

## 3<sup>d</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* J.S. Bach

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *Compassionate Cuisine Team*

✦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 Joy, reflected in me.**

✦CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 146*  
One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**All: And also with you.**  
One: Happy are those who rejoice in the Lord their God.  
**All: We rejoice in God, who made heaven and earth.**  
One: Happy are those who rejoice in the Lord their God.  
**All: We rejoice in God, who sets the prisoner free, opens the eyes of the blind, and lifts up those who are bowed down.**  
One: The Lord our God will reign for all generations.  
**All: Praise the Lord!**

✦HYMN OF PRAISE *Joy to the World* #134

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Holy God, you created the heavens and spread out the earth. You give us breath and fill us with your Spirit. We are grateful, but sometimes it's hard to tell. Our covenant with you calls us to be a light to the nations, but we are more comfortable in the dark. It calls us to help the sick, the outcast, the prisoner; but we help ourselves instead. Forgive us, Lord, and grant us your mercy. Help us to live in ways that bring glory to your name. Amen.**

✦ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *based on Isaiah 35*  
One: Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness.  
**All: Let sorrow and sighing be no more.**  
One: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

✦RESPONSE *Creator of the Stars of Night* #84  
**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 *Christ, Be Our Light* #314, vv. 1,2,5

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 5:14-16 p. 4 NT  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Joy in the Morning Shall Be Mine* Douglas E. Wagner

HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 42:1-9 p. 670 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 *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Bach / Arr. Caudill  
✦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 The Confession of Belhar*  
**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, and that the church is witness, both by word and by deed, to the new heaven and new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

✦HYMN OF SENDING *This Little Light of Mine* Harry Loes

✦BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✦POSTLUDE *Joy to the World' with Hallelujah Chorus* Handel/ Caudill

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

### SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor  
Sarah Morgan – Pastor  
Clara Hardin – Liturgist  
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts  
John Lasater – Organist  
2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Fran McLean, Marty McLean, Tracy Horton & Bruce Foster  
Technicians: Dale Henley (video) and Matthew Lowe (audio)

### WORSHIP

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

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
Dec. 25	Luke 2:8-20	The Shepherds Visit

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.

ADVENT GIFT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH: On Sunday, December 18th, we will have an Advent gift for children and youth. These gifts will be given out before and after the worship service. These gifts are for all children – both members and visitors.

OUR CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE is Saturday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

A "LONGEST NIGHT" SERVICE will be held in the sanctuary on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

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 Christmas 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

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).

**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 the 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

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

**THE DECEMBER PW EVENT** is December 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

**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 CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** will be received next Sunday morning and Christmas Eve during worship. By giving to the Christmas Joy offering, you honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

**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 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](http://www.ukirkutk.org/support). We are grateful for your prayers and financial support.

GROW

**THE FAITH SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** meets in the Barbour Room at 9:45. *Please note that we will not meet on December 25<sup>th</sup> or January 1<sup>st</sup>. Our class will resume on January 8<sup>th</sup> with a new time at 9:30 a.m.*

SUPPORT

**OUR STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE PERIOD** is almost completed. 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, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Room & Gym)

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

- 11:30 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Readers Book Club (Off-Campus)

**Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts (Room 227)

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:45 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- Faith, Science & The Future Sunday (Barbour Room)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 2:00 p.m. Drive-Thru Caroling (Courtyard)

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Sue Jacox, Kennedy Wilson, Kristi Maples, the family of Charles Wu, Pat Wininger, Jerry Young, Frances Johnson, 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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**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.*

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