

A Festival of Nine

Lessons & Carols



DECEMBER 21, 2025 • 8:15 + 11:00 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols tells the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus in nine Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books, and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns, and choral music.

The format was based on an order drawn up by Edward White Benson, later Archbishop of Canterbury but at that time Bishop of Truro, in Cornwall, for use on Christmas Eve 1880. Tradition says that he organized a 10:00 p.m.

service on Christmas Eve in a temporary wooden shed serving as his cathedral and that a key purpose of the service was to keep men out of pubs on Christmas Eve.

The original liturgy has since been adapted and used by other churches all over the world. The best-known version has broadcast annually from King's College, Cambridge, on Christmas Eve since 1918. It features carols sung by the College's famous choir. Our tradition at Second Presbyterian Church is based on this service.

PRELUDE: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"..... Richard Purvis

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "In the Bleak Midwinter"arr. Douglas E. Wagner
The Handbell Choir

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE.....Nathan, Maggie, Sophie, and Margot Moore (8:15)
Molly, Hunter, Kate, Rainer, and Hunt Witherington (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Josh Preston

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 146 "Once in Royal David's City" IRBY
Words: Cecil Frances Alexander / Music: Henry J. Gauntlett; arr. David Willcocks / Luke 2:12

Timothy, Alex, and Elliana Miles:

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

♠ *Congregation stands and sings:*

2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
3. And through all his won - drous child - hood he would hon - or and o - bey,
4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
5. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall:
 love and watch the low - ly maid - en in whose gen - tle arms he lay:
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove,
 we shall see him, but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;

with the poor, and mean, and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 Chris - tian chil - dren all must be mild, o - be - dient, good as he.
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
 when like stars his chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

✦INVOCATION

THE FIRST LESSON

God announces that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

Genesis 3:8-19. Micah Stout (8:15)
 Don Batchelor (11:00)

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust

you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you." And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL: "Remember, O Thou Man" Thomas Ravenscroft

Words: Melismata 1611 / Music: Thomas Ravenscroft / Genesis 3

Remember, O thou man, O thou man, O thou man,
Remember, O thou man, thy time is spent.
Remember, O thou man, how thou art dead and gone,
And I did what I can. Therefore repent.

Remember Adam's fall, O thou man, O thou man,
Remember Adam's fall from heaven to hell.
Remember Adam's fall, how we were condemned all
In hell perpetual, there for to dwell.

Remember God's goodness, O thou man, O thou man,
Remember God's goodness and His promise made.
Remember God's goodness, how He sent His Son doubtless,
Our sins for to redress. Be not afraid.

The angels all did sing, O thou man, O thou man,
The angels all did sing upon the shepherds' hill.
The angels all did sing praises to our heavenly King,
And peace to man living with a good will.

*The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

THE SECOND LESSON

Abraham's Son shall be a blessing to all the nations.

Genesis 22:15-18. Mary Ann Ellingsworth (8:15)
Marjorie Bowman (11:00)

And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham
a second time from heaven and said, "By
myself I have sworn, declares the Lord,
because you have done this and have not
withheld your son, your only son, I will
surely bless you, and I will surely multiply

your offspring as the stars of heaven and as
the sand that is on the seashore. And your
offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,
and in your offspring shall all the nations
of the earth be blessed, because you have
obeyed my voice."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL: "And the Glory of the Lord" G.F. Handel

Music: G.F. Handel / Isaiah 40:5

And the Glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together;
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

THE THIRD LESSON

God promises a Child King who liberates from terrorizing darkness.

Isaiah 9:2-7 Shelley Hill (8:15)
 Brandon Morrison (11:00)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as

fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

♠HYMN: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" ES IST EIN ROS'

Words: German Carol, 15th Century / Music: Michael Praetorius / Isaiah 11:1

1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in
 5. O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man

sprung, of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, as men of
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin
 woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, who dost our

old have sung. It came, a flow'r - et bright, a -
 moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right she
 weak - ness know, bring us at length, we pray, to

mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 bore to men a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 the bright courts of heav - en and to the end - less day.

THE FOURTH LESSON

The prophet speaks of One who is capable of changing the world.

