

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 4th, 2022

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Wade/arr. Hamlin

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *The Kennedy Family*

✦RESPONSE *Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love* Randy Edwards

✦CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Esther 4; Isaiah 11*

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

All: And also with you.

One: A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,

All: for such a time as this.

One: He will not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear.

All: He will judge with righteousness and make decisions with equity.

One: The wolf will live with the lamb; the leopard will lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child will lead them.

All: For such a time as this, a shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse and will stand as a signal to the peoples; and his dwelling will be glorious.

✦HYMN OF PRAISE *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* #93

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, have mercy on your people. We confess that we do not heed your word each day in everything we say and do. We do not see our neighbors, families, friends as beloved children whom you have made. In your mercy, forgive us. Help us to turn from our ways and look to your power to heal us and raise us up, so that we might become one with you and receive your peace. Amen.

✦ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Beloved in Christ, be filled with hope.

All: Through the power of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and brought to new life.

One: Rejoice and believe!

All: We give thanks to God!

✦RESPONSE *Creator of the Stars of Night* #84, v. 4

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION – UKirk @ UTK

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Variations on Dona Nobis Pacem* Lasater
✦Response *Savior of the Nations Come* #102, v.4
✦Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 1:67-79 p. 58 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HEBREW BIBLE READING Esther 4:1-17 p. 446 OT

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 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* #88, vv. 1,6,7

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 *At This Table* Menzel/Myrin
Tuesday Reynolds

Prayer after Communion

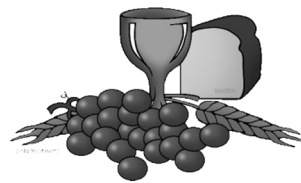
✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Vision Statement of 2nd Presbyterian Church
Responding in gratitude to God's love and grace, we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community, following Jesus and serving him in the world.

✦HYMN OF SENDING *Blest Be the God of Israel* #109

✦BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✦POSTLUDE *Sing We Now of Christmas* arr. Page

✦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: Betsy Foster, Marty McLean, Patton Lewis & Jack Lewis
Technicians: Elizabeth Seastrunk (video) and Neal Henley (audio)

WORSHIP

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

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
Dec. 24	Luke 2:1-14	The Birth of Jesus

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

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.

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 left. If mobility or health concern is an issue for you, there are self-serve cups available at the entrance to the sanctuary.

A "LONGEST NIGHT" SERVICE will be held in the chapel on Wednesday, December 21st at 6:00 p.m. The service is traditionally held on the longest night of the year and recognizes that the Christmas season can be a painful and lonely time for some. It is designed to offer comfort and hope to those experiencing loneliness, depression, loss, isolation, and anguish. All are invited, particularly those who have experienced a loss of some kind in the previous year and those who want to stand in the place of darkness with others.

OUR CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE is Saturday, Dec. 24th at 5:30 p.m. We will observe a service of Lessons & Carols as we celebrate the birth of our Lord. Pre-service music will begin at 5:10 p.m.

WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS DAY: Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year. Our worship that morning will be an informal service and we ask everyone to sit in the front half of the sanctuary. We will sing hymns and Pastor Tim will read a Christmas story. The service will last approximately 30 minutes, after which we will gather for a time of fellowship with hot cider and cookies.

NEW WORSHIP TIME: Beginning **Sunday, January 1st, Sunday morning worship will begin at 10:30 a.m.** Following worship each Sunday, we will have coffee and a time of fellowship in the Mary Chambers Room.

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.

WORSHIP

USHERS NEEDED: Additional Ushers for worship are needed. If you want to meet new people, become better acquainted with Second Presbyterian folks, and show hospitality to others, contact one of our Usher Coordinators – Kim Hudgens (kimhudgens05@comcast.net) or Janis Smith (smithjb1@gmail.com).

CONNECT

YOU'RE INVITED TO A COOKIE SWAP! We will gather in the fellowship hall THIS afternoon 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 cookies to enjoy.

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 sing, please arrive at 1:30 pm. If you would like to be sung to, come any time between 2-4 p.m. If you would like to help with hospitality, contact Joe Clarke (jclarke859@gmail.com). If you would like to volunteer to transport one of our homebound members, contact Pastor Sarah.

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 at (865) 588-3103.

CHRISTMAS GLOVE PROJECT AND ISAIAH NEEDS: The bare 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.

THE DECEMBER PW EVENT is December 13th at 10:00 a.m. A children's specialist from Knox County Library will lead a story time for children in our preschool and we will continue our study on Gentiles in the first century.

GROW

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

SUPPORT

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 home page of the church website (2ndpres.org). Thank you for your commitment to the mission and ministry of 2nd Presbyterian.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, December 4th

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

Monday, December 5th

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Cross Ministries Board Meeting (Barbour Room)

Tuesday, December 6th

- 5:00 p.m. Facilities Support Team (Zoom)
- 6:00 p.m. CONNECT Team
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Room & Gym)

Wednesday, November 7th

- 10:00 p.m. CCR&R Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine Home Meal Delivery (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, December 11th

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Leilla White, Andrew Weaver, Kennedy Wilson, Anita Etheridge, Kristi Maples, Pat Winingger, 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.

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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*.



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WELCOMING + FAITHFUL + HOPEFUL

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we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community,
following Jesus and serving him in the world.*

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