

*Light from
Light*



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 13, 2020

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Meditation on *Veni Emmanuel*

Advent Antiphon III
The Octet; Guy Younce, organ

James MacMillan

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!
For the Lord himself is near.
Say to the faint of heart: *Be strong and do not fear, our God will come to save us.*

WELCOME

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 105

People, Look East

BESANÇON

Stanzas 1, 4, and 5

(Hymn can be found on page 7-8 of bulletin and page 24 of Booklet)*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Jordan Akin

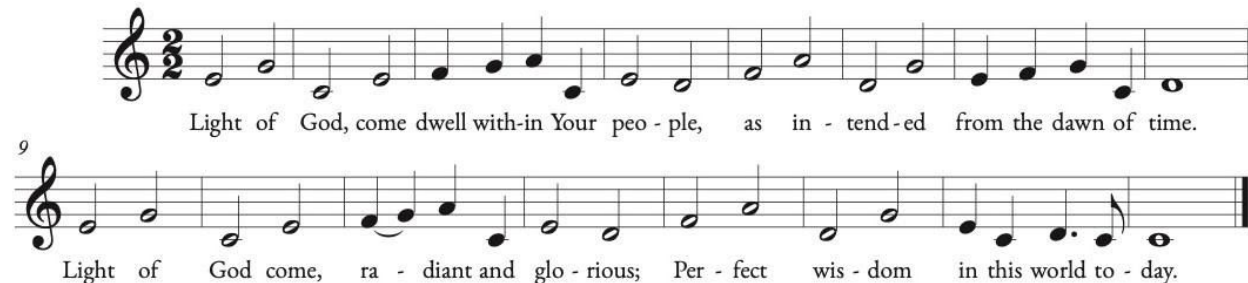
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Read in unison)*

Merciful God, you love justice; why, then, do we persist in wrongdoing and every form of evil? You have given us the gift of your Spirit; why, then, do we quench the Spirit among us? You have given us the words of the prophets and the Word himself; why, then, do we despise and ignore what we have heard from you? You have sent the light into the world; why, then, have we loved darkness rather than light? Forgive us.

Restore us. Till and tend us as your garden until righteousness and praise spring up, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

(Time for silent prayer)

*KYRIE



Light of God, come dwell with-in Your peo - ple, as in - tend - ed from the dawn of time.

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Light of God come, ra - diant and glo - rious; Per - fect wis - dom in this world to - day.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORIA** (to tune of *Of the Father's Love Begotten*) DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

**You are Light from Light Eternal! Living God from human womb,
Our deliv'rer and redeemer, known by cross and empty tomb...
Glory be to God, and You, our Savior, Jesus, hidden, Holy One,
evermore and evermore.**

THE WORD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Lily, Samantha, Kristen, and TJ Rogers

HYMN 94 *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper* JEFFERSON
Stanza 1
(*Hymn can be found on page 9-10 of bulletin and page 13 of Booklet**)

LESSON FOR CHILDREN Lorie Williamson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Jordan Akin

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

MUSICAL MEDITATION *Magnificat* Randall Thompson
(from III. The Annunciation, *The Nativity According to St. Luke*)
Christina Recktenwald, soprano; Guy Younce, organ

GOSPEL READING Luke 1:46-55

SERMON "The Real World" Rev. Steve Jester

THE RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

ANTHEM

Mary's Magnificat
Erin Shina, soloist

Andrew Carter

Softly a light is stealing, sweetly a maiden sings,
Ever wakeful, ever wistful. Watching faithfully, thankfully, tenderly her King of kings.
My soul doth magnify the Lord: And my spirit hath rejoiced, rejoiced in God my Savior.
Mary her song to Jesus softly, serenely sings: 'I will love you, I will serve you,
May my lullaby glorify, magnify My King of kings.'

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Read responsively)*

"Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer...**"

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.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 134

Joy to the World
Stanzas 1, 2, and 4
(Hymn can be found on page 11 and page 53 of Booklet)*

ANTIOCH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World
Guy Younce, organ

arr. Don Hustad

*Hymn can be found in the booklet included in the Advent-In-A-Bag.

IN WORSHIP TODAY

SHARING GRACE THROUGH GIVING: We welcome you to visit our Giving page on our website, www.2ndpreslou.org/giving to fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. You can also give toward the COVID-19 Relief Fund. Giving by text message is also available: Text 844-584-2059 and enter the amount you wish to donate. Thank you for your faithful support!

