

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 5th, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Allemande from French Suite, BWV 816* J.S. Bach

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *Matthews & Thuesen families*

☩ 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 Peace, reflected in me**

☩ CALL TO WORSHIP *from Micah 5 and Isaiah 7*

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

All: And also with you.

One: A ruler will come from Bethlehem,

All: and he will be the shepherd of peace.

One: Look! The young woman is with child;

All: she will call him Emmanuel, for God is with us.

One: Let us worship God!

☩ HYMN OF PRAISE *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #82

☩ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we are called to follow the Prince of Peace, we often seek our security in pride, power, and possessions. We are called to bear the image of Christ, yet we find it hard to be patient with others in your name. We are claimed by Christ as new creations, but we often find comfort in our old ways. We are called to bring light into the darkness, yet we still turn blind eyes on our neighbors. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

☩ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: In the name of the one God who lives and moves among us, we are forgiven.

All: The Lord has taken away the judgments against us.

One: We are free to live in peace with God and with one another.

All: Thanks be to God!

☩ RESPONSE *Of the Father's Love Begotten* #108 v. 3

**O, that birth forever blessed when the Virgin, full of grace
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race
And the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face
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

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory

People, Look East

arr. Duncan

☩ Response

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

We'll praise his name forever, we'll praise his name forever

We'll praise his name forever, Christ the Lord

☩ Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Psalm 25:1-10

p. 502 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 12:9-16b

p. 162 NT

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 1:39-34, 56

p. 57 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Jessica Lewis

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

☩ Preparatory Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

#347

Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **They are lifted up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion of the People

Ave Verum

Edward Elgar

English translation

Jesus, Word of God Incarnate, of the virgin Mary born

On the Cross thy sacred Body for us with nails was torn

Cleanse us, by the blood and water streaming from thy pierced side

Feed us with thy body broken, now, and in death's agony

O Jesus, O Jesus, hear us, son of Mary

Prayer after Communion

☩ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Vision Statement of 2nd Presbyterian Church

**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.**

☩ HYMN OF SENDING

Savior of the Nations Come

#102

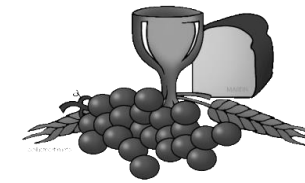
☩ BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

☩ POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Divinum Mysterium

arr. Duncan

☩ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND



Communion: We welcome all who follow Jesus, regardless of denomination, to the Lord's Table, including children. Prefilled communion cups are available at the entrances to the sanctuary for those who do not wish to come forward for intinction. Please take one for each person in your household for use during communion. **Gluten free cups are available in the narthex.**

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Jessica Lewis – Student Ministry Intern

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

Andrew Duncan – Guest Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Tracy Horton, Craig Hendrix, Dana Hendrix, Dean Farmer

Technicians: Matt Casey, Elizabeth Seastrunk (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God.

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:

Dec 5	Luke 1:39-45, 56	Making Room to Welcome Others
Dec 12	Luke 1:46-80	Making Room for Worship
Dec 19	Luke 2:8-15, 20	Making Room for Wonder
Dec 24	John 1:1-18	Making Room for the Word, Jesus Christ

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 ANDREW DUNCAN: Andrew holds masters' degrees in Choral Conducting and Piano Performance from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. He is an arranger and composer and has orchestrated many anthems and carols for orchestra, choir, and handbells. Andrew is an enthusiast of bluegrass and Celtic music, plays fiddle, accordion, and tin whistle, and is currently learning to play the Uilleann pipes. Andrew is the owner and operator of Handy Andy LLC, a local handyman and custom carpentry service company. He has served in full-time music ministry positions at several Knoxville area churches and currently freelances as a conductor and clinician. He lives in Knoxville with his wife Rachel and their three children, Natalie, Matthew, and Kate.

COMMUNION WILL BE RECEIVED VIA INTINCTION this morning. Please proceed down the center aisle, break off a piece of bread, dip it in the cup on the side on which you are seated, and return to your seat via the side aisle. A gluten free communion station is provided to the right. For those who are unable or do not wish to come forward for whatever reason, there are pre-filled, self-serve communion cups available to pick up as you enter the sanctuary. Gluten free cups are also available.

OUR 2021 ADVENT 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.

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 is at 6:30 p.m. The Bible Study is currently in-person with a virtual option for those who wish to join from home. We also gather for dinner at 6:00 p.m. with each person/family providing their own "brown bag" meal. **We meet in the Mary Chambers Room.**

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 flowilly@gmail.com or 865.765.0549.

STUFFED ANIMAL COLLECTION: The Second Readers group is once again collecting stuffed animals 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.

DRIVE THRU CAROLING: Once again the church will be having Drive-Thru Christmas Caroling. The date is December 19th from 3-5 p.m. in the courtyard. We are in need of volunteers to sing and volunteers to transport some of our shut ins. Mark your calendars now and let Jan Barber know if you are willing to help!

POINSETTIAS ARE AVAILABLE TO ORDER for placement in the sanctuary beginning NEXT SUNDAY. They may be placed in honor or memory of friends and family. The cost is \$10.00 per plant. Forms for Poinsettia Contributions can be found in the narthex/vestibule. *Please give completed forms to Audrey by this coming Wednesday 12/9 for inclusion in the bulletin insert.* Poinsettias may be picked up immediately following the Christmas Eve Service.

STEWARDSHIP

TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY: You are invited to place your completed pledge card in the offering plate during the offering. If you forgot yours there are extras available in the Narthex. Alternatively, you can fill out a pledge online through a link on the home page of the church website (2ndpres.org) or drop your card by the office or mail it to the church before the end of the year. Thank you for your commitment to the mission and ministry of 2nd Presbyterian.

THERE WILL BE A BRIEF CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING following worship NEXT Sunday, December 12th, for the purpose of electing two at-large members to the Nominating Committee.

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 in the weekly email. The deadline for submissions is January 1st.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, December 5th

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

Monday, December 6th

4:30 p.m. The Cross Ministry (Barbour Room)
6:30 p.m. BSF (All Facilities)

Tuesday, December 7th

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Barbour Room)
10:00 a.m. Organ Search Committee (Barbour Room)
4:30 p.m. Personnel Committee (Barbour Room)
5:30 p.m. Preschool Musical (Sanctuary)
6:00 p.m. Care & Compassion (Barbour Room)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Gym, Scout Room)

Wednesday, December 8th

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner (Mary Chambers Room)
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study (Mary Chambers Room)

Saturday, December 11th

8:30 a.m. Church Work-Day

Sunday, December 12th

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Pam Maples, the family of Mary Johnson, Frances Johnson, the family of Dr. John Campbell, the family of Rachel Rogers, Scott Farris, Alex & Phyllis Robinson, and Joshua Peter 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

THE DECEMBER SECOND EDITION IS NOW AVAILABLE! Visit the home page of our website, 2ndpres.org, to read online or pick up a hard copy in the Vestibule/Narthex.

THERE IS A CHURCH WORK DAY this coming Saturday, December 11th from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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*.



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