Isaiah 11:1-4 Chase Ellingsworth (8:15)
 Elle Wilkinson (11:00)

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear

of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL: "What Shall We Give?" arr. Mack Wilberg

Catalonian Carol / Words: David Warner / Music: arr. Mack Wilberg / Psalm 116:12

What shall we give to the Babe in the manger?
 What shall we offer the Child in the stall?
 Incense and spices and gold we've aplenty,
 Are these the gifts for the King of us all?

*Tam, patan, tam, patan, tam, patan, tantam;
 Tam, patan, tam, patan, tam, patantam.*

What shall we give to the Boy in the temple?
 What shall we offer the Man by the sea?
 Palms at His feet and Hosannas uprising,
 Are these for Him who will carry the tree?

What shall we give to the Lamb who was offered,
 Rising the third day and shedding His Love?
 Tears for His mercy we'll weep at the manger;
 Bathing the Infant come down from above.

THE FIFTH LESSON

The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary.

Luke 1:26-38 Amanda Coop (8:15)
Blanche Tosh (11:00)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne

of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy — the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

CAROL: "Choral Meditation: "Mary Had a Baby" William Dawson

Words and Music: William Dawson / Luke 2:7

Mary had a Baby, my Lord! Born in a manger, my Lord!
What did they call Him? King Jesus.

Oh, Mary had a Baby, oh, yes!
He is called King Jesus, Mighty Counselor, King Emmanuel,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, my Lord!

Valetta Brinson, soloist

THE SIXTH LESSON

Luke recounts the birth narrative of our Lord.

Luke 2:1-16 Sarah Bacon (8:15)
 Haley Overcast (11:00)

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone

around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

♠HYMN: No. 142 "Away in a Manger".....MUELLER

Words: John Thomas McFarland / Music: James R. Murray / Luke 2:7

1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, the lit - tle Lord
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay close by me for -

Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
 Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes; I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look
 ev - er, and love me, I pray; bless all the dear chil - dren in



THE SEVENTH LESSON

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Matthew 2:1-11..... Chase Frazer (8:15)
Maeji Brown (11:00)

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned

the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

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Praise be to Christ.

CAROL: "Sussex Carol"..... Elaine Hagenberg

Words and Music: Traditional English Carol; arr. Elaine Hagenberg / Luke 2:10

On Christmas night, all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring;
On Christmas night, all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring;
News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad?
Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin He set us free, all for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before Your grace, then life and health come in its place;
When sin departs before Your grace, then life and health come in its place;
Angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night;
All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God and peace to men, now and forevermore. Amen."

THE EIGHTH LESSON

Behold the glory and receive the grace of our incarnate Lord.

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to

everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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Praise be to Christ.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Glory, Glory, Glory to the Newborn King" Moses Hogan

Words and Music: Based on "Go, Tell It on the Mountain;" arr. Moses Hogan / Luke 2:17

What will we call that pretty little baby? Baby born in Bethlehem.
What will we call that pretty little baby? Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Where was He born, this pretty little baby? Down in a lowly manger.
Where His birth was in a stable. Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Born this night, the Son of Mary. Hail the heav'n born Prince of peace.
Glory to the newborn King.
Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King.
Children, go and tell it on the mountain,
Lord, over the hills and ev'rywhere.
Why don't you go, yes, tell it on the mountain,
Lord, that Jesus Christ is born.
See the newborn baby. Go and tell it on the mountain,
Lord, that Jesus Christ is born.
Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King.
All praise to the newborn King,
We're singin' over hill and mountain,
We're singin' hail, the newborn King.
Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King.

Phillip Bond, soloist

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

At this time, parents may take children to the nursery.

✦ PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

THE NINTH LESSON

Jesus' Kingdom has come and is coming.

