

4th Sunday of Advent

December 19th, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Festivity on "Here We Come A-Caroling"* Douglas E. Wagner

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *The Henley Family*

✠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 Love, reflected in me**

✠CALL TO WORSHIP *from Micah 5*
One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: From Bethlehem there is to come the one who is to rule in Israel,
All: whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.
One: And we shall live secure, for his name shall be great to the ends of the earth;
All: and he shall be the one of peace.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE *Love Has Come* #110

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of all love, we rejoice in your sure promise to send us a Ruler and Shepherd. He lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry; he calls us to love others in the same way we love ourselves. Yet we confess that we choose to love ourselves first and foremost. We strive to promote ourselves and look for ways to guarantee our own welfare. We deny his power and disbelieve your promise. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not scatter us in our pride; do not send us away empty. Send us your Spirit to teach us to embrace your will for us, your way with us, and your Spirit in us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we make our prayer.

✠ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *from Hebrews 10*
One: Christ came to earth to do the will of God, that we be made holy.
All: We have been made holy, freed from sin through the offering of Jesus Christ.
One: Jesus offered one sacrifice for all sins, for all time.
All: Praise be to God that we are forgiven and renewed in Christ!

✠RESPONSE *Of the Father's Love Begotten* #108 v. 6
Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory 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.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

✠HYMN OF PREPARATION *I Wonder, as I Wander*

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 23 p. 501 OT
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Of the Father's Love Begotten* arr. Paul Wohlgenuth

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

O that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bare the Savior of our race
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face
Evermore and evermore!

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, every voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore!

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS Luke 2:8-20 p. 58 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 United Church of Canada*
We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD
Offertory *People, Look East* Jason W. Krug
✠Response *O Come, Let Us Adore Him*
**For He alone is worthy, for He alone is worthy
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord**

✠Prayer of Dedication

✠HYMN OF SENDING *Angels We Have Heard on High* #113

✠BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

✠POSTLUDE *Love Has Come* arr. Edwin T. Childs

✠THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds - Pastor
Sarah Morgan - Pastor
Bruce Foster - Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs - Director of Music & Arts
Christy Lee - Guest Organist
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Bobbie Denton, Neal Peebles, Kay Weaver, Terry Weaver
Technicians: Elizabeth Seastrunk, Dale Henley (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:

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
Jan 2	Matthew 2:1-12	Making Room for the World (Epiphany)

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/CHRISTMAS 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.

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING will be received this 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 this Friday 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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY has concluded for the semester. Kathy Duggan will lead an informal discussion of the Gospel of Mark in January and February. The class will begin on Wednesday, January 5th. Sandwiches, drinks, and snacks will be served beginning at 6:00, followed by a group discussion at 6:30. Text or call Kathy Duggan at 865-441-8683 if you plan to attend so we can have enough food. If you are not a planner, come anyway and we won't let you starve! We would love to have you, reservation or not. We will try to arrange childcare if you let us know in advance. Otherwise, children will be welcomed and appreciated.

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 will be collecting stuffed animals *through December* 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 at 865-588-3103.

RECEPTION FOR JAN BARBER: There will be a reception following worship TODAY 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".

DRIVE THRU CAROLING: Drive-Thru Christmas Caroling is TODAY from 3-5 p.m. in the sanctuary courtyard. Bring a friend or two and enjoy the sounds of the season!

STEWARDSHIP

THE JANUARY SECOND EDITION DEADLINE is tomorrow, December 20th! Call or email Audrey (865.523.2189 or ajohnson@2ndpres.org) with your submissions!

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.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, December 19th

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)

Friday, December 24th

5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 26th

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN STAFF

Ministers:	Members & Friends of the Congregation	
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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*.

PASTOR TIM WILL BE ON CHRISTMAS VACATION December 20th through 23rd.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Christmas Eve (*Friday*) and the Monday after Christmas (*December 27th*) in observance of the Christmas holiday.



*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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