

1st Sunday of Advent

December 1st, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Autumn Ends

Brad Jacobsen

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Margie & John Gill and Leonard & Pat Bailey

RESPONSE

Wait for the Lord

#90

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near
Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!**

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 25

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

All: And also with you.

One: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.

All: Lead us in your truth, O Lord, and teach us.

One: He leads the humble in what is right.

All: He teaches the humble his way.

One: Lead us in your truth, O Lord, and teach us.

All: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

When in Our Music God is Glorified

#641, v.1-3, 5

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, you want wholeness for us, but we find ourselves divided along lines of our own making. We seek our own way instead of following yours, and we hold tight to idols that lead us astray. We are tempted by power and pride, forgetting that you alone are sovereign. We chase after false hopes, failing to trust in your eternal promises. Forgive us, Lord, and renew in us hearts that long for your kingdom of peace. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Sisters and brothers, hear the good news: In Christ, we are forgiven and made new. Though we seek to divide ourselves, God is faithful and restores us, calling us back to unity in Christ.

All: In Christ, we are forgiven. Let us live as people of the light, preparing our hearts for his coming.

✠ RESPONSE

Blest Be the God of Israel

#109, v. 1

✠ 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 row and pass it along.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples. Following this time, children through 1st grade are invited to Children's Church.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*

arr. Mark Hayes

✠ Response *Savior of the Nations, Come*

#102, v. 4

✠ Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 17:20-21

p. 80 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HEBREW BIBLE READING

1 Kings 9:1-9 & 11:1-12

p. 313 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 *For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits* #89

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

Canticle of Hope

Joseph Martin

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

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

#82

✠ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

arr. Mark Hayes

✠ 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 in the pews this morning.**

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds - Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Linda & Gerald Cook, Mary Kay Sullivan, Tim Wright

Technicians: Matthew Lowe (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: Our current sermon series is called *God's Kingdom People*. From now until Christmas we are focusing on the relationship between God and his people, the Israelites.

Dec. 1 1 Kings 9-11 God's Kingdom People: *The Kingdom Divided*

Dec. 8 Amos 1-2 God's Kingdom People: *Prophets Confront Israel*

Dec. 15 Jer. 31-35 God's Kingdom People: *Prophets Comfort Israel*

Dec. 22 Micah 5 God's Kingdom People: *Israel Hopes for a Savior*

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

COMMUNION WILL BE RECEIVED IN THE PEWS this morning. We will be using a method known as the "dual cup method" to receive the sacrament. There are two cups in each slot in the tray. The bottom cup holds one piece of communion bread and the top cup holds the juice. When the tray is passed to you, remove both cups together, separate them, and then hold them until everyone has been served. We will take the bread and the juice together, as instructed by the pastors. For those who would like a gluten-free option, cups with gluten-free bread are in the center rings of the tray.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS Order your Christmas Poinsettias by December 9th. Please check our E-news to get a digital copy of the order form. Forms are also in the Narthex and in the church office. You can also pay in Realm at the QR code beside this announcement.



CONNECT

FELLOWSHIP TIME: Join us after worship each week for coffee, lemonade, cookies, and a time of fellowship.

2ND WEDNESDAYS @ 2ND PRES: December's Second Wednesday will be a Christmas celebration! We will have a great dinner with ham, mashed potato casserole, green beans and corn pudding. Please bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share. After dinner, we will sing Christmas carols together! This will be a wonderful way to begin the Christmas season with your Second Presbyterian family - feel free to invite other friends to share this fun event, December 11th, at 6:00 p.m.!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: We will go caroling to some of our homebound and shut-in members on December 15th. Meet in the church parking lot at 1:30 p.m. All are invited to join us!

FOOD & FRIENDS: All college students and young adults are invited to join our weekly host after worship for a meal provided by the church. **Food & Friends will not meet this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.**

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 the 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. Children ages 2 through 1st grade are invited to **Children's Church** following the children's time in worship. A **nursery is available** beginning at 9:15 for infants and children through age 2. **Hearing Devices** are available if needed.

GROW

THE FAITH, SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets in the Barbour Room at 9:30 a.m. weekly. This class studies current events through the lens of faith using a weekly curriculum called *The Wired Word*. All are invited – join us!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: As our nursery and preschool continue to grow, we are needing more volunteers! If you are interested, please contact Holly Grimm at (865) 243-6353.

THE PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PRESENTATION is Tuesday, December 3rd at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are invited!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN WILL MEET on Tuesday, December 10th in the Fellowship Hall. Come hear Karen Cameron's story of how the ministry of 2nd Presbyterian and Habitat for Humanity affected her life. Remember that the PW's monthly meetings are open to everyone, regardless of gender!

GO

FISH MINISTRY DONATION NEEDS: The FISH ministry is currently in need of dish soap, bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper, and maxi pads. Donations can be placed in the FISH bin in the hallway between the Atrium and kitchen. And we can always use more volunteers -- either for packing in the mornings or delivering in the early afternoon -- to help expand the number of Knox County residents with food insecurity that we can assist. It's the 4th Tuesday of every month. Contact Dick Dodson at rtodson52@gmail.com.