Isaiah 11:1-10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the

fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious. In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

HOMILY: Immanuel: The Solution for Fear.George Robertson

I. Because He Reigns, Live in Gratitude (11:1-9; 12:1)

A. Now (1-5)

B. Not Yet (6-9)

II. Because He Saves, Live in Gratitude (10:16-34; 11:10-16; 12:2)

A. Destroys (10:16-34)

B. Restores (11:10-16)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♠HYMN: No. 158 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" REGENT SQUARE

Words: James Montgomery / Music: Henry T. Smart / Matthew 2:11

1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2. Shep-herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,

ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
 seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:
 sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

♠BENEDICTION

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Gloria in excelsis Deo.
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♠POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" arr. Paul Fey

♠Indicates congregation standing

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*Instrumentalists: Barrie Cooper and Andy Yu, violin;
 James Ryan, viola; Mark Wallace, cello; Leo Davis, organ*

Caring Ministry Update

Congratulations to:

Laci and Logan Bean on the birth of a son,
George Ellis Bean, September 13, 2025.

In the Hospital (as of 12/17/25):

Jenny Udouj, *Hospice at Home*

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, Carl and their families; *Lillian and Thomas Patton* by Susan and Claude Crawford, Elizabeth and John Holmes, and their grandchildren; *Mr. and Mrs. William D Nicholson* by their children and grandchildren; *Benjamin Weber and Bill Weber* by Vicki Weber.

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 Wednesday, December 31, 2025, to qualify as a charitable gift for the 2025 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, 2025, to qualify as a charitable gift for the 2025 tax year. Mailed envelopes postmarked after December 31, 2025 must be reported as a 2026 gift, regardless of the date on the enclosed check.

Any who may have questions or need assistance with transfers of appreciated securities or giving a portion of the required minimum distribution (RMD) from an IRA through Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) directly from a brokerage account should please contact Jay Tayloe at jay.tayloe@2pc.org or (901) 454-0034.

General Fund Giving Update

	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	Variance to Budget	Prior Year Actual	Variance to Prior Year
November	\$ 946,628	\$ 846,567	\$ (100,061)	\$ 782,337	\$ 64,230
YTD 7/1/25–11/30/25	\$ 3,750,033	\$ 3,816,845	\$ 66,812	\$ 3,333,871	\$ 482,974

Christmas Flowers

The following is a list of donations to the Floral Guild Fund, given to the glory of God.

In Memory of: *Franklin and June Crowe and Patsy Karnowski by Cathy Crowe; Barbara and Kelton Morris by Courtney, Hailey, Hale, and Kelton Williamson; Louise and Frank Smith, Emily Smith Britton, William J. Britton III, Elizabeth McVaugh Cross, and George H. Cross by Cynthia and Mike Cross and family; Drs. Ted and Virginia Galyon by daughters Peggy Noblett, Nancy Williams, and Mary Convey; Mark R. Coleman Jr., Bo Nance, Cilla Harris, Flint and Isa Sawtelle, Lucille Carter Tansey, and Roger Coleman by Deb and Bob Coleman; Judy Rogers and Faust Reynolds by Debbie and Mark Perkins; Lee Ragland, Jr. by Dr. Carolyn Ragland; Mr. and Mrs. John Fred Tarkington, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John Fred Tarkington, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Anderson, and Mr. Ray Tarkington by Ferrin T. Mavar; her parents, Jenny and Bill Wunderlich, by Gayle Hardee; Dorothy L. Davis and Skip Sharp by Glenda Davis Sharp; Dial Boyle Jackson by her family; Dr. Robert Bolding by his family; Henry C. Pitts, Jr. by his family; Dr. Max Painter by his family; Russ Billings, Lawanna Ingram, Sara Misner, and Tim Russell by Janet Misner; John and Margaret Whittemore and Russell and Rachel Schulte by John and Marilyn Whittemore; Myles Frank by Joyce Frank; Timothy Russell, Carolyn Russell, and Lawanna Ingram by Katherine Russell; our grandparents, Sam, Jean, Dick, Sandy, Howard, Alene, Jay, and Madeline by Katy and Jon Hottinger; Mr. and Mrs. James I. Burrow, Jr. by Kelly and Jim Burrow III and Jeanne and John Wilbourn; Judy Prichard Rogers by King Rogers and family; Sibyl and Len Sumner by Mary and Rob Sumner; my sister, Marilyn Kay Matin, by Nancy Magallanes; Doris Garner and Julia Davidson by Orin and Mary Davidson; Lois Pittman and*

