Sing Hallelijah



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.

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PRELUDE: Bring a Torch, Jeanette-Isabella/Gesú Bambino . . . . . arr. Liz Story
                           Brad Jones, piano; Joe Mariencheck, bass
 Words and Music: Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Stuart Townend, Keith Getty / Isaiah 7:14
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†INVOCATION

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, "Allelluia, 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



†GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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.

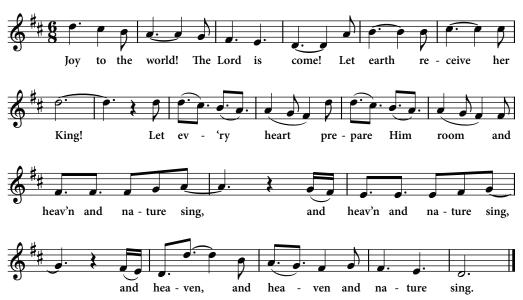
To you in David's house this day, is born of David's line, The Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign:

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





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



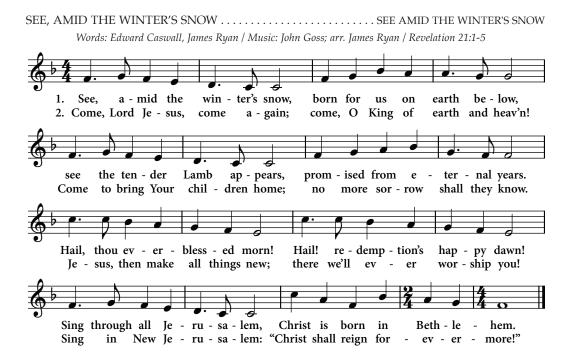
SCRIPTURE LESSON.....John 1:29 (page 886 in pew Bible) The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8) PRAYER OF COMMITMENT INVITATION TO THE TABLE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON WORDS OF INSTITUTION PRAYER OF CONSECRATION SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP 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 who walk in dark - ness deep now see the light of morn - ing. cry - ing: 2. Wand - 'rers in the wil - der - ness, O hear a voice is The might - y God, the Prince of Peace, child to us born. "Pre - pare the way, make straight the path." Your King has come die. Chorus Be - hold the Lamb of God, who takes a - wav sin. Be - hold the Lamb of God, the life and light of men. God, Be - hold the Lamb of who died and rose a - gain.

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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



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

2pc.org/advent

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 12: Greg Ealey, Campus Pastor, Colonial Presbyterian Church **January 19:** Claude Atcho, *Pastor, Church of the Resurrection*

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 <i>ONLY</i> one:
Name:
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Donor Phone Number:
Today, December 15, is the deadline for the inclusion of names in the bulletin on December 22, 2024. Please return this form with your check made out to Second Presbyterian Church and send to 4055 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38111. Clearly designate the gift for the "Flower Ministry." An online order form is available at 2pc.org/flowers.

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