

Hangings of the Green



DECEMBER 1, 2024 • 6:00 PM

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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PRELUDE: Meditation on "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" J. Christopher Pardini
Leo Davis, organ

WELCOME Brian Lewis

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE. Ari, Julie, Luciana, and Olivia Aquino

CALL TO WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 157 "Angels, We Have Heard on High" GLORIA

Words: Trad. French Carol / Music: French Carol Melody; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes / Luke 2:14

Cherub Choir; Jauna Ellis, director:

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

♠ *Congregation, standing as directed:*

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!

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.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o, glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

♠ INVOCATION

CAROL: No. 142 "Away in a Manger"..... MUELLER

Cherub Choir; Jauna Ellis, director:

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Congregation joins:

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, 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

down from the sky, and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
thy ten - der care, and fit us for heav - en, to live with thee there.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 9:6-7. Sam Thompson

⁶For 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. ⁷Of 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.

CAROL: "Sing We Now of Christmas/He Is Born"arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here
Hear our grateful praises to the Babe so dear.
Sing we Noel, the King is born Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here.

He is born, the divine Christ Child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily
He is born, the divine Christ Child, sing we all of the Savior mild.

O how lovely, O how pure is the precious Child from heaven.
O how lovely, O how pure, gracious gift to human kind.

He is born, the divine Christ Child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily;
He is born, the divine Christ Child, sing we all of the Savior.

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here
Hear our grateful praises to the Babe so dear.

CAROL: "Bethlehem Night" Terry Taylor

On this night, a King is born in a cattle shed.
Swaddling clothes to keep Him warm, in His manger bed.
Shepherds watching flocks by night, in the fields nearby.
See an angel in great light, glory fills the sky.

What a wonder, what a story, what a joyful sight?
Can this be another ordinary Bethlehem night.

Hear the angel share the news, tidings of great joy.
Now a Savior comes to you in this baby Boy.

What a wonder, what a story, what a joyful sight?
Love has come, our God is with us on this Bethlehem night.

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*Music Makers Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2:1-7. Ronshel Kurusanthony

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And 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, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL: "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" J.S. Bach; John F. Wilson

Wake, awake for night is flying,
The watchmen on the heights are crying:
Awake, Jerusalem arise.

Here ye now, ere comes the morning,
The midnight call of solemn warning:
He comes, O church, lift up thine eyes.

Behold the Bridegroom comes.
Your lamps with gladness takes. Alleluia!

The feast prepare, your Lord drawn near.
Go forth with joy to meet Him there.

*Spirit and Song Choir
James Ryan, violin
Leo Davis, organ
Calvin Ellis, conductor*

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2:8-15. Hardy Gilbert

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped

in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" ¹⁵When 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."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

♠HYMN: "Sing We the Song of Emmanuel" Getty Music

*Led by the Faithline Choir
James Ryan, director*

Verse



1. Sing we the song of Em - man - u - el; this the Christ who was
2. Come we to wel - come Em - man - u - el; King who came with no
3. Go spread the news of Em - man - u - el; joy and peace for the



long fore - told. Lo, in the sha - dows of Beth - le - hem,
crown or throne. Help - less He lay, the in - vin - ci - ble,
wea - ry heart. Lift up your heads, for Your King has come;



pro - mise of dawn now our eyes be - hold. God Most High in a
Ma - ker of Ma - ry, now Ma - ry's son. O what wis - dom to
sing for the light o - ver - whelms the dark. Glo - ry shin - ing for

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man - ger laid; lift your voi - ces and now pro - claim:
 save us all, shep - herds, sa - ges, be - fore Him fall.
 all to see, hope a - live, let the gos - pel ring.

Great and glo - ri - ous, Love has come to us;
 Grace and ma - jes - ty, what hu - mi - li - ty;
 God has made a way, He will have the praise;

join now with the hosts of hea - ven.
 come on bend - ed knee, a - dore Him.
 tell the world His name is Je - sus.

Chorus

Glo - ri - a,

Glo - ri - a!

FOURTH SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Matthew 1:21

²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus,
 for he will save his people from their sins.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

HOMILY: Jesus: Our Hope and Security Damon Conley

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

DISMISSAL TO THE LIVE NATIVITY

Please join us on the lawn behind the B building near the playgrounds (Central Avenue side of campus).

◆THE NATIVITY: "Silent Night" STILLE NACHT

**Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
 Round you virgin mother and child.
 Holy infant, so tender and mild,
 Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

◆BENEDICTION

◆Indicates congregation standing

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*A special thank you to our choir helpers: Pat Corbitt, Sarah Curtis, Jauna Ellis, Sarah Enoch,
 Garrett Heady, Macon Ivy, Vicki Simmons, Edy Smith, and Emily Woelke*

Advent

Festival of Carols

December 8, 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Don't miss this festive service of sing-along Christmas carols led by our choirs and a full orchestra—an annual favorite!

Nursery is available for ages five and under. A reception will follow in the lobby outside the bookstore.

Invite your family and friends to join you for family fun and worship throughout December!

PJ Christmas Party

December 22, 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship

4:00 p.m. Family Service

5:30, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m.

Candlelight Communion Services

Visit 2pc.org/advent for more dates and details!

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:

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Donor Phone Number:

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.

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