Bucky Shappley by Patricia Shappley; Wilton Hazelwood by Sandra Hazelwood; Carolyn R. Russell and Rev. Tim Russell by Smoky Russell; Derek Clenin by the Clenin boys; Bettye and Lewis Taliaferro by their daughters, Elizabeth, Margaret, and Mary; Ruth and Buddy Morrison by their family; Will and Karen Stafford by their family; Suellyn Ruffin by Stan Ruffin; Linda and Herbert Rhea and Steve Rhea, Jr. by Suzanne and Paul Burgar; Mr. and Mrs. Warner Young by the Wilson family; George and Elaine, Burns and Nan, Valery, and Charlie and Jane by Dee and Mike

In Honor of: *Pastor George Robertson by Chuck and Scottie Cobb; Caroline Nance and Claire Coleman by Deb and Bob Coleman; Vicki Simmons on her 20th anniversary as Executive Director of the 2PC Foundation by Debbie and Mark Perkins; Dottie, Josh, Lily, and Owen French by Dot and Dick Fisher; Arlene Roberts on her retirement by Jack and Terry Brown; Caroline Nance, Claire Coleman, Judith Oliver, Peggy Sichveland, and Billie Ann Williams by Maxine Lindseth; Dr. Ed Garrett by Rachel Escue; Vicki Simmons, Sharon Jones, Sophia Bollinger, Sally Halle, and Kathe Russell by Smoky Russell; Bob and Deborah Coleman by their daughters; Ingrid Bolding by Wendy and Mark Bolding; Rileigh Gunn and Jackson Bridgforth by David, Kim, Henry and Eleanor Bridgforth*

In Gratitude for: *All the Pastors by Anonymous; Carrie Lee Stetler and Mary V. S. Haley by Carrie Riedmeyer; Ed, Vicki, and Caroline Simmons by Grace and Jim Schneider; The leaders and ladies of The Walk Bible Study by Lisa Colcolough; 2PC Foundation Board by Smoky Russell*

January Preaching Series

We'll kick off the new year with our annual Gospel Priorities series. Beginning January 4, we will hear from pastors during morning and evening worship on themes related to and discussed in Luke 4. Join us on these Sundays as we reflect on what Jesus made central to His ministry and consider how we can follow His example in our own lives today.

January 4: Damon Conley,
Assistant Pastor, Second Presbyterian Church

January 11: Ali Chambers,
Lead Pastor, Mosaic Church Memphis

January 18: Justin Varughese,
Lead Pastor, Fellowship Memphis

January 25: George Robertson,
Senior Pastor, Second Presbyterian Church

December 28 Worship Schedule

We'll meet for worship on Sunday, December 28, at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. Nursery will be available for ages 5 and under at the 8:15am service. All are invited to the Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for coffee, donuts, and fellowship between the services. We will not meet for Sunday School or Sunday Night Worship.

Inquirers Class: January 23–25

Interested in learning more about Second or becoming a member? The next Inquirers Class for adults will meet January 23-25, and we'd love to have you join the class! Visit 2pc.org/inquirers to learn more and register. Contact Britton Laughlin at britton.laughlin@2pc.org or (901) 454-0034 with questions.

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 Bible studies and support ministry groups for adults to programs for youth and children.

Our Wednesday night dinners will also be back, starting January 7, and we're excited about our annual World Missions Conference that begins February 25. Visit 2pc.org/winter for more details.

Do You Receive *The Messenger* on Fridays?

The best way to find out what's going on at Second is to subscribe to our weekly email newsletter. To subscribe, simply scroll to the orange box at the bottom of our homepage (2pc.org) and enter your name and email address—then watch for it to arrive in your inbox on Fridays! For even more content, follow [@2pcmemphis](https://www.instagram.com/2pcmemphis) on Facebook and Instagram.

Weekly Worship Playlist

Listening to our playlist of hymns and songs is a wonderful way to grow familiar with the music, reflect on the words, and enjoy personal or family worship throughout the week. Visit 2pc.org/playlist to subscribe on your preferred platform.

Getting Connected at Second

Want to learn more about our church? Visit 2pc.org, call us at (901) 454-0034, or email us: pastor@2pc.org for pastoral questions or info@2pc.org for general inquiries. We'd love to hear from you!



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