

*Light from
Light*



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 6, 2020

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Guy Younce, organ

arr. Paul Manz

WELCOME

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 87

Comfort, Comfort Now My People
(Hymn can be found on page 7 of bulletin and page 6 of Booklet*)

GENEVAN 42

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Jordan Akin

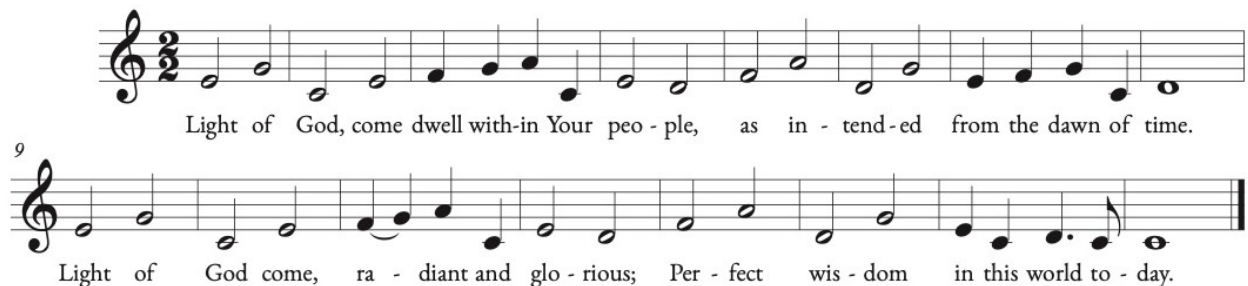
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Read in unison)*

Based on Psalm 85

Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness. We suffer from impatience, apathy and greed; we have not been at peace. We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love. Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sins, that we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name.

(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

Justin, Justina, Stella, Sam, and Lillian Powers

HYMN OF RESPONSE 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

(Hymn can be found on page 8 of bulletin and page 25 of Booklet)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Samuel Oboamah Asiedu

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:1-8

SERMON

“Where Vision Fails”

Rev. Steve Jester

THE RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM

And the Glory of the Lord (from Messiah)

G.F. Handel

The Octet

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. - *Isaiah 40:5*

SHARING GRACE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

How can we thank you, O God? ... we join the ancient and eternal hymn:

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.

We give you thanks, Holy God, for Jesus ... remembering Christ's dying and rising, and praying: Come, Lord Jesus!

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

Pour out your holy spirit upon us ... and so we pray as you taught us 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

COMMUNION MUSIC

O Nata Lux (from *Lux Aeterna*)
The Octet

Morten Lauridsen

*O nata lux de lumine,
Jesu redemptor saeculi,
dignare clemens supplicum
laudes preces que sumere.
Qui carne quondam contegi
dignatus es pro perditis.
Nos membra confer effici
tui beati corporis.*

O light born of light,
Jesus redeemer of the world,
Gently consider your suppliants'
Praises and prayers which they offer.
You who once considered it right
To be clothed in flesh for sinners,
Grant us to be made limbs of your
blessed body.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING

*HYMN 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
(Hymn can be found on page 9 of bulletin and page 21 of Booklet*)

TRURO

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come

arr. Paul Manz

*Hymn can be found in the booklet included in the Advent-In-A-Bag. Please see the announcement under "Upcoming Events" on page 5 of the bulletin for more information.

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. We are grateful to confirmand Merritt Walker and her family - Tracy, Annie, James, and Lizzie - for leading us on the First Sunday. Today we welcome confirmand Stella Powers and her family - Justin, Justina, Sam, and Lillian - as they lead us. 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

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 6

Advent at Second Presbyterian: Light from Light - Celebrate with your church community each Sunday through December 20 at 11 a.m. (Livestream) 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: 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.

Light from Light: Advent bags Today (Sunday, December 6), is the last day the Advent bags will be available for pick-up under the portico. Advent bags are appropriate for all ages. Included in the bag are materials to create an advent wreath, a family devotional, an adult devotional, a Christmas songbook and readings for candle lighting at home. We encourage everyone to take part in this Advent tradition as we await the coming of the Christchild.

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.

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor

Rev. Nathan Sautter, Assoc. Pastor for Community Life

Rev. Jordan Akin, Assoc. Pastor for Youth

Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Worship and Music Ministries

Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's Ministries

Hayley Abell, Director of Weekday School

Christina Recktenwald, Children's Choirs Coord.

Ricky Case, Children's Choirs Coord.

Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate

Guy Younce, Interim Organist

Paula S. Roberts, Organist Emerita

Rev. Samuel Oboamah Asiedu, Seminary Intern

Comfort, Comfort Now My People 87

1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.

"Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.

To my peo - ple now pro - claim that my par - don waits for them!
 O, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,

Tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war - fare now is o - ver."
 Let the val - leys rise in meet - ing and the hills bow down in greet - ing.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

This 17th-century German paraphrase of Isaiah 40:1-5 was one of the texts translated as part of the 19th-century British interest in German religious poetry. It is set here to one of the most popular Genevan Psalter tunes, probably derived from an earlier French folksong.

TEXT: Johannes Olearius, 1671; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.
 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

GENEVAN 42
 8.7.8.7.7.8.8

106 Prepare the Way, O Zion

1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace,

Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 and ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow re - joic - ing, their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.

Refrain

O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

Guitar chords in Pew Edition do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This engaging Advent text based on Isaiah 40:3-5 and Psalm 24:7-10 has been in use in the Church of Sweden for almost two hundred years. It is set to a version of an even older Swedish tune, which in turn seems to be derived from a German folk tune that spread to Scandinavia.

TEXT: Frans Mikael Franzen, 1812; rev. 1819; trans. Augustus Nelson, 1950;
 adapt. Charles P. Price, 1980, alt.
 MUSIC: *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697; arr. American Lutheran Hymnal, 1930
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BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN
 7.6.7.6.7.7 with refrain

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7-10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer's heart, and concludes with the individual's welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.

TEXT: Georg Weissel, 1642; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863
 MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778

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