

1st Sunday of Christmas

December 26th, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *While By My Sheep* *arr. Hayes*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP *from Luke 2*

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

All: And also with you.

One: I am bringing you Good News of great Joy for everyone, everywhere: to you is born this day in the city of David as Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord!

All: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!

✦ HYMN OF PRAISE *Joy to the World* #134

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Savior, we confess that we are not a people of peace. You clothe us with your love, but we are not loving towards one other. You wrap us in your mercy, but we do not forgive one another. Forgive us, God of grace. Send us your Spirit to teach us to follow your way so that we may be whole. Help us to grow each day in wisdom and favor with you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. We pray in his name, Amen.

✦ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *from Titus 3:6-7*

One: God has poured out the Spirit upon us, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: Having been justified by his grace, we have the hope of eternal life!

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

All: Thanks be to God!

✦ RESPONSE *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* #143, v.4

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

✦ 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 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* #132

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 148 p. 582 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Gesu Bambino* *by Pietro Yon*

Tuesday Reynolds, soprano

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows, upon a winter night
Was born the child, the Christmas Rose, the King of love and light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced,
And at his blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.

O come let us adore him. O come let us adore him.
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of love and light.
Let every voice acclaim his name, the grateful chorus swell,
From paradise to earth he came that we with him might dwell.

O come let us adore him. O come let us adore him.
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 2:22-38 p. 58 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Sarah Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Confession of 1967*

Out of Israel God in due time raised up Jesus. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Once in Royal David's City* *arr. Abriol*

✦ Response *The First Nowell* #147, v.6

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord

That hath made heaven and earth of nought

And with his blood our life hath bought

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel

✦ Prayer of Dedication

✦ HYMN OF SENDING *Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace* #545

✦ BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

✦ POSTLUDE *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow* *arr. Hayes*

✦ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds - Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Clara Hardin – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Bruce Foster, Betsy Foster, Tim Wright, Doug Matthews
Technicians: Matt Casey, Dale Henley (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:

Dec 26	Luke 2:22-38	Making Room for Wholeness
Jan 2	Matthew 2:1-12	Making Room for the World (Epiphany)
Jan 9	Luke 3:3-18, 21-22	John Baptizes in the Jordan River
Jan 16	Matthew 5:1-12	The Beatitudes

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to honor Ileen Cheek and celebrate her birthday!

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 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.



Merry Christmas!

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: 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.

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

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 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. 865-588-3103.

STEWARDSHIP

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 26th

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

Tuesday, December 28th

9:00 a.m. FISH (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, January 2nd

11:00 a.m. Worship

PRAYER CONCERNS

The Robertson family, 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

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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 SARAH WILL BE ON VACATION December 28th through 31st.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW, Monday 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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