

First Sunday *of* Advent

Hanging of the Green

NOVEMBER 29, 2026 · 6:00 PM

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PRELUDE: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" . . . . . arr. Paul Manz

Leo Davis, organ

WELCOME . . . . . Brett Wynne

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE. . . . . Allen, Maddy, Lucy, Bo, and Boone Bobango

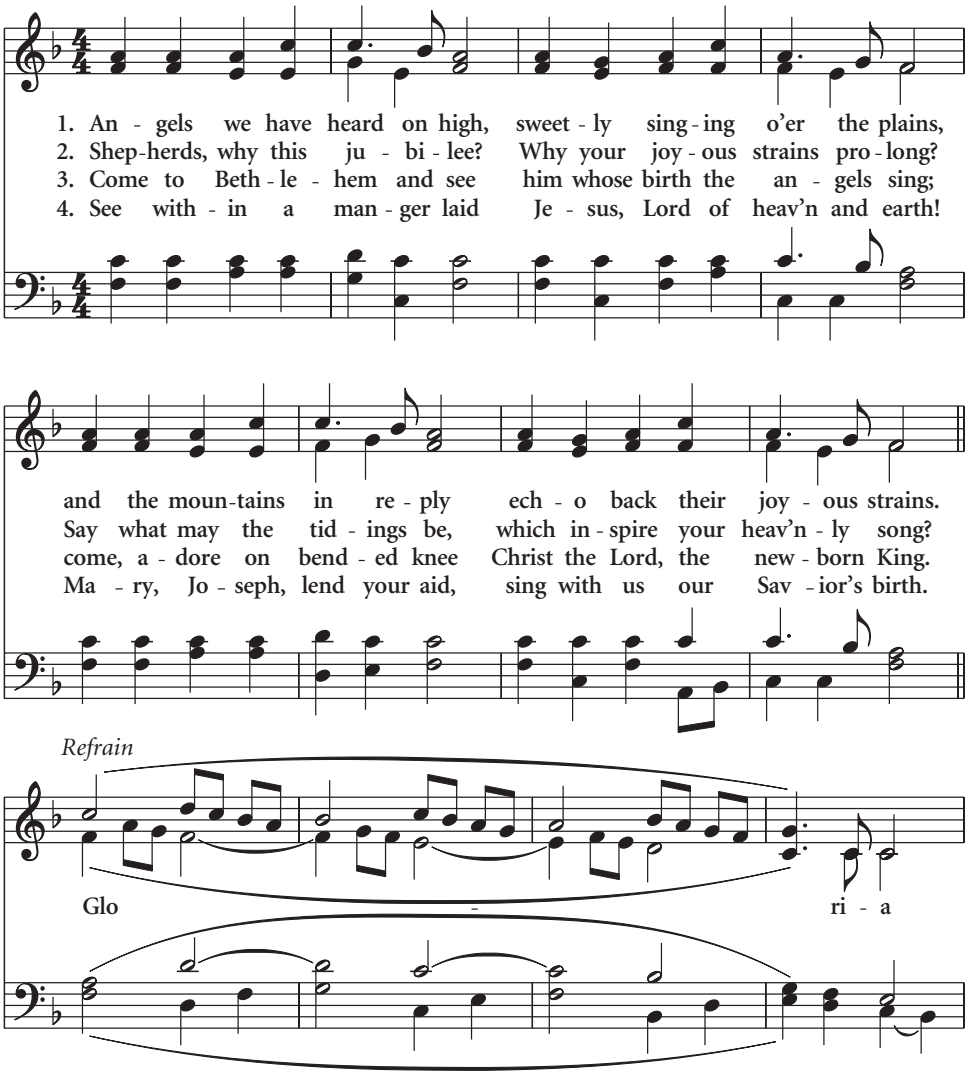
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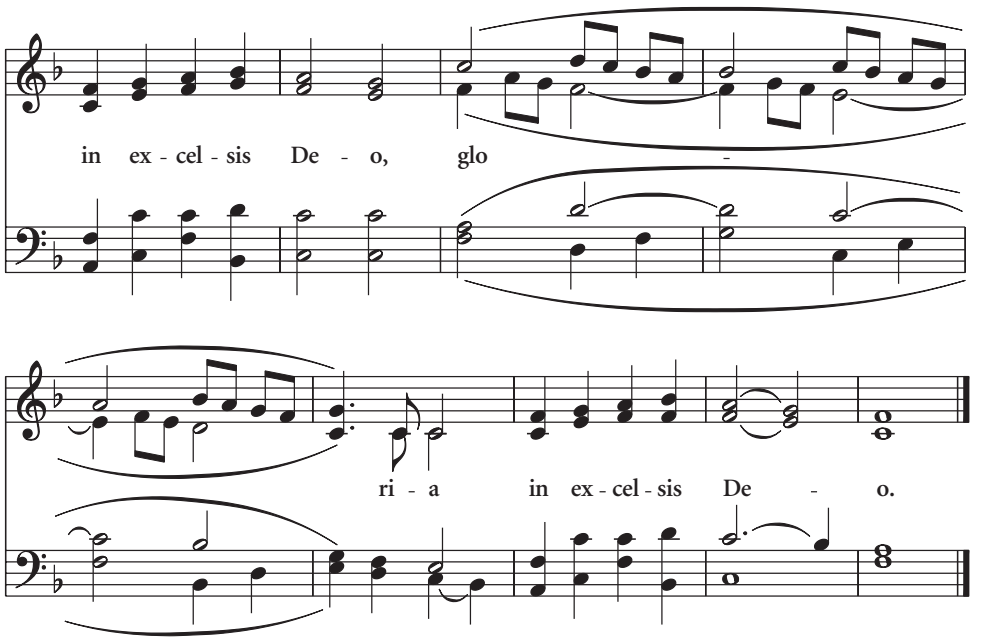
PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 157 "Angels We Have Heard on High" . . . . . GLORIA

