

WORSHIP AT SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Await*



THE SECOND SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 5, 2021

# Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church

*Sharing the grace of God with one another and the world around us.*

This church welcomes you no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people; if you are looking for a home, stay here; if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

Please visit our website [2ndpreslou.org](http://2ndpreslou.org) to connect with our various ministries, or to contact our office for more information about our faith community.



If you are new to Second Presbyterian, or would like to share a prayer concern, please scan this QR Code to fill out our online Friendship Pad.



Thank you for silencing mobile phones or any other devices to honor the sanctity of our worship.

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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

## THE GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*Sweet Little Jesus Boy*  
Dave Clark, saxophone

Traditional

### WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

#### 11 a.m. INTROIT

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?*

M. Teschner, arr. W. Monk

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?  
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!  
O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within my breast,  
to do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.

#### 11 a.m. PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

8:30 a.m. Watson & Kendy Courtenay

11 a.m. Mike, Maggie, James, and Clarke Faurest

As we light our second Advent candle,  
**we pray for the holy peace of God.**  
Come now, O Child of Mary.  
**Come now, O Christ our comforter.**

### \*HYMN 87

*Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People*

GENEVAN 42

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O promised Christ, you have promised us everlasting compassion. Yet, we have not lived as people who have called to share your compassion with those in need.

**God of peace, hear our prayer.**

We confess to you, O God of peace,  
**our passive acceptance of lies as truth.**

We confess to you, O God of peace,  
**our ignorance of the unjust realities of the world.**

We confess to you, O God of peace,  
**our fear that keeps us from sharing your compassion.**

Forgive us, we pray.

**Restore in us renewed visions of your eternal kingdom.**

**Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

**\*RESPONSE**

John Bell

Come, O Lord, and set us free; give your peo - ple peace.

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Come, O Lord, and set us free; come, Lord Je - sus, come.

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*RESPONSE**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
 that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**\*THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward during the Passing of the Peace.  
 Children will then be dismissed through the side door for activities.*

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Jeremiah 33:14–16

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:**

Luke 3:1–6

**SERMON**

*Is this all there is?*

Rev. Steve Jester

**THE RESPONSE**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

*Found on Page 34 in the Glory to God hymnal*

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy... Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit... now we pray the prayer Jesus taught saying:

**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.**

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Will Todd

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
For with blessing in his hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood;  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heavenly food.

At his feet the six-winged seraph,  
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence,  
As with ceaseless voice they cry:

Alleluia, Alleluia,

Alleluia, Lord Most High *from the Liturgy of St. James, 4th century*

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

#### **SHARING GRACE**

#### **GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*Please also see the information about ways to give on the inside of the front cover of the bulletin. You are invited to pass the Friendship Pad found at the end of the pen.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM***Hope for Resolution*

Paul Caldwell &amp; Sean Ivory

Of the Father's love begotten,  
 E'er the worlds began to be.  
 He is Alpha and Omega,  
 He the source, the ending he.  
 Of the things that are, that have been,  
 and that future years shall see,  
 evermore and evermore.

Thula sizwe, ungabokhala,  
 uJehovah wakho uzokunqobela.

O ye heights of heav'n adore him,  
 Angel hosts his praises sing,  
 Pow'rs, dominions bow before him,  
 And extol our God and King.  
 Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
 ev'ry voice in concert ring.  
 Evermore and evermore. *Prudentius, 4th century*

*Be at peace, O people, for your God—  
 Jehovah—will protect you. South African freedom song*

**\*DOXOLOGY 143***Angels, from the Realms of Glory (stanza 4)*

REGENT SQUARE

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
 Evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One.  
 Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ,  
 the newborn King!**

**THE SENDING****\*HYMN 105***People, Look East*

BESANCON

Stanzas 1–3

**\*BLESSING****\*RESPONSE***Stanza 4 of People, Look East*

**Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim,  
 shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.  
 People, look east and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way.**

**POSTLUDE***Toccata on VENI EMMANUEL*

Adolphus Hailstork

*We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.  
 You are welcome to remain seated for the postlude or exit quietly.*

*\*Please stand if you can do so comfortably.*

*For our worshipers who use hearing devices, please be reminded that we have the T-Coil system available. If you have the T-coil feature on your hearing device, and most devices do have that feature, you simply need to switch it to that setting. If you would like a unit, please ask an usher to provide one.*

# IN WORSHIP TODAY

## THE MEANS OF GRACE

*Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is “The Word of Life.” Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God’s seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is “The Font of Identity.” The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is “The Table of Sustenance.”*

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eleanore Nickerson on the occasion of her birthday by her daughter and son-in-law, Valerie and Ernie Dreher.

## USHERS

8:30 a.m.—Diana Jester, Scott Carothers

11:00 a.m.—Connie Smith, Leigh Parrot, Linda Watson, Kim Lewis, Charlie Lewis (confirmand)

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin, liturgist

The Octet (8:30 a.m.); Sanctuary Choir and Youth Worship Arts Team (11:00 a.m.); Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Samuel Libra, Organist; Dave Clark, saxophone; Luciano Medina, percussion.

**Youth Worship Arts Team:** *Myles Hayden (percussion); Charlotte Pecceu, Samantha Rogers, Ben Williams, Graham Williams. Leaders: Ricky Case, Lindsay Cook, Mary Paige Taylor, Jim Rittenhouse*

Evan Vicic, Audio/Video Engineer; Brandon Hughes, Camera

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**About Today’s Music:** We welcome Dave Clark on saxophone, Luciano Medina and Myles Hayden on percussion, Samuel Libra on organ and piano, our Choir, and members of the Youth Worship Arts Team as we celebrate Advent with a mixture of traditional hymns and carols, some of which are set to jazz chords and stylings. *Hope for Resolution* is a song written by Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory and dedicated to Nelson Mandela and F.W. de Klerk in the wake of the dissolving of the Apartheid state in South Africa. A perfect offering for Peace Sunday, the notes in the score tell us why: *In its juxtaposition of a European chant melody and an anti-Apartheid songs from South Africa, this piece is a celebration of diversity. The arrangement reflects respect for divergent musical styles and points toward our innate (though sometimes neglected) potential for peaceful coexistence.* Will Todd, an English composer and jazz musician, has set *Let All Mortal Flesh* in a fresh music idiom, utilizing its ascending chant line with modern chords and rhythms. Similarly, the postlude is an updated take on an ancient melody by American composer Adolphus Hailstork, who teaches composition at Old Dominion University. It captures our restless Advent anticipation of Christ’s birth in its jagged syncopations and uneasy 5/4 meter.

## WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Jean Herp and her family on the death of her aunt, Elizabeth (Betsy) Gray, 11/19/21.

Charlie Castner and his family on the death of his brother, Henry Castner, 11/19/21.

## THE MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor

Rev. Jordan Akin, Associate Pastor for Youth

Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Worship &  
Music Ministries

Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's  
Ministries

Hayley Abell, Director of Weekday School

Lisa Bickett, Pastoral Assistant

Keith DeCosta, Sexton

Rick Farrow, Facilities

Samuel Libra, Organist & Communications  
Assistant

Tanner Williams, Receptionist/Admin. Assistant

Chelsea Beasley, Interim Formations Assistant

Jackie Grimley, Bookkeeper

Christina Recktenwald, Children's Choirs  
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Ricky Case, Children's Choirs Co-Coordinator

Amy Heckmann, Childcare Coordinator

Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate

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