WEST VIEW FAMILIES NEED OUR HELP: Several West View families have asked for help with Christmas for their children this year. If you would like to adopt a family and shop for clothes and toys for the kids, please contact West View School and speak with the School Social Worker, 865-594-4471 (option 2).

SUPPORT

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 *Psalms100*.

GIVE ONLINE: Visit us at www.2ndpres.org/give, text *2ndPresKnox* to 73256, or scan the QR code to the right.



STEWARDSHIP: If you have not already made a pledge for 2025, there is still time. You can make a pledge online through the church website, through the Giving tab in your Realm account, or with a physical card. Please let us know how you plan to financially support the ministry and mission of 2nd Presbyterian as soon as possible. Thank you for your commitment to our congregation.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, December 1st

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, December 2nd

- 9:45 a.m. Staff Meeting (Small Conference Room)
- 3:00 p.m. Budget Finance Support Team (Zoom)

Tuesday, December 3rd

- 4:30 p.m. CONNECT Team Meeting (Barbour Room)
- 5:00 p.m. Facilities Support Team (Zoom)
- 5:30 p.m. Preschool Christmas Concert (Sanctuary)

Thursday, December 5th

- 1:00 p.m. GO Ministry Team Meeting (Barbour Room)

Sunday, December 8th

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bill Roach, Jr., Fran McLean, Amy Garcia,
Sue Jacox, Donna Downen, and Arlys Milligan

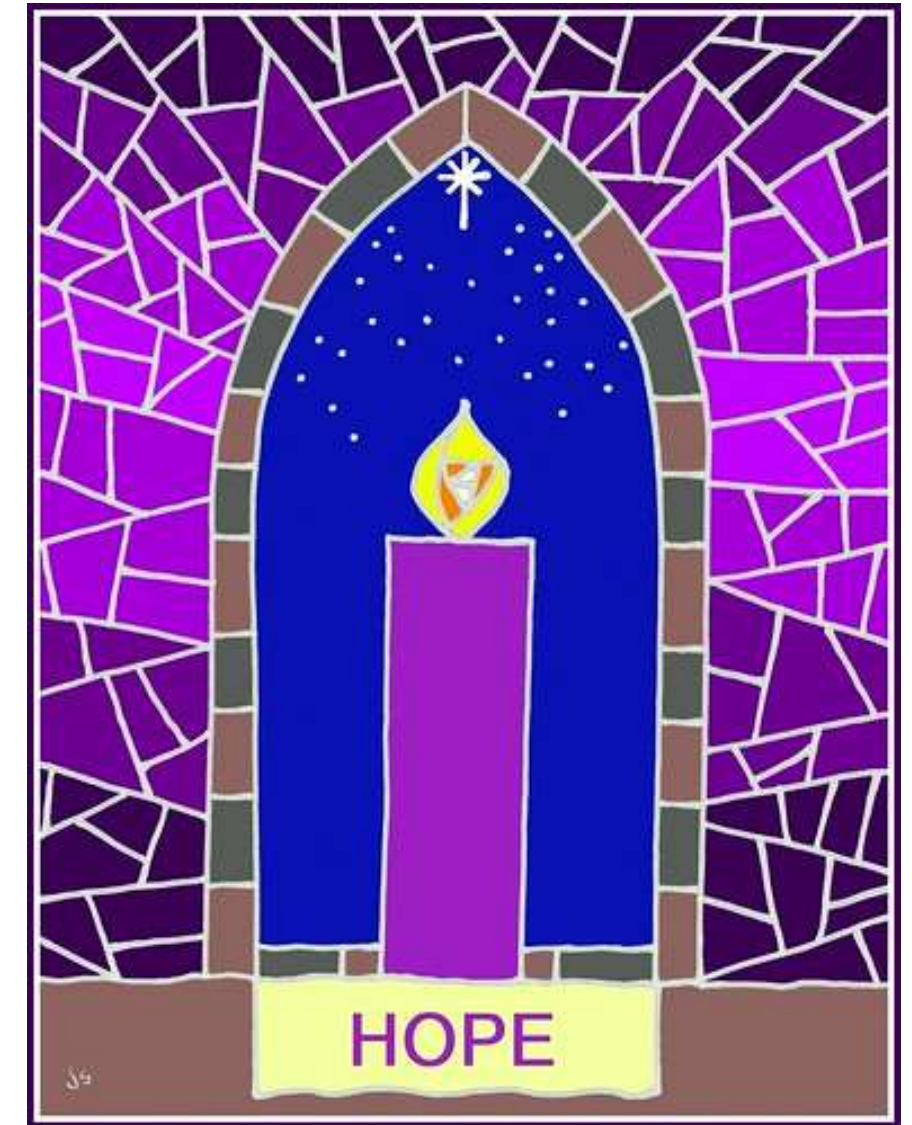
*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request.
Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.

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ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: The bulletin cover art for this year is a series designed in 2022 by regional artist and retired pastor of Erin Presbyterian Church, John Stuart. John is a native of Scotland who has lived and ministered in East Tennessee for 30 years and describes his work as a "therapeutic and creative way" to strengthen his spiritual connection to God.



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