

A Gospel Christmas



DECEMBER 22, 2024 • 6:00 PM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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♠Indicates congregation standing as directed

CHORAL PRELUDE: "Betelehemu"Barrington Brooks

Words and Music: Nigerian Carol; Via Olatunji, Wendell Whalum; arr. Barrington Brooks / Matthew 2:1-18

Awa yo, a ri Baba gb'ojule
Awa yo, a ri Baba f'eyin ti
Ni bo labe Jesu? Ni bo labe bisi?
Betelehemu iluwa la,
Ni bo labe Baba o daju
Inyi, inyi, furo
Adupe fun o, jooni,
Baba olo reo
Iyin fun o Baba anu,
Baba toda wasi.

*We are glad that we have a Father to trust.
We are glad that we have a Father to rely upon
Where was Jesus born? Where was He born?
Bethlehem, the city of wonder.
That is where the Father was born for sure.
Praise, praise, praise be to Him.
We thank thee, we thank Thee, we thank Thee for this day,
Gracious Father.
Praise, praise, praise be to Thee,
Merciful Father.*

CALL TO WORSHIP Brett Wynne

♠GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN Maverick City Music

Words: John Work / Music: African American Spiritual; arr. Dan Galbraith / Luke 2:17

Refrain



Go, tell it on the moun - tain o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;



go, tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born.



1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,

2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when, lo! a - bove the earth

3. Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,



be - hold, through-out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.

rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.

and God sent us sal - va - tion that bles - sed Christ - mas morn.

♠INVOCATION

NOW BEHOLD THE LAMB Kirk Franklin

Words and Music: Kirk Franklin / John 1:29

*Now behold the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God,
Born into sin that I may live again, the precious Lamb of God.*

Holy is the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God.
Why You love me so, Lord, I shall never know. The Precious Lamb of God.

Now behold the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God,
Born into sin that I may live again, He's the precious Lamb of God.

When I always didn't do right; I went left, He told me to go right.
But I'm standing right here in the midst of my tears, Lord, I claim You to be the Lamb of God.

Thank You for the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God.
Because of Your grace, I can finish this race. The Precious Lamb of God.

Even when I broke, broke Your heart, my sins tore us apart,
But I'm standing right here in the midst of my tears. I claim You to be the Lamb of God.
New life can begin, for You washed away every one of my sins.
Whom the Son sets free is truly free indeed. I claim You to be the Lamb of God.

Why You love me so, Lord, I shall never know. The Precious Lamb of God.

Tamika Walker and Phillip Bond, soloists

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O COME, O COME EMMANUEL Maverick City Music

Words: Latin hymn; tr. John Mason Neale / Music: Thomas Helmore; arr. Danny Gokey / Isaiah 59:20

✦ *Congregation stands as directed*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Jesus has come, heaven has won; God is with us, Emmanuel.

Julian Cross, soloist

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 40:9-11
(page 599 in pew Bible)

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

HOMILY: Go, Tell It on the Mountain David Bowen

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION: SILENT NIGHT arr. Claude Hinds

*Claude Hinds, piano
Mark Lynch, alto saxophone*

THE FIRST NOEL Maverick City Music

Words: Trad. English Carol / Matthew 1:11, Luke 2:8-16



1. The first No - el the an - gels did say,
2. They look - ed up all and saw a star
3. Then let us all with one ac - cord



was to cer - tain poor shep-herds in fields as they lay;
shin-ing in the east be - yond them far,
sing prais - es to our heav - en - ly Lord



in fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep
and to the earth it gave great light,
that hath made heav'n and earth of naught,



on a cold, win - ter's night that was so deep.
and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
and with His blood man - kind hath bought.

Refrain



No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el!



Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦BENEDICTION

✦HALLELUJAH CHORUS (A Soulful Celebration)Warren, Jackson, Kibble

Music: G.F. Handel, adapted John Higgins; arr. Mervyn Warren, Michael O. Jackson, Mark Kibble / Revelation 11:15

Hallelujah! For the Lord God, omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become.
The kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.
And He shall reign forever and ever.
King of kings and Lord of lords.
And He shall reign forever and ever.
Hallelujah!

✦Indicates congregation standing

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4:00 p.m. Family Service
Nursery available for ages 2 and under

5:30, 8:00, and 11:00 p.m.
Candlelight Communion Services
*Nursery available for ages 5 and under
at the 5:30 p.m. service*

December 29 Worship Schedule

We'll meet for worship on Sunday, December 29, at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. All are invited to the Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for coffee and fellowship between the services. We will not meet for Sunday School or Sunday Night Worship. Nursery will be available for ages 5 and under at the 8:15am service.

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

Try Something New in the New Year

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.

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.

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.

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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.

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