

Hangings of the Green



NOVEMBER 30, 2025 • 6:00 PM

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Hanging of the Green

PRELUDE: "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" (*Sleepers Awake, the Voice is Calling Us*) J.S.Bach
Molly Pennington, organ

WELCOME Brad Morrow

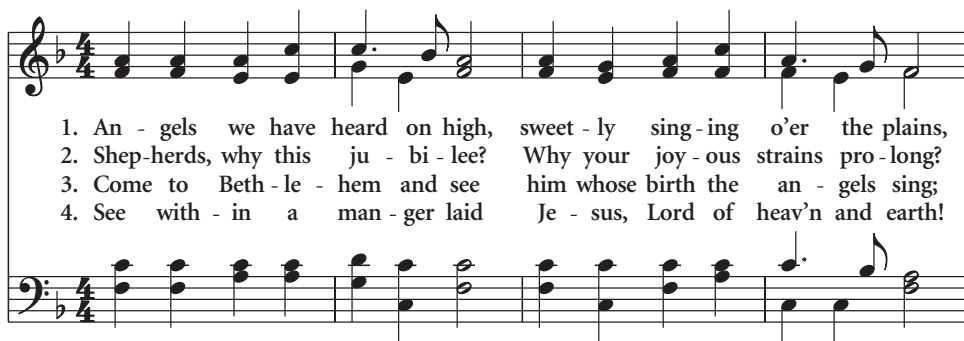
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE. Taylor, Beth Ann, Avett, Hazel, and Jones Tollison

CALL TO WORSHIP

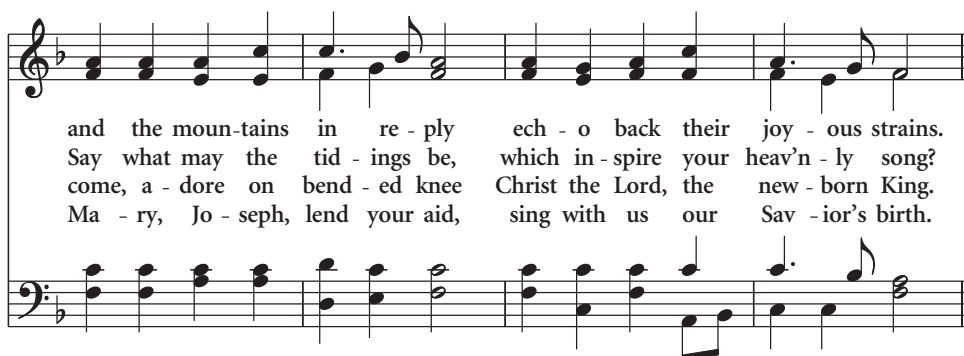
PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 157 "Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA

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

Congregation stands as directed



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
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!



and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
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: "Prepare!"arr. Allen Pote

*Prepare, prepare, prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare, prepare, prepare ye the way,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord.*

For God has chosen to come to earth, joining the human race.
Born a child in holy birth, taking a human face.

His name shall be Emmanuel, the baby born in the night.
God will be revealed in us, piercing the darkness with light.

*Music Makers and Cherub Choir
Emily Woelke, director*

CAROL: "Noel, Noel, A Boy Is Born"arr. Natalie Sleeth

Noel, Noel, a boy is born in Bethlehem.
So, therefore let us joyful be and sing Noel.
He comes to earth to save us all on Christmas day.
Alleluia!

*Cherub Choir
Emily Woelke, director*

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 9:6-7. Joshua Knight

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: "A Christmas Mosaic"arr. Richard Lamb

Bells are ringing in Bethlehem, listen to the bells in the town and follow them
To the stable beneath the star where they gather from near and far.

Come ye shepherds and come ye kings! Bring Him perfume and precious things!
Bells ring out through the misty morn, heralding the news that a child is born!

Still the star is in the sky, still the angels sing on high;
Leave your cattle, leave your sheep and come to where the Holy Child is sleeping.

*Carter Tait, soloist
Music Makers Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2:1-7. Elizabeth Yonchak

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: "Advent Joy!"arr. Hal Hopson

A star shining in the dark, a song ringing through the night,
These are the signs of the Holy birth. These are the wonders of God on earth.
We look! We listen! We wait! O come, O come, Emmanuel.

God with us, how can it be? Adam's own son by God's decree.
This is the truth the prophets told. This is the one we soon will behold.
God with us! Sing, rejoice!

A star! A song!

Jesus is coming, His star appears. Jesus is coming, the song the earth hears.
Veni Emmanuel, Veni Emmanuel. Come, Lord Jesus, come soon!

*Spirit and Song Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2:8-15.David Song

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



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: Christ: Our Savior and Defender.....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).

POSTLUDE: “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” arr. Wayne Wold

✦THE NATIVITY: “Silent Night” STILLE NACHT

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

✦BENEDICTION

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

*A special thank you to our choir helpers: Pat Corbitt, Sarah Curtis, Sarah Enoch, Garrett Heady, Brody Melton,
Vicki Simmons, and Emily Woelke as well as Molly Pennington, our accompanist for this evening.*

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Festival of Carols

Sunday, December 7 · 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Join us for a festive, joy-filled service featuring sing-along settings of beloved carols, led by our Chancel Choir and Children's Choirs with orchestral accompaniment. Then stick around after the service for a reception in the lobby outside the bookstore! Nursery will be available for ages 5 and under.

Advent

Save the dates below and invite your family and friends to join us throughout the month of December for worship services and activities for all ages. Visit 2pc.org/christmas for more dates, details, and service opportunities.

Women's Christmas Coffee

December 3, 10:30 a.m.

Festival of Carols

December 7, 6:00 p.m.

Sing Hallelujah

December 14, 6:00 p.m.

Nine Lessons and Carols

December 21, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Christmas PJ Party

December 21, 4:30 p.m.

A Gospel Christmas

December 21, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship

4:00 p.m. Family Service

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

Candlelight Communion Services

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 21 as follows:

Please check **ONLY** one: ☐ In Memory of ☐ In Honor of ☐ In Gratitude for

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