

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem* *arr. Ian Good*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES *Geoff & Kathy Duggan and Carol Crye*

RESPONSE *Wait for the Lord* #90  
Wait for the Lord, whose day is near  
Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

✠CALL TO WORSHIP *from Luke 1*  
One: Bless the Lord God of Israel; he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.  
**All: He raised up a mighty savior for us just as he spoke through the mouths of his holy prophets.**  
One: He has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered his holy covenant.  
**All: Light will shine upon us because of the tender mercy of God.**  
One: Light will shine on those who sit in darkness.  
**All: And the light will guide our feet into the way of peace.**

✠HYMN OF PRAISE *Come Now, O Prince of Peace* #103

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**God of justice and mercy, you have called us to love our neighbors, to seek the good of the oppressed, and to walk humbly in your ways. Yet we confess that we often ignore your call. We grow comfortable with our privileges and fail to notice the needs of the least of these among us. We speak of peace but sow division, we praise you with our lips but serve ourselves with our actions. Forgive us, Lord. Turn our hearts back to you, so that we may prepare the way for your kingdom by living lives that reflect your justice, mercy, and love. Amen.**

✠ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE  
One: Hear the good news! Christ is our peace. Through him we have forgiveness and new hope.  
**All: He comes to break the power of sin and set us free again. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

✠RESPONSE *Blest Be the God of Israel* #109, v. 1

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE  
May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Registration Pad found at the end of the row and pass it along.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples. Following this time, children through 1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to Children's Church.

✠HYMN OF PREPARATION *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* #347

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 25:31-40 p. 29 NT  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Et In Terra Pax* *John Purifoy*

HEBREW BIBLE READING Amos 1-5 – selected verses p. 849 OT  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD  
Offertory *Good King Wenceslas* *arr. Brad Jacobsen*  
✠Response *Savior of the Nations, Come* #102, v. 4  
✠Prayer of Dedication

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *adapted from* The Confession of 1967  
**Our reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God's good creation. Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited. Because of this, the cause of the world's poor is the cause of his disciples. The church cannot condone poverty and encourages those forces in human society that raise hopes for better conditions and provide people with the opportunity for decent living. A church that is indifferent to poverty, or evades responsibility in economic affairs, or is open to one social class only, or expects gratitude for its charity, makes a mockery of reconciliation and offers no acceptable worship to God.**

✠HYMN OF SENDING *For the Healing of the Nations* #346  
Sung to the tune: REGENT SQUARE (*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*)

✠BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠POSTLUDE *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* *arr. Raluca Bojor*

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

### SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor  
Sarah Morgan – Pastor  
Becky Smith – Liturgist  
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts  
2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir

**Ushers:** Tracy Horton, Henry Naff, Bill Ragsdale, Tim Wright  
**Technicians:** Neal Henley (video); Matt Casey (audio)

### WORSHIP

**UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:** Our current sermon series is called *God's Kingdom People*. From now until Christmas we are focusing on the relationship between God and his people, the Israelites.

Dec. 8	Amos 1-2	God's Kingdom People: <i>Prophets Confront Israel</i>
Dec. 15	Jer. 31-35	God's Kingdom People: <i>Prophets Comfort Israel</i>
Dec. 22	Micah 5	God's Kingdom People: <i>Israel Hopes for a Savior</i>
Dec. 24	Luke 2:1-20	The Life of Jesus: <i>Birth</i>

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

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** Order your Christmas Poinsettias by TOMORROW, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Forms are in the Narthex and church office. You can also pay in Realm using the QR code beside this announcement.



**BLUE CHRISTMAS:** Second, Lake Hills, Lake Forest, and Graystone Presbyterian Churches are hosting a joint Blue Christmas worship service at Lake Hills Presbyterian Church on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The service recognizes that the Christmas season can be a painful time for some and is designed to offer comfort and hope to those experiencing grief, loneliness, depression, loss, isolation, and anguish. All are invited, particularly those who have experienced a loss of some kind in the previous year. If you need a ride or know of someone who does, please contact the church office.