OUR ADVENT CANDLE LITURGY each Sunday and on Christmas Eve is led by one of our confirmands and their families. Today we welcome confirmand Lily Rogers and her family. Thank you, confirmation class, for bringing Light into the world!

OUR MUSIC AND PRODUCTION

The Octet of the Sanctuary Choir; Guy Younce, organist
Evan Vicic, audio/video technician; Elder Nick Maloney, video
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WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Patrice Paton and her family on the death of Patrice's nephew, Zeke Snow, 12/5/20.

Carol and Robert Kemp, Sister Stites and their families and friends on the death of Ashton Harcourt Kemp, 12/2/20.

Macie Nichols, daughter Martha, and all the family of Robert Nichols on his death, 11/30/20.

Matt Linville and his family on the death of his mother, Jan Linville, 11/25/2020.

Nancy Thomas and her family on the death of Nancy's brother-in-law, Frank Ray Myers, 11/22/20.

Georgia and Ruth Fitzwater on the death of daughter-in-law (Georgia)/sister-in-law (Ruth), Anne Marie Fitzwater, 11/9/20.

Ellen Rudd Prohaska and her family on the death of her spouse, Carl Prohaska, 11/8/20

UPCOMING EVENTS: Week of December 13

Advent at Second Presbyterian: Light from Light - Celebrate with your church community each **Sunday through December 20 at 11 a.m.** (YouTube 2ndpreslou) and at our **Advent Vesper services at 5 p.m. on Zoom** (links to be sent each week). We celebrate in liturgy and song that Light that dispels the darkness, and floods the world with the Love that is Jesus. Look for more information in Second Thoughts.

An Advent Study of Light: One Wednesday Evenings, Pastor Nathan Sautter will also be leading a four-week study exploring where light shows up in familiar advent texts. You can find the link in Seconds To Go.

Sunday School Children's Sunday School for the month of December is based on the movie "The Grinch". Bags will be available under the portico during office hours. The Sunday School bags contain materials that relate to a lesson that will go out each Sunday morning via the Children's Ministry Newsletter, 2PK (2nd Pres Kids) and will be posted on the church's website under Resources.

Join us on December 16 for a **Service of Light** which will be available on our YouTube channel at 12 p.m. In scripture, song and prayer we will be reminded that God's light always shines in the darkness and no matter how long the night God's dawn will come.

Christmas Eve

Welcome home, Children of God . . . to three services that celebrate our Light from Light: Jesus the Christ Child.

***Outdoor Candlelight Service at 5 p.m.** (*Weather permitting*) - We will gather in our Chapel Courtyard to hear the story of the birth of Jesus in song as members of our Octet and Guy Younce present carols of the season; through shadowbox theatre as our children's ministry team presents "In Light & Darkness"; and as we hear the Word proclaimed by Pastor Steve Jester. Candles will be provided.

Live Streamed Candlelight Communion Service at 8 p.m. with Pre-Service Music at 7:45 p.m. (YouTube 2ndpreslou). Join us with your families at home as we celebrate with the traditional Festival of Lessons and Carols. **From December 22 to 24, you may pick up your candles and communion elements, along with a printed bulletin, from under the portico outside Door 3. (A bulletin link will also be sent before the service.)**

***Outdoor Candlelight Service at 10 p.m.** (*Weather permitting*) - Once again, we will gather in our Chapel Courtyard to hear the story of the birth of Jesus simply shared in the stillness of the night as members of the Octet, Guy Younce, and Jamie Monck, guitarist, lead carols.

***ABOUT OUR OUTDOOR SERVICES:** *We will follow the protocols for our summer services (please wear a mask; bring your chair; observe safe spacing). There will not be a bulletin for these services.* Please see our website for full protocols and more service details: 2ndpreslou.org.

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor

Rev. Nathan Sautter, Associate Pastor for
Community Life

Rev. Jordan Akin, Associate Pastor for Youth

Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Worship and
Music Ministries

Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's Ministries

Hayley Abell, Director of Weekday School

Lisa Bickett, Pastoral Assistant

Chelsea Beasley, Formation Assistant

Beth Haendiges, Community Life Assistant

Keith DeCosta, Sexton

Christina Recktenwald, Children's Choirs Co-Coordinator

Ricky Case, Children's Choirs Co-Coordinator

Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate

Jackie Grimley, Bookkeeper

Virginia Fortner, Worship and Music Assistant

Guy Younce, Interim Organist

Rev. Samuel Oboamah Asiedu, Seminary Intern

Paula S. Roberts, Organist Emerita

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People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more
 5 An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

Peo - ple, look


a - ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.

