

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

December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Come Now, O Prince of Peace* arr. Edwin T. Childs

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *Thursday Men's Covenant Group*

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

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

✦CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 96:4, 11-13*

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

**All: And also with you.**

One: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

**All: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;**

One: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

**All: Let the field exult, and everything in it.**

One: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord,

**All: for he is coming; he is coming to judge the earth.**

One: Let us worship God!

✦HYMN OF PRAISE *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* #107

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, in your presence we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world. Amen.**

✦ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *from Isaiah 12:3-4*

One: With joy, let us draw water from the springs of salvation.

**All: Give thanks to the Lord! Call on God's name.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

✦RESPONSE *Of the Father's Love Begotten* #108 v. 5

**O ye heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts his praises sing  
Powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King  
Let no tongue on earth be silent; everywhere in concert ring  
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.**

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout* #100

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 113 p. 563 OT

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

ANTHEM *At This Joyous Christmas Time* arr. Eugene Butler

At this joyous Christmas time, merry bells are ringing  
Voices tell the wondrous birth, glad the story singing  
Shepherds on that winter night heard the song and saw a light  
Heard the angel's song of the Savior's birth  
Heard the song of the birth, heard the song of the birth  
Heard the song of the Savior's birth, "Peace to all on earth!"

To the blessed manger side came the shepherds lowly  
From the East by camel stride came three wise men holy  
At this joyous Christmas time voices sing and bells do chime  
The choirs do sing and bells ring  
Choirs sing, bells ring, choirs sing, bells ring  
Choirs sing and bells do ring, glad the story telling!

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS Luke 1:46-80 p. 57 NT

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Sarah Morgan

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *adapted from* The Westminster Confession

**Neither prayer nor any other part of worship is made more acceptable by being performed in any particular place. God is to be worshiped everywhere in spirit and in truth; privately by families and individuals daily; and regularly in public gatherings, since God calls us to join other believers in public worship. It is a law of our natural, earthly life that some amount of time be set aside for the worship of God.**

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* arr. Stallsmith

✦Response *O Come, Let Us Adore Him*

**We'll give him all the glory, we'll give him all the glory**

**We'll give him all the glory, Christ the Lord**

✦Prayer of Dedication

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

✦BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

✦POSTLUDE *Voluntary on Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* arr. Macchia

✦THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds - Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Jessica Lewis – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

Christy Lee – Guest Organist

2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir

**Ushers:** Bobbie Denton, Dick Dodson, Lauren Dodson, Bennie Myers  
**Technicians:** Matt Casey, Elizabeth Seastrunk (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

## WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

### UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:

Dec 12	Luke 1:46-80	Making Room for Worship
Dec 19	Luke 2:8-15, 20	Making Room for Wonder
Dec 24	John 1:1-19	Making Room for the Word, Jesus Christ
Dec 26	Luke 2:22-38	Making Room for Wholeness

**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. Our current Covid Phase is always 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 GUEST ORGANIST THIS MORNING IS DR. CHRISTY LEE:** Christy leads a diverse career as a collaborative pianist, chamber musician, vocal coach, conductor, and educator. In the world of opera, Dr. Lee has worked as pianist, coach, and assistant conductor. As an active member of the American Choral Director's Association, she serves regularly as a collaborative pianist at national and district conferences. She holds degrees from Florida State University, the Cleveland Institute of Music, and the University of Alabama. She is now on the faculty in the Music Department of Mississippi State University and resides in Starkville, Mississippi.

**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 ways 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.

**THERE WILL BE A BRIEF CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** following worship TODAY for the purpose of electing two at-large members to the Nominating Committee.

**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.

**OUR CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** is Friday, Dec. 24th at 5:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there and being together in person this year, as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.

## 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

**OUR FINAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY OF THE SEMESTER** is at 6:30 p.m. this Wednesday. 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 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 flowlilly@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:** We will be having Drive-Thru Christmas Caroling NEXT SUNDAY, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 p.m. in the sanctuary courtyard. Bring a friend or two and enjoy the sounds of the season!

**RECEPTION FOR JAN BARBER:** Next Sunday there will be a reception following worship to honor Jan Barber and her years of service to 2nd Presbyterian Church. Come join us in saying thank you to Jan and celebrating her retirement. Also, as a thank you, we are taking up a love offering for Jan. If you would like to make a donation to this love offering, please send your donation to the church and designate it for "Jan's love offering".

## 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. 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.

**THE OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS INTERESTED IN YOUR SUGGESTIONS** for ruling elders to serve on the Session Class of 2025. A link to submit your suggestions can be found on the weekly email. The deadline for submissions is January 1st.

**PICK UP YOUR COPY OF THE DECEMBER SECOND EDITION** in the Narthex/Vestibule. You can also read it online by visiting the home page of our website, 2ndpres.org.

## THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

9:45 a.m. Faith, Science, & the Future Class (Barbour Room)  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)

### Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. Facilities Committee (Zoom)  
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Family Event (Fellowship Hall)

### Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

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)

### Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

9:45 a.m. Faith, Science, & the Future Class (Barbour Room)  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
12:00 p.m. Reception for Jan Barber (Fellowship Hall)  
3:00 p.m. Drive-Thru Caroling (Courtyard)

## PRAYER CONCERNS

The family of Alex Robinson, Pam Maples, the family of Mary Johnson, Frances Johnson, 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

<b>Ministers:</b>	<b>Members &amp; Friends of the Congregation</b>
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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*.

**AUDREY JOHNSON WILL BE OFF TOMORROW (MONDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>)** to celebrate her graduation from Tusculum University. Phone coverage has been arranged between the hours of 9-12 and 1-4. All emails will be returned on Tuesday.



*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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