Words: Trad. French Carol; tr. Crown of Jesus, *1862*

Music: French Carol Melody; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937 / Luke 2:14

Congregation stands as directed





✙INVOCATION

CAROL: "Waiting!" . . . . . Toni Sullivan

We are waiting, waiting, waiting, for the promised One.
We are waiting, waiting, waiting, for God's Son.

Prophets did foretell it, the coming of this birth;
God would send a Savior to bring us peace on earth!

God sent Jesus to us, a gift from heav'n above.
Jesus came to show us the way of God's great love.

Cherub Choir
Maggie Moore, director

CAROL: "A Waiting Carol". . . . . .Helen Kemp

He's coming! He's coming!
Oh, tell us who is coming?
Lord Jesus is coming to light our lives again.

Each candle is saying, "Get ready for His birthday."
Prepare us to greet Him with love and joy, we pray.

We wait with joy to greet You.
We wait with love to meet You.
Come quickly! Quickly come!
We wait with joy, come holy Boy!

Each candle is saying, "Get ready for His birthday."
Prepare us to greet Him with love and joy, we pray.

Music Makers Choir
Maggie Moore, director

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 9:6-7. . . . . .Elizabeth Yonchack

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: "Come, Jesus, Prince of Peace" . . . . . .arr. Brad Nix

Come, O come, Emmanuel, come to us and stay.
Come, O come, Emmanuel, could this be the day?

Jesus, Prince of Peace, Hope of all the earth;
Come, O come, Emmanuel, we await Your birth.

Come, O come, Emmanuel, Joy of heav'n come down.
Come, O come, Emmanuel, King without a crown.

Jesus, Prince of Peace, come to guide our way;
Come, O come, Emmanuel, live in us today.

Come, O come, Emmanuel, Branch of Jesse's tree.
Come, O come, Emmanuel, set Your children free.

Jesus, Prince of Peace, gentle as a dove.
Come, O come, Emmanuel, Messenger of love.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Come, O come, Emmanuel, we await Your birth.

