

Christmas Eve

December 24th, 2021

5:30 p.m.

PRELUDE Organ Selections

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Ave Verum* Edward Elgar

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Isaiah 9 & Luke 2

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

All: And also with you.

One: Once we walked in darkness.

All: Now we have seen a great light!

One: For a child has been born to us:

All: The Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

One: Glory to God in the highest!

All: Peace to all people on earth.

✦ PROCESSIONAL HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #133, vv. 1,3,4

✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION *O Little Town of Bethlehem* #121, v. 4

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Glorious Lord, you send us a Savior – heaven’s light breaking into human night. Yet we confess that we close our doors to your light, afraid to give you room in our midst. Still, your light shines; your mercy refuses to let our rejection quench the light of your love. Forgive us for denying your due honor. Lift us by your Spirit to join angelic hosts in anthems of joy and peace, brought to us in the holy advent of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

✦ ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE *from* Titus 2

One: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people.

All: Christ is the blessed hope, the glorious appearance of our great God in the world.

One: Hear the Good News: Christ has come so that we might be rescued from every kind of lawless behavior and cleansed from sin.

All: Joy to the world! The Lord is come!

✦ RESPONSE *Joy to the World* #134

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory

Candlelight Carol

John Rutter

How do you capture the wind on the water?
How do you count all the stars in the sky?
How can you measure the love of a mother
or how can you write down a baby’s first cry?

Candlelight, angel light, firelight and starglow

Shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Angels are singing the Christ child is born

Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him

Seraphim round him their vigil will keep

Nations proclaim him their Lord and their Savior

But Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep

Refrain

Find him at Bethlehem laid in a manger

Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay

Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation

A child with his mother that first Christmas Day

Refrain

✦ Response

In the Bleak Midwinter

#144, v. 4

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb

If I were a wise man, I would do my part

Yet, what I can I give him: give him my heart

✦ Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Genesis 1 - selections p. 1 OT

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

CONGREGATIONAL CAROLS

The First Nowell #147, v. 1

How Great Our Joy! JUNGST

What Child Is This? #145, v. 1

Away in a Manger #115, v. 1

✦ *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* #119, v. 3

GOSPEL READING John 1:1-5, 9-14, 16-18 p. 91, 102, 110 NT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sarah Morgan

ANTHEM

See Amid the Winter’s Snow

arr. Dan Forrest

See amid the winter’s snow, born for us on earth below
See the tender lamb appears, promised from eternal years
Hail, thou ever blessed morn, hail redemption’s happy dawn
Sing through all Jerusalem: “Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Alleluia!

Lo, within a manger lies He who built the lofty skies
He, who, throned in light sublime, sits amid the cherubim
Hail thou ever blessed morn, hail redemption’s happy dawn
Sing through all Jerusalem: “Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Alleluia!

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was Thine
Thus, to come from highest bliss, down to such a world as this
Hail, thou ever blessed morn, hail redemption’s happy dawn
Sing through all Jerusalem: “Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Alleluia!

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE SPREADING OF
THE LIGHT

As the ushers light the first candle in each row, we invite you to turn and light the candle of the person next to you. The lighted candle remains upright while the unlighted candle is tipped to be lighted. Please wait until the choir has finished the choral benediction before extinguishing your candle and place it in one of the receptacles as you exit the sanctuary.

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:1-20 p. 58 NT

✦ HYMN OF SENDING *Silent Night, Holy Night!* #122

Lyrics are on the back of the bulletin and on the screen for your convenience.

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* *arr. Keveren*

✦ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND



SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS EVENING

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Helen Grant – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

David Stultz – Guest Organist

Second Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Charles White (Head), Neal Peebles, Mary Kay Sullivan, the Henleys

Technicians: Dale Henley, Elizabeth Seastrunk (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are excited to have you with us tonight 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. **A nursery is available** for infants and children through age 6. **Hearing Devices** are available from an usher, if needed. **Children's Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex.

POINSETTIAS: Anyone who purchased a memorial/honorary poinsettia may take it home following the service this evening.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON OUR EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST, please contact Audrey Johnson in the church office (865.523.2189) or at ajohnson@2ndpres.org.

OUR GUEST ORGANIST THIS EVENING IS DAVID STULTZ: David is a graduate student at Notre Dame and was our Assistant Director of Music and Organist while an undergraduate student at UTK. Welcome back, David. It's good to have you home!

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 and every 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. We are grateful for your prayers and financial support.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL. Pick up your copy of the January-February *Upper Room* Devotional at either entrance to the sanctuary or in the vestibule.

A PORTION OF THE OFFERING THIS EVENING WILL BE USED to support our denomination's *Joy Gift Offering*, providing assistance to current and retired church workers in times of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. All cash and any checks marked "Joy Gift" will go towards this offering.

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET MADE A PLEDGE FOR 2022, 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.



for Unto Us
a Child
is Born

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child!
Holy infant so tender and mild!
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior is born!
Christ, the Savior is born!"

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, Love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord at thy birth!
Jesus, Lord at thy birth!

Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star lend thy light
With the angels let us sing
"Alleluia!" to our King
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE STAFF
AT SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

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