

*Christmas Eve Worship*

*December 24, 2021—5:00 p.m.*

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

**Bold type** *is sung or read in unison.*



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## The Gathering

PRELUDE

*I Wonder as I Wander*

John Jacob Niles

Isabella Recktenwald, soprano

*Sing We Now of Christmas & God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

arr. Brant Adams

Sierra Williamson, trumpet

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

arr. Aaron David Miller

Samuel Libra, organ

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

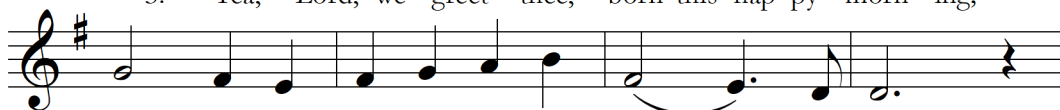
\*CAROL

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES



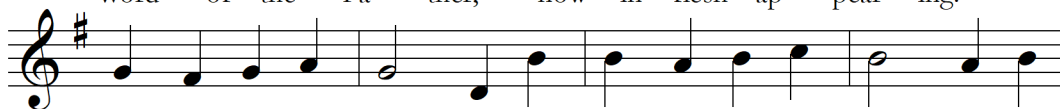
1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



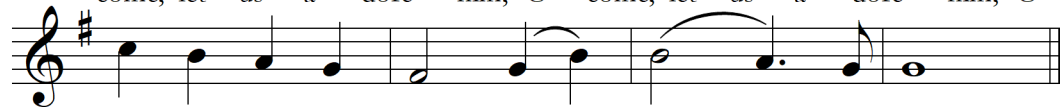
come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem!  
sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove!  
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels. O  
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:



come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O



come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ, you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to the glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may watch and wait and once more hear the story of our Savior coming into our midst. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for you. Savior of the nations, come.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*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.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## *The Word*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Brandon, Elizabeth, Evie, Nolan, & William Hughes

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

*That Night in Bethlehem*

Mary and Joseph

Russ Dunlap

*Away in a manger, St. 1*

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.**

The Animals

Rev. Jordan Akin

*Away in a manger, St. 3*

**The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

The Angels

Laura Atkinson

*Angels we have heard on high, St. 3*

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains:  
Gloria... in excelsis Deo! Gloria... in excelsis Deo!**

The Shepherd

Jason Steigerwalt

*Angels we have heard on high, St. 2*

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?  
Gloria ... in excelsis Deo! Gloria ... in excelsis Deo!**

Conclusion

Lorie Williamson

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*, St. 3 **Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:1–20

HOMILY

Rev. Steve Jester

## *The Response*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

Philippians 2:5–11

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*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.**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Ding Dong! Merrily on High*

arr. David Willcocks

The Octet

Ding dong! Merrily on high,  
In heav'n the bells are ringing.  
Ding dong! verily the sky  
Is riv'n with angel singing.  
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below,  
Let steeple bells be swungen,  
And “Io, io, io!”  
By priest and people sungen.  
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime  
Your matin chime, ye ringers.  
May you beautifully rhyme  
Your eve'time song, ye singers.  
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of wonder, we offer you these humble gifts, signs of your goodness and mercy. Receive them with our gratitude, that through us all people may know the riches of your love in the Word made flesh. Amen.**

\*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*To light your candle, tilt your unlit candle toward the lit candle held by the person next to you.*

\*CAROL

*Silent Night*

STILLE NACHT



1.Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright  
2.Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;  
3.Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;



'round you vir - gin mo - ther and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,  
glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu - ia:  
with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our King:



sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"  
Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.

*The Sending*

\*BLESSING

\*RESPONSE

*Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH



Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -



ceive her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him



room, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and



heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing!