Spirit & Song Choir
Calvin Ellis, director

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2:1-7. . . . . Beckham Preston

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: "While by the Sheep We Watched at Night" . . . . . JÜNGST

While by the sheep we watched at night, glad tidings brought an angel bright.

How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

There shall be born, so He did say, in Bethlehem a child today.

Spirit and Song Choir
Calvin Ellis, director

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2:8-15. . . . . Alex Miles

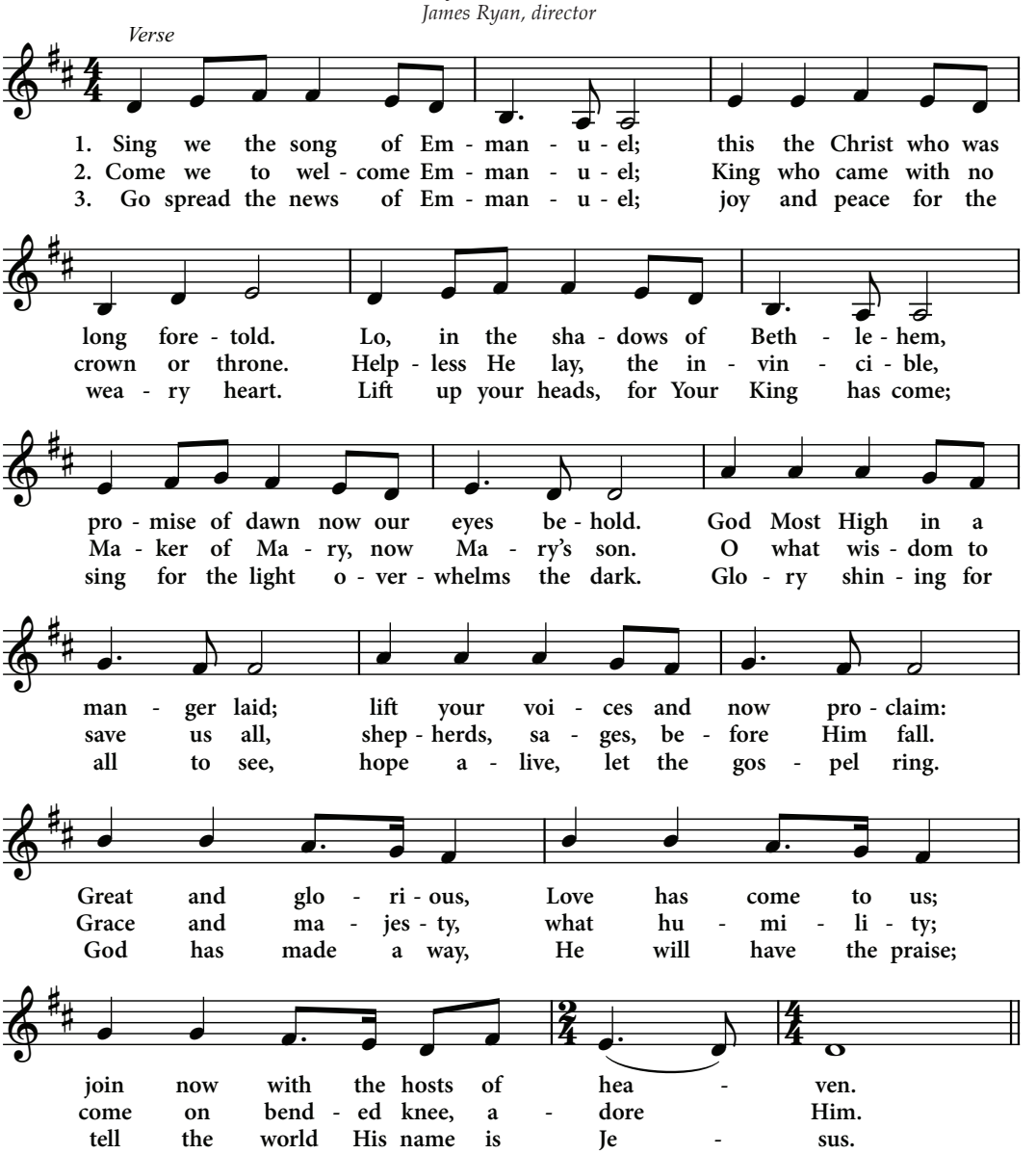
[8]And in the same region there were shepherds
out in the field, keeping watch over their flock
by night. [9]And an angel of the Lord appeared
to them, and the glory of the Lord shone
around them, and they were filled with great
fear. [10]And the angel said to them, "Fear not,
for behold, I bring you good news of great joy
that will be for all the people. [11]For unto you
is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord. [12]And this will be a
sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped
in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."
[13]And 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!" [15]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."

