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

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.

ANTHEM

A Grateful Heart

Mary McDonald

As we gather in your house to worship,

Let us bring to you a heart of praise.

For your love will never fail us;

To your name, our thanks we raise.

For your love and tender mercy;

For your goodness and your grace.

May we ever praise you, Father,

When we seek your holy face.

Lord, we know your love is everlasting;

From your favor, we will ne'er depart.

This, our prayer, we offer to you, Father:

Bless us with a grateful heart.

Amen. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Isaiah 7:1-10

p. 636 OT

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

✠HYMN OF PREPARATION

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Luke 1:26-38

p. 56 NT

Matthew 1:18-21

p. 1 NT

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Heidelberg Catechism

The eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that he might also become David's true descendant, like his brothers and sisters in every way except for sin. He is our mediator, and, in God's sight, he covers with his innocence and perfect holiness the sinfulness in which we were conceived.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. Hayes

✠Response

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord

✠Prayer of Dedication

✠HYMN OF SENDING

People, Look East

#105, vv. 1-3, 5

✠BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

✠POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

arr. Hayes

✠THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds - Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Charles White – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Kathy Thomas, Doug Matthews, Bruce Foster, Betsy Foster

Technicians: Matt Casey, Dale Henley (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

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

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:

Nov 28	Lk 1:26-38/Matt. 1:18-21	Making Room for What Is to Come
Dec 5	Luke 1:39-45, 56	Making Room to Welcome Others
Dec 12	Luke 1:46-80	Making Room for Worship
Dec 19	Luke 2:8-15, 20	Making Room for Wonder

FACE COVERINGS ARE OPTIONAL IN WORSHIP for those who are fully vaccinated. We encourage everyone to still 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 will always be 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 Yellow.**

OUR 2021 ADVENT 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 way 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.

OUR MAKING ROOM ADVENT DEVOTIONALS are now available. A digital version is on our website under the "Resources" tab, and hard copies are also available in the vestibule and narthex. To request a copy be mailed to you, please call the church office (865.523.2189).

THERE WILL BE A BRIEF CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING following worship on Sunday, December 12th, for the purpose of electing two at-large members to the Nominating Committee.

NEXT SUNDAY IS COMMUNION SUNDAY: If you will be joining us virtually you may pick up self-serve communion cups in the Narthex this morning or the Vestibule any time during the week.

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 is at 6:30 p.m. The Bible Study is currently in-person with a virtual option for those who wish to join from home. We also gather for dinner at 6:00 p.m. with each person/family providing their own "brown bag" meal. We will continue with the "brown bag" practice through December. **We meet in the Mary Chambers Room.**

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

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.

DRIVE THRU CAROLING: Once again the church will be having Drive-Thru Christmas Caroling. The date is December 19th from 3-5 p.m. in the courtyard. We are in need of volunteers to sing and volunteers to transport some of our shut ins. Mark your calendars now and let Jan Barber know if you are willing to help!

POINSETTIAS ARE AVAILABLE TO ORDER for placement in the sanctuary two weeks before Christmas. They may be placed in honor or memory of friends and family. The cost is \$10.00 per plant. Forms for Poinsettia Contributions can be found in the narthex/vestibule. Please give completed forms to Audrey or place them in the offering plate. Poinsettias may be picked up immediately following the Christmas Eve Service.

STEWARDSHIP

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. You should have received a pledge card in the mail this week, if not, there are extra copies in the vestibule and narthex. Please consider how you can help support the mission and ministry of 2nd Presbyterian Church with your financial pledge. Commitment Sunday is next Sunday, December 5th. You will have the opportunity to offer your pledge card during the worship service. Alternatively, you may make your pledge online through a link on the home page of the church website (2ndpres.org). Thank you for your commitment to the mission and ministry of 2nd Presbyterian.

THERE WILL BE A CHURCH WORK DAY on Saturday, December 11th from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, November 28th

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

Monday, November 29th

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

Tuesday, November 30th

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

Wednesday, December 1st

10:00 a.m. CCR&R/Preschool Event (Fellowship Hall)
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, December 2nd

1:00 p.m. Service & Outreach (Mary Chambers Room)

Sunday, December 5th

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Frances & Mary Johnson, the family of Dr. John Campbell,
the family of Rachel Rogers, Susanne White, Pam Maples, Scott Farris,
Fran McLean, Alex & Phyllis Robinson, and Joshua Peter 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*.

OFFERING PLATES are at the entrances/exits to the sanctuary. If you are not comfortable passing the plate when it comes to you, please use these plates to offer your gift of thanksgiving as you enter or leave.



*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.*

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