

# Christmas Eve

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

5:30 p.m.

PRELUDE

*Carol Rhapsody*

*Purvis*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

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

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: There is room for you here:

**All: The weary and worn, the hopeful and patient,**

One: The tired and lost, the watchful and waiting,

**All: The sad and grieving, the joyful and merry.**

One: If you are new to this place, or have been here many times before,

**All: There is room for all.**

One: The angels are singing,

**All: "Be not afraid."**

One: The angels are singing,

**All: "Good news and great joy for all!"**

One: So welcome. Come in. Let us worship the Christ child.

**All: There is room for all here.**

✦ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

#133, omit v. 2

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Christ, Scripture tells us that you were born in a stable because there was no room in the inn. There was no room in the inn for a woman in need, no room for an innocent baby. We should have learned the lesson by now, but we haven't. Just as some turned their backs on you and your family long ago, we continue to turn our backs on members of your family when they are most in need. Forgive us. Teach us how to make room for one another. Teach us how to make room for you. Help us to love as you loved and serve as you served when you were here among us. With hope and honesty we pray. Amen.

✦ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Unto us a child is born.

**All: Unto us grace is given.**

One: He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

**All: Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

✦ RESPONSE

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

#121, vv. 1&4

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Peace on Earth/Little Drummer Boy* arr. Bowie/Crosby

*Frank & Jack Rosamond*

✦ Response *What Child Is This?* #145, v. 3

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; come, one and all, to own Him

The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

✦ Prayer of Dedication

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 1:1-20

p. 57 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL CAROLS

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

#143, vv. 1&2

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

#113, vv. 1&3

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

#119, vv. 1&3

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sarah Morgan

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who makes room for us and who also makes room for our neighbors, for strangers, and for our enemies. Jesus modeled this kind of room-making love when he said, "Let the children come to me," and "Let me wash your feet," so we try to follow suit. In a world of closed doors, we believe in saying, "There is room for you here."

ANTHEM

*The First Noel*

*Andrew Huish*

## 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.

✦ CHRISTMAS HYMN

*Silent Night, Holy Night!*

#122

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

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Joy to the World*

#134

*Please extinguish your candles as we sing the hymn.*

✦ POSTLUDE

*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

arr. Lasater

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



## SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS EVENING

Tim Reynolds – Pastor  
Sarah Morgan – Pastor  
Marty McLean – Liturgist  
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts  
John Lasater – Organ  
Leigha Austin – Flute  
Jack Rosamond – Baritone, Piano  
Frank Rosamond – Bass  
2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Doug Barber, Bill Ragsdale, and Kay & Terry Weaver.

Technicians: Dale Henley (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)



for Unto Us  
a Child  
is Born

### 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 the 2ndPresKnox. 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 2. **Hearing Devices** are available if needed.

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

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:** NEXT SUNDAY, we will worship in the Fellowship Hall instead of the Sanctuary. Worship on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month is a little less formal and gives us an opportunity to be together in a different way than usual.

**THE FAITH, SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** will not meet on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Our class will resume on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON OUR EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST,** please contact Marta Villalta at [mvillalta@2ndpres.org](mailto:mvillalta@2ndpres.org).

**A PORTION OF THE OFFERING THIS EVENING WILL BE USED** to support our denomination's *Christmas Joy 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 "Christmas Joy" will go towards this offering.

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT:** If you have not already pledged online through the church website, or through the Giving tab in your Realm account, or with a physical card, there is still time. Please let us know how you plan to support the ministry and mission of 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian as soon as possible. Thank you for your commitment to 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church and thanks to all who have already made a pledge!

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 25 & 26, in observance of the Christmas holiday.



**GIVE ONLINE:** Visit us at [www.2ndpres.org/give](http://www.2ndpres.org/give), text *2ndPresKnox* to 73256, or scan the QR code.

**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 *Psalms100*.

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### *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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