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December 29, 2024
Season of Christmastide

Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

SEEK AND WORSHIP THE KING

PRELUDE: "Aria" Paul Manz

Leo Davis, organ

♣CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 24:9-10..... David Bowen

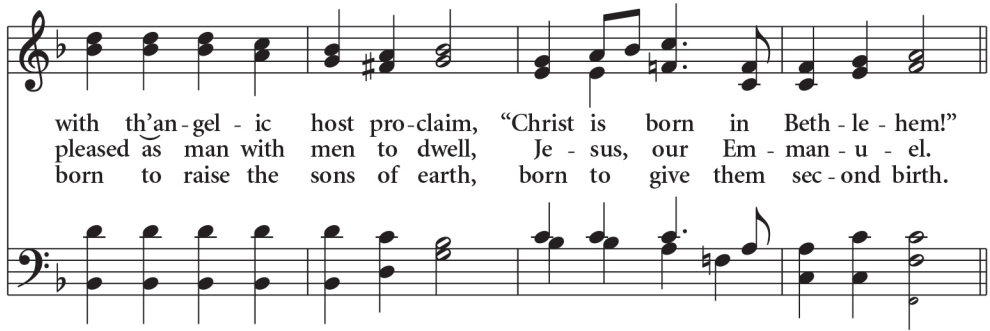
♣HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 161 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN

Words: Charles Wesley, George Whitfield / Music: Felix Mendelssohn, William Cummings; arr. David Willcocks / Luke 2:13-14

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold him come, off-spring of the vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'in-car-nate De - i - ty,
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,



with th'an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

Refrain



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King."

✦ INVOCATION

✦ PSALTER LESSON: Selections from Psalm 27 Amanda Coop (8:15)
 Blanche Tosh (11:00)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
 of whom shall I be afraid?**

One thing have I asked of the Lord,
 that will I seek after:

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
 all the days of my life,
 to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
 and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
 he will lift me high upon a rock.**

You have said, "See my face."

My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord
 in the land of the living!

**Wait for the Lord;
 be strong, and let your heart take courage;
 wait for the Lord!**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MENDELSSOHN

**Hark! The herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King."**

RECEIVE YOUR GRACIOUS KING

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace and truth,
in Jesus Christ You came among us as light shining in darkness.
Yet, we confess we have not always welcomed Your light with glad hearts.
We have failed to be Your agents of peace on earth.
We have resisted Your mighty rule in our lives.
We have been reluctant to glorify and praise You
for becoming God with us.
Forgive our many sins and renew our hope,
so that we may receive the fullness of Your grace with joy
and live faithfully as Your redeemed people.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON.....John 3:16-17

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

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

SOLO OFFERTORY: "Magnificat"..... Earnestine Robinson

My soul magnifies the Lord,
And my spirit rejoices, rejoices, rejoices in God my Savior.

He had looked down on me
And all nations call me blessed, all nations shall call me blessed.

He that is mighty has done great things for me.
And Holy is His name. Holy is His name. Holy is His name.
He has shown mercy on them that fear Him.

He has shown strength in His arm.
He has brought down the mighty and exalted the humble.

My soul magnifies the Lord,
And my spirit rejoices, rejoices, rejoices in God my Savior.

*Valetta Brinson, soprano
Leo Davis, piano*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN..... Lynn Erickson

FOLLOW YOUR WISE KING

✦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. 175 "Joy Has Dawned".....JOY HAS DAWNED

Words and Music: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend / John 1:18

1. Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion:
2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels;
3. Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry;
4. Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som,

God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.
as the might - y Prince of Life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry.
rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ our might - y cham - pion!

Not with fan-fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
Gold, a King is born to - day; in - cense, God is with us;
What a Sav - ior, what a friend, what a glo - rious mys - t'ry:

but a hum - ble gift of love: Je - sus born of Mar - y.
cling now to a moth - er's breast, vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
myrrh, his death will make a way, by his blood he'll win us.
once a babe in Beth - le - hem, now the Lord of his - t'ry.

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

SERMON: With Us for Encouragement George Robertson

- I. Sources of Discouragement
- II. Reasons for Encouragement

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

◆HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 167 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" GO TELL IT

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

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev-'ry - 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 our hum - ble Christ was born,

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

✦BENEDICTION

✦BENEDICTION RESPONSE..... GLORIA

**Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

✦POSTLUDE: "Toccatà" Eugene Gigout

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Today's Worship & Fellowship Schedule

Between the morning worship services today, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for coffee and fellowship. We will not meet for Sunday School or Sunday Night Worship.

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

Sermon Notes

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Caring Ministry Update

Sympathy to:

Donna Flinn on the death of her mother,
Dottie Bellott, December 19, 2024.

Mary Lawrence and Fred Flinn
on the death of their son, *Fred Rusher*
"Russ" Flinn, Jr., December 19, 2024.

In the Hospital: (as of 12/20/24)

Lynn Ballinger, *Baptist Rehab (no visitors)*
Jean Jones, *Methodist Germantown*

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions–Dave and Joyce: Dave and Joyce have spent the last 30+ years creating a written language and translating the Bible for the Bauzi people of New Guinea. Although Dave and Joyce reside in the states, they have software that allows them to collaborate remotely. Dave thanks God for United Bible Society's translation program that has allowed their work to carry on despite being in two countries. With the New Testament completed, Dave continues to work toward completion of the Old Testament. He praises God for a recent trip to complete the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and the minor prophets. He continues to collaborate with indigenous translators Yormi, Remus, and Yulianus, who are serving in remote areas. Please pray for these translators and that the Lord would raise up pastors for the Bauzi people and establish local churches. Pray also that He would grant effectiveness in evangelism and discipleship.

Domestic Missions–STREETS: STREETS Ministries serves two of Memphis's most under-served communities, offering after-school programs to children who lack access to such opportunities. Through basketball, the Gospel, and expanded programs in education, mentoring, and tutoring, STREETS engages and equips youth to reach their potential. Serving around 1,000 children annually, the ministry provides a safe environment where students' basic needs are met while offering academic support, recreational activities, and spiritual growth. Pray for the hearts of students and families in the communities served to be receptive to receiving the good news of Jesus. Pray also for God's covering and protection over the staff, students, and facilities this school year. Finally, pray that the Lord will send faithful volunteers to help implement programming.

2PC Ministry–Campus Services: Our housekeeping, kitchen, maintenance, and security teams work throughout each week to support all congregational and outreach ministries on our campus. We appreciate their consistent dedication to cleaning and maintaining our buildings, setting up for countless meetings and events, keeping us safe, and feeding us well. Along with our floral guild and hospitality team, these teams make our campus a welcoming and beautiful environment. Please continue to pray for them as the new year begins—for their energy, stamina, safety and good health as they serve us well.

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.

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.

General Fund Giving Update

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November	\$ 946,628	\$ 782,337	\$ (164,291)	\$ 960,883	\$ (178,546)
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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.

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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 by December 30. Email kevin.mcquillen@2pc.org or call (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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