

Advent



DECEMBER 15, 2024 • 8:15 + 11:00 AM

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

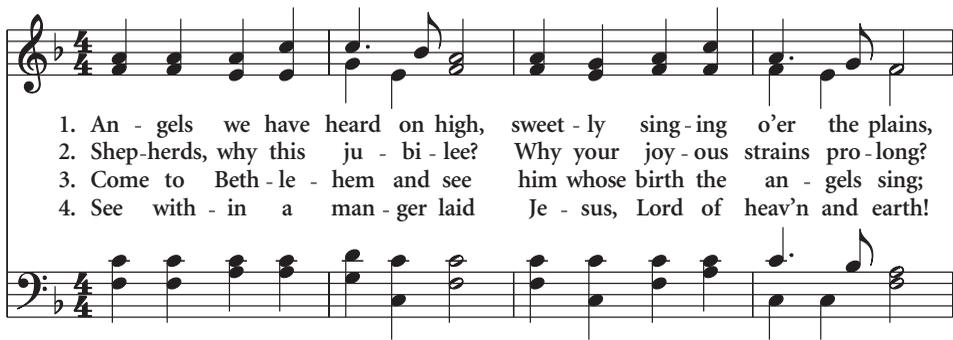
ADORE KING JESUS

PRELUDE: Variations on "In Dulci Jubilo" (Good Christian Men, Rejoice)..... Denis Bédard
Leo Davis, organ

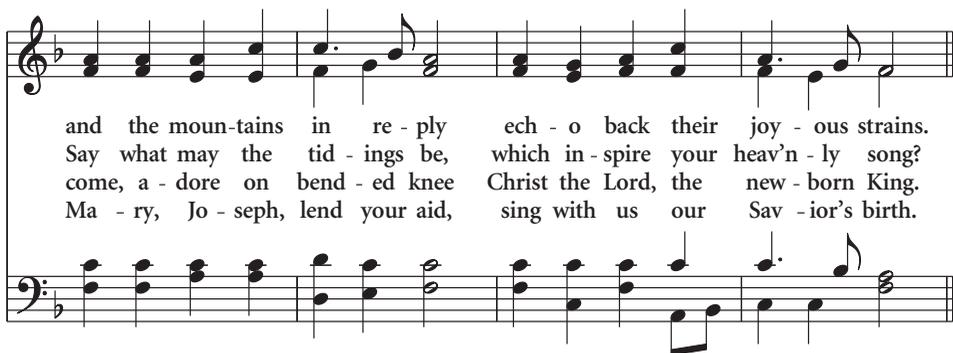
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE..... Chris, Whittney, and Peyton Poole (8:15)
Peyton Wright, Grant Lowrance, and Kevesha Snow (11:00)

♣CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 98:1-3..... Brad Morrow

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 157 "Angels We Have Heard on High"GLORIA
Words: Trad. French Carol / Music: French Carol Melody; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes / Luke 2:14



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See with - in a man - ger laid Je - sus, Lord of heav'n and earth!



and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
Say what may the tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, sing with us our Sav - ior's birth.



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✦INVOCATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15:

Katharine Francis Eick, born March 25, 2024, daughter of Allie and John Eick

Edwin Arthur Eber, born July 25, 2023, son of Emily and Clay Eber

Jack David Bey, born May 31, 2024, son of Julia and Justin Bey

11:00:

Jerry Buford Martin IV, born February 16, 2024, son of Madison and Jerry B. Martin

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: "Jesus Loves You"JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;
 Little ones to Him belong, you are weak, but He is strong.
 Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
 Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.**

TRUST KING JESUS

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,
 who created the heavens and the earth
 and who made the angels and every human being to give You praise,
 we confess with sorrow that we have failed to fulfill Your purposes for us,
 for we have been quick to praise ourselves and to ignore Your Majesty,
 to serve ourselves and to forget Your worship,
 and to please ourselves and to shun Your holy commandments.
 Please forgive us, for we are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.
 Fill us with joy at the announcement of Jesus' reign
 and give to us a holy zeal for His Kingdom,
 that we may honor and glorify You, both now and forevermore.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON..... I Timothy 1:15

*The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

Give Online: 2pc.org/give

Give by Text: Text SECOND to (901) 410-9500 to give to the General Fund.

Text WORLD to the same number to give to World Missions.

Give by Mail: Second Presbyterian Church, 4055 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"Stacey Gibbs

Words: John W. Work, Jr. / Music: African-American Spiritual / Luke 2:17

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere.

Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

When I was a seeker, I sought both night and day.
I asked the Lord to help me, and He showed me the way.

They found a lowly manger, where humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

*The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN.....Sarah Logan Song

Director of Children's Ministry

FOLLOW KING JESUS

✦PRAYERS OF 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.**

♠HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 272 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" AURELIA

Words: James Montgomery / Music: Samuel S. Wesley / Psalm 72:7

1. Hail to the Lord's A - nointed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2. He comes with com - fort speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong;
3. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
4. O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest,

Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth;
from age to age more glo - rious, all - bless - ing and all - blessed;

He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
and righ - teous - ness, in foun - tains, from hill to val - ley flow.
his name shall stand for - ev - er—that name to us is Love.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON: With Us for Mercy..... George Robertson

- I. The Word Became Flesh
- II. And Dwelt Among Us
- III. We Beheld His Glory

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

◆HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 149 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"..... IN DULCI JUBILO
Words and Music: Trad. German Carol; tr. John Mason Neale / Luke 2:11

1. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
 2. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
 3. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

earth and heav'n be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened heav - en's door, and man is bless - ed ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Caring Ministry Update

Sympathy to:

Dottie Grayson on the death of her husband, *John Hall Grayson*, December 2, 2024.

