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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

December 28, 2025
Season of Christmastide

Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Prelude: The prelude is a time for quiet reflection and preparation. As the music begins, worshipers are invited to center their hearts on God and enter the presence of the Holy.

WORSHIP YOUR GLORIOUS KING

PRELUDE: "Greensleeves" from *Four Preludes* Richard Purvis

Leo Davis, organ

Call to Worship: God invites us into His presence to worship in spirit and in truth—beginning a dialogue that continues throughout the service.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Luke 2:10-14. Brian Lewis

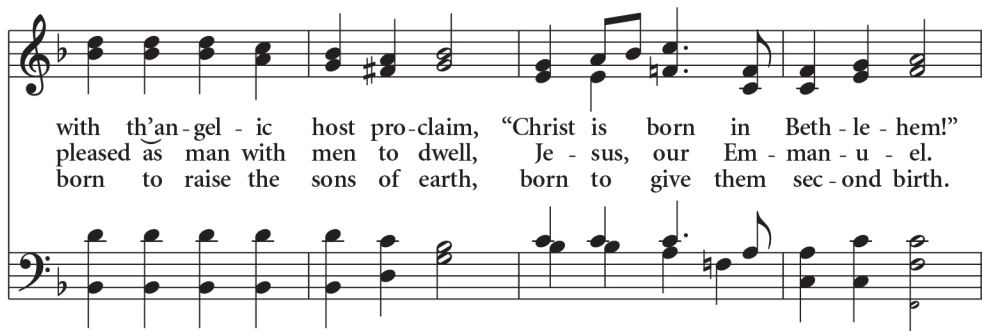
✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 161 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN

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: The word invocation means "to appeal to" or "cry out to." In this prayer, we lift our hands and call on our Father to come and help us worship Him for who He is and all He has done.

✦INVOCATION

✦CONFESSION OF FAITH: Belgic Confession Article 18. Dan Fore (8:15)
Min Song (11:00)

Christians, what do we believe concerning the Incarnation?

We confess that God fulfilled the promise made to the early fathers and mothers by the mouth of the holy prophets when He sent the only and eternal Son of God into the world at the time appointed. The Son took the "form of a slave" and was made in "human form," truly assuming a real human nature, with all its weaknesses, except for sin; being conceived in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit, without male participation. And Christ not only assumed human nature as far as the body is concerned but also a real human soul, in order to be a real human being. For since the soul had been lost as well as the body, Christ had to assume them both to save them both together.

The Belgic Confession, a comprehensive statement in 37 articles of the Christian Reformed faith, is one of the best-known and well-loved of the Reformed confessions. It highlights the continuity between the Reformed tradition and the early church by modeling teaching of the ancient Apostles Creed.

✦DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

Words: Thomas Ken / Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551 / Psalm 150:6

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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.*

Assurance of Pardon: Having confessed our sins, the pastor declares God's promise of forgiveness—assuring us that through Christ's atonement, those who truly repent are freed from guilt and shame by His mercy.

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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: "There Are Angels Hov'rin' Roun'" arr. Uzee Brown, Jr.

Words and Music: Uzee Brown, Jr. / Revelation 14:6

There are angels hov'rin' 'roun',
There are angels hov'rin' 'roun',
In the new Jerusalem, in the new Jerusalem,
In the new, the new Jerusalem.
The angels came to tell of the King
To tell of the hope an' the joy He'd bring
Listen, chilun, to the angels sing.
There are angels hov'rin' 'roun'.
Do you know Him, Christ the Lord?
Do you know Him, Christ the Lord?
Do you know Him, know Him, Christ the Lord?
Let us praise Him, Christ the King!
Let us praise Him, Christ the King!
Let us praise Him, praise Him, Christ the King!
The are angels, angels hov'rin' 'roun'.

*Marcus King, soloist
Leo Davis, piano*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN Brad Morrow

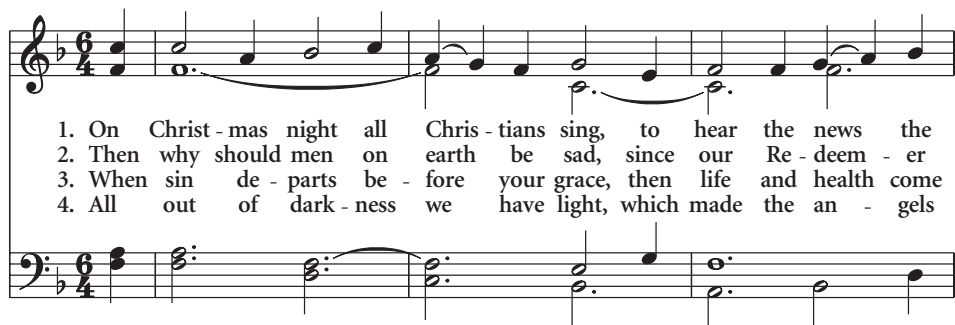
FOLLOW YOUR WISE KING

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

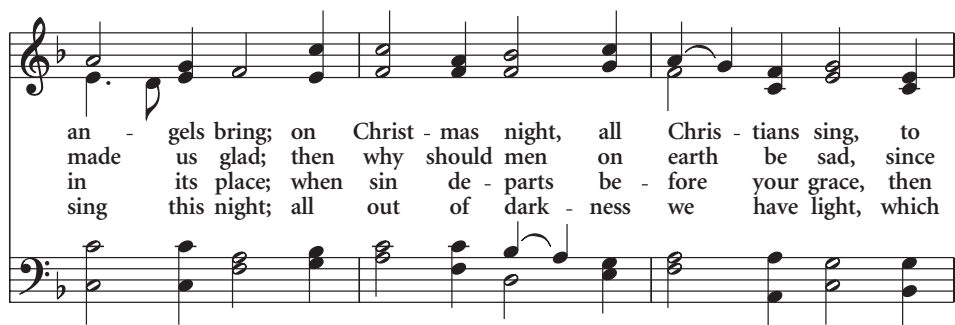
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
 Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
 For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 160 "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing" SUSSEX CAROL

