

Sing Hallelujah



DECEMBER 15, 2024 • 6:00 PM

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Tonight we celebrate the glorious truth that Jesus Christ was born as a babe in Bethlehem, so that He could ultimately be the final, atoning sacrifice for sin—the pure and spotless Lamb of God—who stepped into this fallen world to redeem His Bride:

*Christ was all anguish that I might be all joy,
cast off that I might be brought in,
trodden down as an enemy that I might be welcomed as a friend,
surrendered to hell's worst that I might attain heaven's best,
stripped that I might be clothed,
wounded that I might be healed,
athirst that I might drink,
tormented that I might be comforted,
made a shame that I might inherit glory,
entered darkness that I might have eternal light.*

– *The Valley of Vision*, “Love Lustres at Calvary”

As we come to the Lord’s Table tonight, we remember this great exchange that Christ accomplished at His first coming, and we look forward to an even greater feast—the marriage supper of the Lamb—that awaits those who are united to Him at His second coming.

Tonight we are led in worship by our Faithline Youth Choir; True North, our high school ministry; Shine, our special needs ministry; and our Crossroads college and young adult class.

Many thanks to Will Nease, Mary Raine Ivy, Emma Forrest, Lydia Steimer, Lillie Kate Prather, Caleb Causey, Audrey Hamm, Philip James, Brad Morrow, Jess Uke, and Brett Wynne for their steadfast leadership of these ministries and their enthusiastic support of tonight’s service.

PRELUDE: Bring a Torch, Jeanette-Isabella/Gesú Bambino arr. Liz Story
Brad Jones, piano; Joe Mariencheck, bass

CALL TO WORSHIP Philip James

♠ SING WE THE SONG OF EMMANUEL Getty Music

Words and Music: Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Stuart Townend, Keith Getty / Isaiah 7:14

Verse



1. Sing we the song of Em - man - u - el; this the Christ who was
2. Come we to wel - come Em - man - u - el; King who came with no
3. Go spread the news of Em - man - u - el; joy and peace for the



long fore - told. Lo, in the sha - dows of Beth - le - hem,
crown or throne. Help - less He lay, the in - vin - ci - ble,
wea - ry heart. Lift up your heads, for Your King has come;



pro - mise of dawn now our eyes be - hold. God Most High in a
Ma - ker of Ma - ry, now Ma - ry's son. O what wis - dom to
sing for the light o - ver - whelms the dark. Glo - ry shin - ing for



man - ger laid; lift your voi - ces and now pro - claim:
save us all, shep - herds, sa - ges, be - fore Him fall.
all to see, hope a - live, let the gos - pel ring.



Great and glo - ri - ous, Love has come to us;
Grace and ma - jes - ty, what hu - mi - li - ty;
God has made a way, He will have the praise;



join now with the hosts of hea - ven.
come on bend - ed knee, a - dore Him.
tell the world His name is Je - sus.

Chorus



Glo - ri - a,



Glo - ri - a!

♠INVOCATION

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence PICARDY

Words: *Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent. / Music: Trad. French Carol / Habakkuk 2:20*

*At His feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"*

♠COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS. HYFRYDOL

Words: *Charles Wesley (vss. 1, 3), Mark E. Hunt (vs. 2) / Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830 / Luke 2:25*



1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set Thy
2. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, He whose glo - ries
3. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and



peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us;
knew no end; by His life He brings us glad - ness,
yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,



let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's
our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend. Leav - ing
now Thy gra - cious King - dom bring. By Thine



strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the
rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a
own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our



earth Thou art, dear De - sire of ev - 'ry
cat - tle stall; this the ev - er - last - ing
hearts a - lone; by Thine all - suf - fi - cient



na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
mer - it, raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

♠GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS..... Andrew Peterson

Words: Andrew Peterson, Isaac Watts / Music: Andrew Peterson, George Frederic Handel; arr. James Ryan / Luke 2:8-14

♠ Congregation stands as directed

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.

“Fear not!” said he; for mighty dread had seized their troubled minds—
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.

To you in David’s house this day, is born of David’s line,
The Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign:

The heavenly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swaddling bands, and in a manger laid.”



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ is born!


“All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth, from God to man, begin and never cease!”



Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her



King! Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room and



heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture sing,



and hea - ven, and hea - ven and na - ture sing.