The family of *Barbara Faulk* on her death, December 9, 2024.

Congratulations to:

Graham and Chase Jones on the birth of a daughter, *Pearce Allard Jones*, October 3, 2024.

In the Hospital: (as of 12/11/24)

Lynn Ballinger, *Baptist Memphis (no visitors)*

Jean Jones, *Methodist Germantown*

Mary Joy Knowlton, *Methodist Germantown*

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions–Meghan: Meghan continues her work with Campus Outreach in Birmingham, U.K. Since the new term began in late September, the staff has been busy meeting and building relationships with students coming from a variety of ethnic and religious backgrounds. The team held a welcome back BBQ, a student hiking trip, and their fourth annual Thanksgiving Dinner for 130 local students from three different campuses. Only about 15 of those students are Christians, which was very encouraging to the team and provided an open door for new conversations and potential relationships. Meghan is praising the Lord for her new roommate Esther, and Ali, a student who recently accepted Christ during a Bible study with CO leaders. Please pray for Ali and his new walk with the Lord and for seeds that were planted during the Thanksgiving celebration.

Domestic Missions–Agape Child and Family Services: Agape Child and Family Services is a faith-based organization with a far-reaching mission to provide children and families in Memphis with healthy homes through the nationally recognized poverty-fighting platform. Agape is uniquely positioned to leverage their existing network of 150+ nonprofits, 50+ corporations/businesses, and 40+ churches and faith-based organizations to galvanize stakeholders across denominations, industries, employers, and service providers to create sustainable impact across the greater Memphis area. Pray that the poverty-reduction services would change the lives of those Agape serves. Pray that the gospel would be furthered in and around Memphis through the work that Agape does.

2PC Ministry–Communications & Technology: Led by Robb Roaten, our Communications team equips the ministries of Second in a variety of ways—from weekly email and social media campaigns, production of printed materials, development of video resources, and promoting our ministries outside the walls of Second, to managing the audio/visual and technology needs of the church. Please pray for the Lord to give the team wisdom as they pursue clear communication of the mission and vision of Second to our members. Pray also that the Lord would bless their efforts and use them as effective tools for reaching and engaging people in our community. Finally, pray for endurance and good health for the team during this busy season.

December Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this month are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: *Bernice and George Flinn* by their sons, George, Jr., Fred, and Carl, and their families; *Mr. and Mrs. William D. Nicholson* by their children and grandchildren; *Lillian and Thomas Patton* by Susan and Claude Crawford, Elizabeth and John Holmes, and their grandchildren; *Benjamin Weber and Bill Weber* by Vicki Weber; *Ann S. Adamson* by her family **and in honor of:** *Elizabeth Holmes, Maxine Lindseth, Caroline Nance, Sissy and Jim Nickels, Judith Oliver, and Peggy Sichveland* by Claire Coleman.

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Sing Hallelujah

Tonight at 6:00 in the Sanctuary

This evening, our high school youth, Shine Ministry participants, college students, and Crossroads young adults will lead us in worship, alongside Sunday night musicians.

We invite you to join us in continued celebration of the season.

Nine Lessons and Carols

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

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 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

Adult Inquirers Class

Interested in learning more about Second or becoming a member? Our next Inquirers Class for adults will meet January 10-12. Visit **2pc.org/inquirers** to learn more and register. Contact Britton Laughlin at britton.laughlin@2pc.org or (901) 454-0034 with questions.

Youth Inquirers Class

Any student in 8th-12th grade who desires to pursue church membership is invited to attend Youth Inquirers Class January 5, 12, and 26. Visit **2pc.org/youthinquirers** to learn more and register. Contact Kevin McQuillen at kevin.mcquillen@2pc.org or (901) 454-0034 with questions.

General Fund Giving Update

	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	Variance to Budget	Prior Year Actual	Variance to Prior Year
November	\$ 946,628	\$ 782,337	\$ (164,291)	\$ 960,883	\$ (178,546)
YTD 7/1/24–11/30/24	\$ 3,750,033	\$ 3,333,871	\$ (416,162)	\$ 3,236,677	\$ 97,194

Year-End Giving Reminder

Per IRS regulations, year-end gifts not mailed to the church must be placed in the Sunday offering at church or delivered to the church office no later than Tuesday, December 31, 2024, to qualify as a charitable gift for the 2024 tax year. Also, online giving will be available at 2pc.org/give until midnight on December 31.

Contributions mailed to the church must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service by December 31, 2024, to qualify as a charitable gift for the 2024 tax year. Mailed envelopes postmarked after December 31, 2024 must be reported as a 2025 gift, regardless of the date on the enclosed check.

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

Name:

Given by:

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.

Do You Have the 2PC Mobile App?

Have you downloaded our church app? It's a great tool for easily registering for events and Bible studies, searching our media library, giving online, searching your parish directory, and more. Simply search "Second Presbyterian Church" in the Apple App Store to download!

Sign Up for the Messenger!

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Getting Connected at Second



For information about Second, visit our website at 2pc.org or contact Amanda Coop, Director of Engagement, at amanda.coop@2pc.org or (901) 312-0248.

You may also scan the QR code at left to complete a short form to connect with our staff or update your contact information.



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