POSTLUDE

*Toccata on ANTIOCH*

David Cherwein

## *The flowers and wreathes are given to the glory of God and...*

### *Poinsettias*

In loving memory of J.D., Angelina, and Carletta Buckman by Ann Buckman.  
In loving memory of my parents, Lois & Al Ahlers by Sherry Farson.  
In loving memory of Mary Hagan and Charlie Scholtz by Frances Scholtz.  
In loving memory of Kenneth Middleton by Sarah Middleton, Brian & Margaret Lewis.  
In loving memory of Robert Nichols by Kent & Kathy Oyler.  
In loving memory of Lucy & Gene Owen by Virginia, Rob, Caroline, Graham & Olivia Foshee.  
In loving memory of Bing & Bert Summerell by Eric & Susan Lehmann.  
In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hughes and Mr. & Mrs. Robert K. Lewis by Mr. & Mrs. W. Edwin Lewis.  
In loving memory of Caroline Vitale, granddaughter; Hazel & Herb Ledford, Emily's parents; Harold & Ruby Lawrence, & Lucy Lawrence, Tom's parents & Sister; by Emily & Tom Lawrence.  
In loving memory of our parents, Alice Cary & Eugene Farmer, Leslie Reynolds Hill & Douglas H. Owen by Elizabeth & Doug Owen.  
In loving memory of Jeanie Wilson by Ed Wilson.  
In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Dade; Mr. & Mrs. Gerald F. Tyrrell; and Gerald G. Tyrrell; by Sandall & Tom Tyrrell.  
In loving memory of Helen & Edward Berry and Elizabeth & Clifford Duke by Marilyn & Gordon Duke.  
In loving memory of Kathleen von Roenn by Joan & LaMar Gaston.  
In loving memory of Gorman J. Roberts Sr. by Madge, Jeff, Paula, Grant & Katherine Roberts.  
In loving memory of Robert W. Nichols and Thomas B. Nichols by Martha Clay Nichols and The Pecceu Family.  
In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Carter and Mr. & Mrs. W. Roberts Wood by Susan & David Wood and Family.  
In loving memory of our parents by Bonnie & John Stone.  
In loving memory of Mr. John G. Seiler Jr. By Kelly, Joe, Campbell, & Elizabeth Seiler  
In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. John G. Treitz and Mr. & Mrs. Albert C. Dick Jr. by Harriet & Greg Treitz.  
In loving memory of Elsa Kalmbach by Emory Apple.  
In loving memory of our parents, Mr. & Mrs. Mason Venner Smith and Mr. & Mrs. Lester J. Rausch by Gene & Connie Smith.  
In loving memory of Frederick C. Ehrman, M.D. by his family.  
In loving memory of Ethelyn & John Jeffords and Ruth & Charles Clark by Sharon & Tim Clark.  
In loving memory of Eloise & Marshall Lane and Eunice & Brooks Blevins by Linda & Harold Blevins.  
In loving memory of Nellie Ruth Smith Haynes, Pearly Clair Haynes, Ann Elizabeth Haynes Borrett, Lloyd Milburn Borrett, Jr., Willie Warner Skiles Smith, Earl Franklin Smith, Anna Wilhema Ernsteina Koch Haynes, Pearly Clyde Hanes, Donnadella Ann Haynes Gardner, William Hardwick Gardner, Herbert Vine, Peggy Rae Cohen Vine, Betty Seligman Bernstein by Jim Haynes.  
In loving memory of Barbara & George Dudley by their family.  
In loving memory of Sean's parents and Connor, Carter, Kennedy & Kerrigan's grandparents, Robert G. Lohman, Jr., & Phyllis Lee Deeb by Sean, Connor, Carter, Kennedy, and Kerrigan Lohman.  
In loving memory of BeBe & Granddaddy Shancyfelt by Mark, Shannon, Henry, Louisa, and Charlie Doyle.  
In loving memory of Dr. Nick Ochs by Susan Ehrman Ochs.  
In loving memory of Paxton Price by Sissy and Makenzie, with love.  
In loving memory of Courtney Cooper by Cheryl & Walter Crutcher.  
In loving memory of Joseph & Irene Egan and Charles W. "Chippy" Drury by Tanner & Paige Williams.  
In honor of our children, Abby, Allison, & Scott by John & Laura Davis.  
In honor our children, Campbell & Elizabeth Seiler by Kelly & Joe Seiler.  
In honor of our families by Jeanne & Stan Curtis.  
In honor of our grandchildren by Nancy & John Hubbard  
In honor of Ed & Mary F. Glasscock. Love, your family.  
In honor of Henry W. Snyder by Susan & Chip Snyder.  
In honor and celebration of our grandchildren by Charlie & Edith Huber.  
In honor of my children, Connor, Carter, Kennedy & Kerrigan Lohman by Sean Lohman.  
In honor of our grandchildren, John & Eleanor Gleason, Rose, Josephine, and Dorothy Conway by Lorrie & Peter Conway.  
In honor of Sara Gail Haynes, Ashley Ann Haynes, Marc Travis Haynes, Margaret Claire Haynes, Alexandra Elizabeth Haynes, Jeffrey Austin Haynes by Jim Haynes.