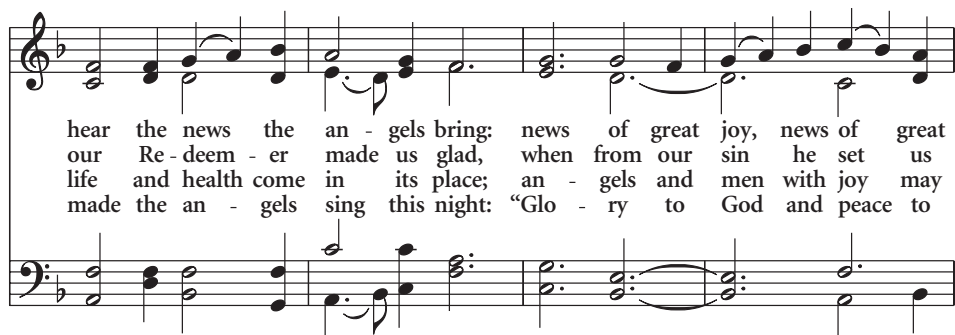
Words: Trad. English Carol / Music: English Carol; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams / Luke 2:10



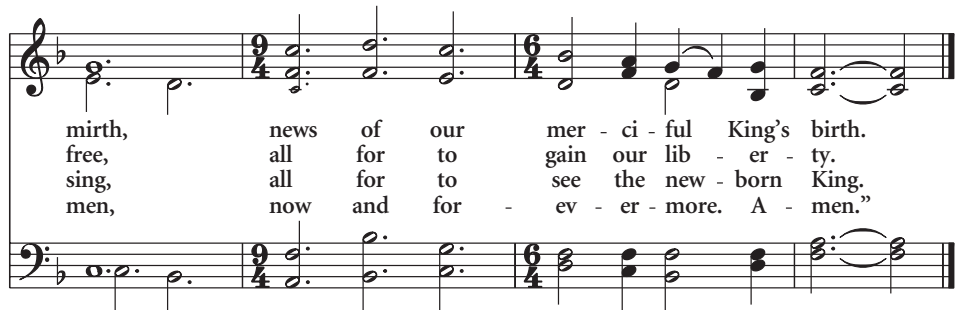
1. On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing, to hear the news the
 2. Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Re - deem - er
 3. When sin de - parts be - fore your grace, then life and health come
 4. All out of dark - ness we have light, which made the an - gels



an - gels bring; on Christ - mas night, all Chris - tians sing, to
 made us glad; then why should men on earth be sad, since
 in its place; when sin de - parts be - fore your grace, then
 sing this night; all out of dark - ness we have light, which



hear the news the an - gels bring; news of great joy, news of great
 our Re - deem - er made us glad; when from our sin he set us
 life and health come in its place; an - gels and men with joy may
 made the an - gels sing this night: "Glo - ry to God and peace to



mirth, news of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.
 free, all for to gain our lib - er - ty.
 sing, all for to see the new - born King.
 men, now and for - ev - er - more. A - men."

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Isaiah 9:1 and Revelation 7:9
(pages 573 and 1032 in pew Bible)

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

SERMON: The Mission of God..... George Robertson

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

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

⬤ Indicates congregation standing

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Caring Ministry Update

In the Hospital

(as of 12/18/25)

Jenny Udouj, *Hospice at Home*

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions–Mike and Stephanie: Mike and Stephanie were missionaries and educators in the Muslim world for many years. They have a passion for training Arabic-speaking believers, and Mike currently leads EPC World Outreach's International Theological Educational Network (ITEN). Due to an illness this fall, Mike was forced to postpone teaching a seminar on Muslim-Christian relations in Ethiopia and a trip to Bangladesh to assess a potential ITEN partnership. Although disappointed about the delay in these important work events, they trust the Lord's timing and are grateful that Mike has been able to recover at home in the States. Please pray for wisdom and the Lord's guidance in rescheduling these trips, for the new families who have recently joined the ITEN team, and for Christ to be glorified through their work.

Mission Memphis–Neighborhood Christian Centers: Neighborhood Christian Centers (NCC) began in 1978, growing from a ministry started by JoeAnn and Monroe Ballard in 1968 to serve children and families in underserved areas of Memphis. Today, NCC operates 13 sites across 40 ZIP codes, reaching 30,000 people annually through a Gospel-centered, relational approach. Please pray for peace in the communities NCC serves, for the Youth Engagement Services team as they support at-risk youth, and for the families they serve, that God would strengthen well-being, provide volunteers, and reduce harmful influences.

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 and minister amongst our staff, members, and guests.

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.

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, donuts, and fellowship. 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 (901) 454-0034 or britton.laughlin@2pc.org 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.

Gospel Priorities: 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

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

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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 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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