

Christmas Eve

December 24th, 2022

7:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

O Holy Night

Arr. F. Bock

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

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

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 9

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

All: And also with you.

One: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

One: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us who is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

All: Jesus Christ is our life and light.

One: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

All: Lord, let your light shine!

✠ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

#133, omit v. 2

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, in the beginning you spoke, and creation was born, the object of your loving care. In the fullness of time you spoke, and the Word became flesh in Jesus, the gift of your love. We wonder at the miracle of creation; we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation. Forgive us when we are feeble in faith, empty of hope, and lacking in love. This night may the miracle and mystery of Christmas happen for us again. For we wait with ready hearts. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Beloved of God, in the coming of Jesus Christ, the Lord has comforted and redeemed us.

All: In Christ we receive salvation.

One: Glory to God in the highest!

All: Glory to God in the highest and peace to all on earth!

✠ RESPONSE

O Little Town of Bethlehem

#121, omit v. 2

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

THE BIRTH OF THE SAVIOR FORETOLD

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7

p. 638 OT

✠ CAROL

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

#82

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 11:1-9

p.640 OT

CAROL

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Praetorius/Leavitt

THE ANNUNCIATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-38

p.56 NT

CAROL

Annunciation Carol

John Blackwell

HE IS BORN!

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-7

p.58 NT

CAROL

O Magnum Mysterium

Morten Lauridsen

THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-14

p.58 NT

✠ CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High

#113

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:15-20

p.58 NT

CAROL

Silent Night

arr. Kirchner

THE VISIT OF THE MAGI

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-11

p.2 NT

✠ CAROL

Joy to the World

#134

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory

Gesu Bambino

Pietro Yon

John Overholt, Tenor

✠ Response

In the Bleak Midwinter

#144, vv. 1,4

✠ Prayer of Dedication

THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

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

John 1:1-5, 9-14, 16-18

p.91 NT

✠ HYMN OF SENDING

Silent Night

#122

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

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Arr. DeCou

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



WORSHIP

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS EVENING

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Helen Grant, Neal Henley, Jessica Lewis,

Patton Lewis, Lily Reynolds, Charles White – Readers

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

John Lasater – Organist

John Overholt – Tenor

Second Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Cleston Jones, Lisa Henley, John Henley, Charles White

Technicians: Dale Henley (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. 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 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 after the evening service.

WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS DAY: Our worship tomorrow 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.

THE FAITH SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will not meet on December 25th or January 1st. Our class will resume on January 8th with a new time at 9:30 a.m.

NEW WORSHIP TIME: Beginning **Sunday, January 1st**, **Sunday morning worship will begin at 10:30 a.m.** Following worship each Sunday, we will have coffee, refreshments, and a time of fellowship in the Mary Chambers Room.

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

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

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET MADE YOUR PLEDGE FOR 2023, 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.



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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we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community,
following Jesus and serving him in the world.*

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