### *Wreaths*

In loving memory of their parents, Robert & Marilyn Smith and George & Ruth Conway by Peter and Lorrie Conway.  
In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ben W. Kilgore, Jr. by their daughter Betty Kilgore Gibbs.  
In loving memory of Dr. Jerry Flowers by his family.  
In loving memory of William Hancock, Jr. by Mary Collis Hancock and family.  
In memory of her parents, Mr. H. Lyle Duerson, Jr. and Jane Duerson Potter by Mrs. W.T. Scovil and family.  
In honor of my mother and father, Lucy & E. J. O'Brien by Jay O'Brien.



*Thank you to Anne Ehrman, Nancy and John Hubbard, Diana Jester, Susan and Eric Lehmann, Susan Ochs, Kathy Oyler, Sallye Pence, Lorrie Conway, Jennifer Scott, Marcy Suter, Susan Wood, Bonnie & Larry Boram, for the decorating of the church for Christmas.*



# In Worship Today

## Ushers

Connie Smith, Gene Smith, Catherine Delaney, Cahill Delaney, Hayden Delaney, Keith Delaney, Patrick Sartor, Carter Sartor, Roberts Sartor, Lunsford Sartor, Blake Blythe, Todd Lyles, Becky Lyles, Mackenzie Lyles

## Our Worship Leaders

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin, liturgist; Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's Ministries  
*The Octet:* Christina Recktenwald, Erin Shina, *sopranos*; Krista Heckmann, Laura Atkinson, *altos*;  
Jonathan Cornell, Kenneth Oeth, *tenors*; Russ Dunlap, Jason Steigerwalt, *basses*  
Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Samuel Libra, Organist; Isabella Recktenwald, soprano; Sierra Williamson, trumpet  
Evan Vivic, Audio/Video Engineer; Michael Beasley, Camera

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## We Lift Up in Prayer

Brad Williamson and his family on the death of his father, Bill, 12/16/21.  
Susan Schmidt and her family on the death of her husband, Steve, 12/14/21.  
Kelly Seiler and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Nick Strong, 12/10/21.  
Priss Hovious and her family on the death of her father, Nelson D. Rodes Jr., 12/01/21.  
The family and friends of Bill Brittain on his death, 11/21/21.  
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.

**ON SUNDAYS DECEMBER 26 AND JANUARY 2, WE WILL HAVE JUST ONE WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY AT 11:00 A.M. BOTH SUNDAYS WILL ALSO BE LIVESTREAMED.**

## The Ministry Team

Rev. Steven P. Jester	<i>Pastor</i>	Tanner Williams	<i>Receptionist &amp; Administrative Assistant</i>
Rev. Jordan Akin	<i>Associate Pastor for Youth</i>	Chelsea Beasley	<i>Interim Formation Assistant</i>
Jim Rittenhouse	<i>Director of Worship &amp; Music Ministries</i>	Jackie Grimley	<i>Bookkeeper</i>
Lorie Williamson	<i>Director of Children's Ministries</i>	Christina Recktenwald	<i>Children's Choirs Co-Coordinator</i>
Hayley Abell	<i>Director of Weekday School</i>	Ricky Case	<i>Children's Choirs Co-Coordinator</i>
Lisa Bickett	<i>Pastoral Assistant</i>	Amy Heckmann	<i>Childcare Coordinator</i>
Keith DeCosta	<i>Sexton</i>	Elizabeth Clay	<i>Parish Associate</i>
Rick Farrow	<i>Facilities</i>	Paula S. Roberts	<i>Organist Emerita</i>
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