This text was written to provide a new Advent text for an existing carol tune, here named for the city in eastern France where it originated. The author has imaginatively expressed the cosmic implications of Christ's coming by addressing each stanza to a part of creation.

TEXT: Eleanor Farjeon, 1928, alt.
 MUSIC: French folk melody; harm. Martin Shaw, 1928
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 Music Harm. © 1928 Oxford University Press


BESANÇON
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east and sing to - day:



Peo-ple, look east: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
Love, the Rose, is on the way.
Love, the Bird, is on the way.
Love, the Star, is on the way.
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Peo-ple, look east: (Love is on the way.)



94 Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is
 2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to
 3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of

grow - ing thin. Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten
 drift a - way. Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness
 wis - dom's seed, come to bless with fire and fra - grance

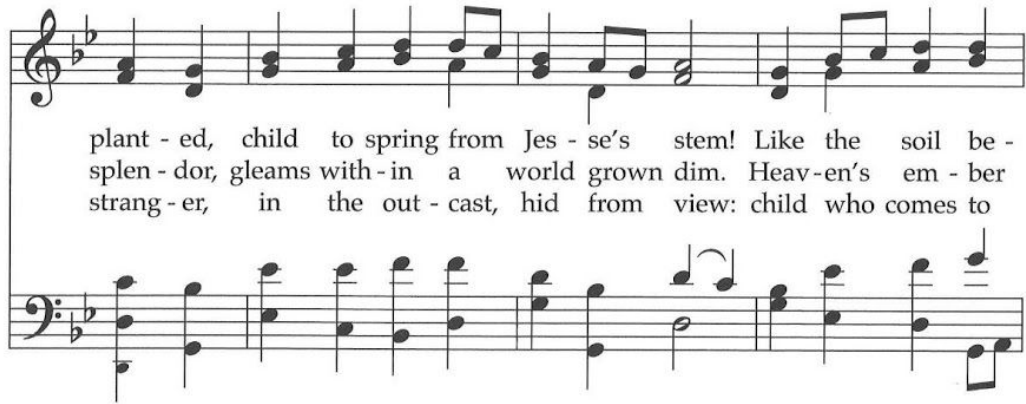
to the stir - ring, faint with - in: seed of prom - ise, deep - ly
 shines the hope of com - ing day. Christ, the morn - ing star of
 hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need. In the lone - ly, in the

This Advent text artfully interweaves what is hidden and what is revealed, primarily in the coming of the long-awaited Messiah. But Christ himself taught us about another hidden truth, his presence in the "least of these" (Matthew 25:40, 45), whom we are also called to welcome.

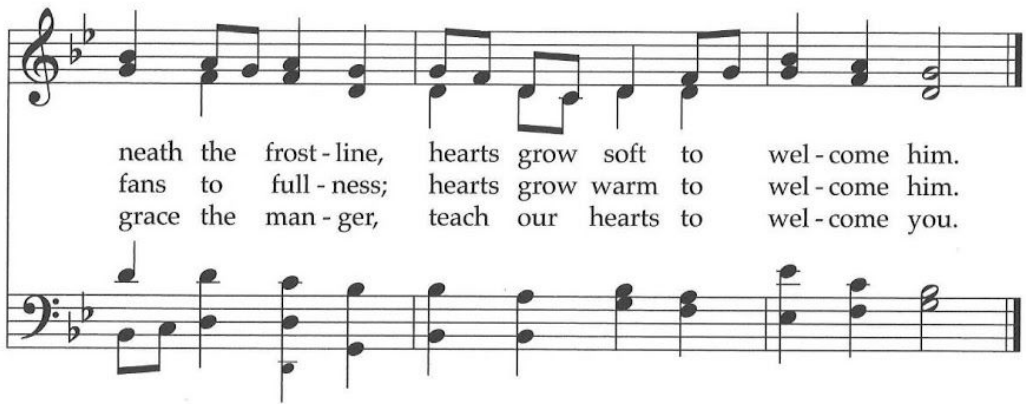
TEXT: Mary Louise Bringle, 2005
 MUSIC: Alexander Johnson's *Tennessee Harmony*, 1818; harm. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978
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JEFFERSON
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JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT



plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem! Like the soil be -
splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim. Heav - en's em - ber
strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view: child who comes to



neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

134 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
 MUSIC: Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742; arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

ANTIOCH
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