This is the Word of the Lord.

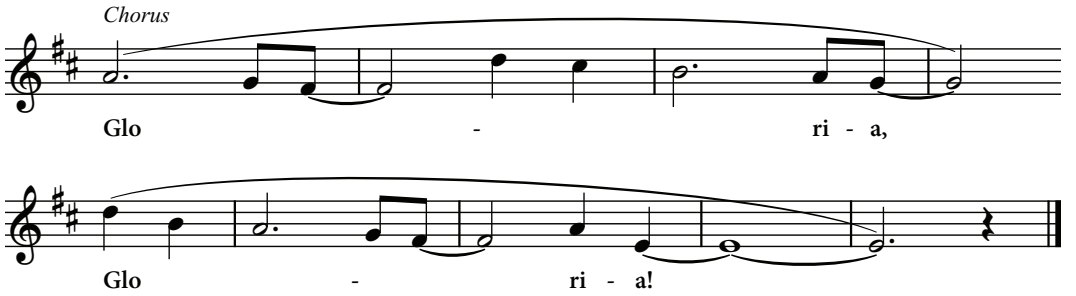
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✙HYMN: "Sing We the Song of Emmanuel" . . . . . Getty Music

Led by the Faithline Choir
James Ryan, director



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FOURTH SCRIPTURE LESSON. . . . . John 1:14-18

[14]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. [15](John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") [16]For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. [17]For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. [18]No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

HOMILY: "Christmas Is About Grace" . . . . . Josh Preston

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). Note: If you have children in the Nursery, please pick them up on your way outside.

POSTLUDE: "Angels We Have Heard on High" . . . . . Robert Held

✙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, Beth Fisher, Brooke Happ, Mya Hawkins, Garrett Heady, Annabella Kulinski, Becky Maddux, and Vicki Simmons

Advent *at* Second

Festival of Carols
December 6 at 6:00 p.m.

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 outside the bookstore!

Visit 2pc.org/christmas or scan the QR code for more details and for a list of service opportunities.

Women's Christmas Coffee
December 2, 10:30 a.m.

Festival of Carols
December 6, 6:00 p.m.

NCC Service Night @ 2PC
December 9, 6:00 p.m.

Sing Hallelujah
December 13, 6:00 p.m.

Nine Lessons and Carols
December 20, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Christmas PJ Party
December 20, 4:30 p.m.

A Gospel Christmas
December 20, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship
4:00 p.m. Family Service
5:30, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m.
Candlelight Communion Services

Service Opportunity for All Ages: December 9

All ages are invited to the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, December 9, at 6:00 p.m. to pack Christmas food boxes for Neighborhood Christian Centers! NCC is bringing part of their packing operation to our campus, giving church members a chance to serve together.

Dinner will be served beforehand from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in C310 ($5.50 for kids; $8.50 for adults). We will also have a Christmas Card Station and Prayer Stations during the evening for anyone who would like to serve in that way. Come for 30 minutes or stay the whole time—every bit helps!

Nursery will be available for ages 2 and under during the event. To help us plan, please visit 2pc.org/christmas and let us know if you plan to eat dinner and/or to register for the nursery. Email kevesha.snow@2pc.org with questions.

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Getting Connected at Second

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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 20 as follows:

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

Name: .....

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December 13 is the deadline for the inclusion of names in the bulletin on December 20, 2026.
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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