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....John 1:29
(page 886 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

HOMILY: Behold..... Josh Preston

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD Andrew Peterson

Words and Music: Andrew Peterson

*Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.*

Verse



1. We who walk in dark - ness deep now see the light of morn - ing.
2. Wand - 'ers in the wil - der - ness, O hear a voice is cry - ing:



The might - y God, the Prince of Peace, a child to us is born.
"Pre - pare the way, make straight the path." Your King has come to die.

Chorus



Be - hold the Lamb of God, who takes a - way our sin.



Be - hold the Lamb of God, the life and light of men.



Be - hold the Lamb of God, who died and rose a - gain.



Be - hold the Lamb of God, who comes to take a - way our sin.

♣HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: Christus Victor (Amen)..... Getty Music

Words and Music: Matt Boswell, Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Matt Papa; arr. James Ryan / Revelation 7:9

Verse



1. O Most High, King of the a - ges, Great I AM, God of
 2. O Most High, dwell - ing a - mong us; Son of man, sent for
 3. O Most High, King of the na - tions; robed in praise, crowned with



won - ders; by the blood You have re - deemed us, led us through
 sin - ners. By Your blood You have re - deemed us; spot - less Lamb,
 splen - dor. On that day, who will not trem - ble? When you stand,



might - y wat - ers. Our strength, our song, our sure sal - va - tion:
 might - y Sav - ior, who lived, who died, who rose vic - to - rious:
 Christ the Vic - tor who was, and is, and is for - ev - er:

Chorus



Now to the Lamb up - on the throne, be bless - ing, ho - nor, glo - ry



po - wer for the bat - tle You have won: Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men.



lu - jah! With ev - 'ry tribe and ev - 'ry tongue,



we join the an - them of the an - gels in the



tri - umph of the Son. Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men!

Bridge



A - men, a - men, a - men!

Holy, holy, are You Lord God, Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb
Holy, holy, are You Lord God, Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb, Amen.

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

♠BENEDICTION

♠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Getty Music

Go spread the news of Em - man - u - el; joy and peace for the
wea - ry heart. Lift up your heads, for Your King has come;
sing for the light o - ver - whelms the dark. Glo - ry shin - ing for
all to see, hope a - live, let the gos - pel ring. God has made a way,
He will have the praise; tell the world His name is Je - sus.
Glo - ri - a,
glo - ri - a!

POSTLUDE: Sing We Now of Christmas Medley arr. Matthew Naughtin

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Following the service, please join us for refreshments in the lobby outside the Bookmark Bookstore.

Advent

Nine Lessons and Carols

December 22 at 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Based on the original service held on Christmas Eve in 1918 at King's College in Cambridge, our Nine Lessons and Carols service will tell the story of Christ's redemption through Scripture reading and responses of carols, hymns, and choral music. We invite you to join us for worship next Sunday!

Christmas PJ Party

December 22, 4:30 p.m.

A Gospel Christmas

December 22, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship

4:00 p.m. Family Service

5:30, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m.

Candlelight Communion Services

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January Preaching Series

We'll kick off the new year with our annual Gospel Priorities series. Beginning January 5, we will hear from guest pastors during morning and evening worship on themes related to and discussed in Luke 4 as Jesus begins His public ministry. Join us these Sundays for worship as we refocus on those things which Jesus made a priority in His ministry, that we might make them a priority in ours.

January 5: Brad Morrow,
Pastoral Resident, Second Presbyterian Church

January 19: Claude Atcho,
Pastor, Church of the Resurrection

January 12: Greg Ealey,
Campus Pastor, Colonial Presbyterian Church

January 26: Afshin Ziafat,
Lead Pastor, Providence Church

New Year; New Opportunities for Growth & Fellowship

As we look forward to a new year, we'd love for you to find a fresh way to get involved at Second! Beginning in January, there are many ways to connect with others around God's Word — from Sunday School electives and Bible studies to support ministry groups (divorce recovery and GriefShare) and programs for youth and children.

Our Wednesday night dinners will also be back, starting January 8, and we're excited about two special events: the Word-Filled Women Workshop (January 31–February 1) and our annual World Missions Conference (February 19–23).

Visit **2pc.org/winter** for more details and registration links.

Christmas Flower Order Form

I/We wish to contribute \$_____ to the Flower Ministry of Second Presbyterian Church for use in decorating the church for the Christmas season in memory or honor of loved ones. Please acknowledge the gift (omitting the amount) in the bulletin on Sunday, December 22 as follows:

Please check *ONLY* one: In Memory of In Honor of In Gratitude for

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