### CONNECT

**FOOD & FRIENDS:** All college students and young adults are invited to join our weekly host after worship for a meal provided by the church. Meet at the Baptismal Font after worship to join us! This will be the last Food & Friends of the semester. **Today's hosts are Andrew Butler & Kirsty Bley!**

**2ND WEDNESDAYS @ 2ND PRES:** December's Second Wednesday will be a Christmas celebration! We will have a great dinner with ham, mashed potato casserole, green beans and corn pudding. **Please bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share.** After dinner, we will sing Christmas carols together! This will be a wonderful way to begin the Christmas season with your Second Presbyterian family - feel free to invite others to share this fun event, THIS WEDNESDAY at 6:00 p.m.!

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** We will go caroling to some of our homebound and shut-in members on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Meet in the church parking lot at 1:30 p.m. All are invited to join us!

**OUR CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** is Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. This will be a family-friendly service and children are invited to sit with their families. A nursery will be available for those 3 and under. Pre-service music will begin at 5:15 p.m.

### 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 the 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 welcome in worship. There is a **family worship area** down 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. Children ages 2 through 1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to **Children's Church** following the children's time in worship. A **nursery is available** beginning at 9:15 for infants and children through age 2. **Hearing Devices** are available if needed.

### GROW

**THE FAITH, SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** meets in the Barbour Room at 9:30 a.m. weekly. This class studies current events through the lens of faith using a weekly curriculum called *The Wired Word*. All are invited – join us!

**CHILDREN'S VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** As our nursery and preschool continue to grow, we are needing more volunteers! If you are interested, please contact Holly Grimm at (865) 243-6353.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN WILL MEET** this Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. Come hear Karen Cameron's story of how the ministry of 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian and Habitat for Humanity affected her life. Remember that the PW's monthly meetings are open to everyone, regardless of gender!

### GO

**FISH MINISTRY DONATION NEEDS:** The FISH ministry is currently in need of dish soap, bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper, and maxi pads. Donations can be placed in the FISH bin in the hallway between the Atrium and kitchen. And we can always use more volunteers -- either for packing in the mornings or delivering in the early afternoon -- to help expand the number of Knox County residents with food insecurity that we can assist. It's the 4th Tuesday of every month. Contact Dick Dodson at [rtododson52@gmail.com](mailto:rtododson52@gmail.com).

**WEST VIEW FAMILIES NEED OUR HELP:** Several West View families have asked for help with Christmas for their children this year. If you would like to adopt a family and shop for clothes and toys for the kids, please contact West View School and speak with the School Social Worker, 865-594-4471 (option 2).

### SUPPORT

**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*.

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



**STEWARDSHIP:** If you have not already made a pledge for 2025, there is still time. You can make a pledge online through the church website, through the Giving tab in your Realm account, or with a physical card. Please let us know how you plan to financially support the ministry and mission of 2nd Presbyterian as soon as possible. Thank you for your commitment to our congregation.

**E-MAIL LIST UPDATE:** If you are not receiving the weekly Friday E-News and would like to, please send Jack ([jrosamond@2ndpres.org](mailto:jrosamond@2ndpres.org)) an email letting him know you would like to be added to the email list.

### THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

#### Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

#### Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women (Fellowship Hall)

#### Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

- 11:30 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Readers Book Club (Buckingham Clubhouse)
- 6:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Dinner and Program (Fellowship Hall)

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- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 1:30 p.m. Caroling (Meet in Parking Lot)
- 6:00 p.m. FSF Christmas Party (Shannondale Clubhouse)

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Amy Garcia, Sue Jacox, Donna Downen, and Arlys Milligan

\*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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**ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER:** The bulletin cover art for this year is a series designed in 2022 by regional artist and retired pastor of Erin Presbyterian Church, John Stuart. John is a native of Scotland who has lived and ministered in East Tennessee for 30 years and describes his work as a "therapeutic and creative way" to strengthen his spiritual connection to God.



*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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