

*Light from  
Light*



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 29, 2020

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

## THE GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (from BWV 645)*  
"Awake, for the voice of the watchman cries to us"  
Trevor Johnson, oboe; Guy Younce, organ

J.S. Bach

### WELCOME

### PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

### \*HYMN 82

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
(Hymn can be found on page 5 of bulletin and page 1 of Booklet\*)

HYFRYDOL

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

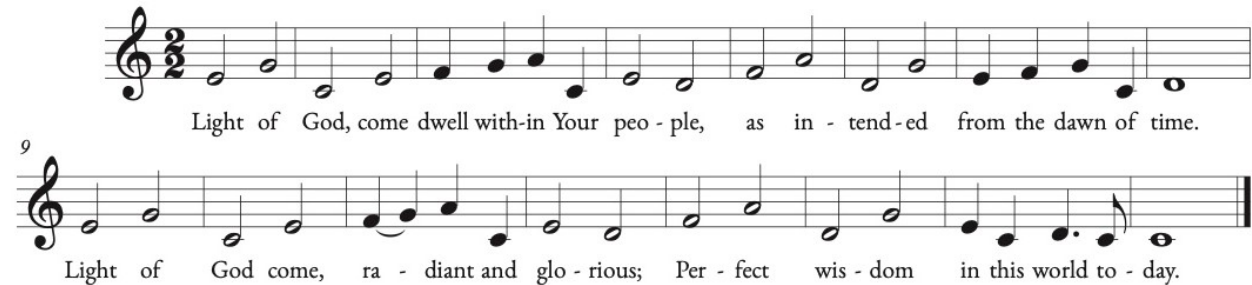
### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Read in unison)

*Based on Isaiah 64 and Psalm 80*

God-with-us, even in Advent, we confess that you can seem far away. You are hidden when we need you near. In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw closer to you; instead, we ignore you, we hurt our neighbor and even those we love. Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us! Let your face shine until our tears are dried, our sins faded, and our hope is restored. We trust that we belong to you and in your hands we can be made new. In the one who makes all things new, Christ Jesus.

*(Time for silent prayer)*

### \*KYRIE



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

Light of God come, ra - dian 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**

Tracy, Annie, Merritt, James, and Lizzie Walker

**HYMN 89**

*For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits*

Intro: Trevor Johnson, oboe

St. 1,3, and 6 (Soloists); Congregation sings refrains when directed

*(Hymn can be found on page 6 of bulletin and page 8 of Booklet\*)*



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.

**LESSON FOR CHILDREN**

Lorie Williamson

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Rev. Nathan Sautter

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

**GOSPEL READING**

Mark 13:24-37

**SERMON**

*"12th Man"*

Rev. Jordan Akin

## THE RESPONSE

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Brief Statement of Faith*

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... With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

*Sleepers Wake, for Night Is Flying* (from Cantata 140)

J.S. Bach

The Octet

Sleepers wake, for night is flying, the watchmen on the heights are crying. Awake, Jerusalem, at last! Midnight hears the welcome voices and at the thrilling cry rejoices: "the time has come, O maidens wise!" Beyond all earthly ken those wondrous joys remain, that God prepares. Our hearts rejoice, *io, io*. Ever *in dulci jubilo!*

## SHARING GRACE

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Read responsively)*

“God of hope while we wait for your coming, **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

*The Days Are Surely Coming*  
(to tune of *The Day of Resurrection*)

LANCASHIRE

**The days are sure coming, says God to all the earth,  
When you will see my promise: salvation come to birth.  
My righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land  
And you will be delivered by my almighty hand.**

**The days are surely coming, says Christ, the promised one,  
When you will read my warning in moon and stars and sun.  
Though earth and heaven tremble, stand up and do not fear,  
For I am your redeemer, and I am drawing near.**

**The days are surely coming when we will know at last  
The fullness of God's presence, God's promise, come to pass.  
Then righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land  
And we will be delivered by God's almighty hand.**

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Concerto Grosso in B-flat, IV. Vivace*

G. F. Handel

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## IN WORSHIP TODAY

**SHARING GRACE THROUGH GIVING:** We welcome you to visit our Giving page on our website, [www.2ndpreslou.org/giving](http://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 MUSIC AND PRODUCTION

The Octet of the Sanctuary Choir; Guy Younce, organist; Trevor Johnson, oboe  
Elder Nick Maloney, video

We welcome Trevor Johnson to our musical leadership this morning. Trevor holds the chair of Assistant Principal in the Louisville Orchestra, and a familiar face to Second Presbyterian.

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## **WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER**

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.

The family of former member Hal Hughes on his death, 10/27/2020.

Chuck Nesbitt and his family on the death of his mother, Gerry Nesbitt, 10/9/20.

Former Second Presbyterian associate pastor Harry Daniel on the death of his wife of 51 years, Betty Daniel, 10/7/20.\*

Nina Hilbert on the death of her husband, Steve Hilbert, 10/6/20

## **UPCOMING EVENTS: Week of November 29**

**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.

**Light from light: Advent bags** will be available for pick up today and will continue to be available under the portico through-out the weeks ahead. 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.

## **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 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

# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.

Is-rael's strength and con-so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.  
by thine all - suf-fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

# For You, O Lord, My Soul 89

## in Stillness Waits

### My Soul in Stillness Waits

*Refrain*    Am    Dm    F    G    A    B<sup>b</sup>    C    Am7    Dm    *Fine*

For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.

Dm    Am    Dm    Am    Dm

1 O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of glo - ry,  
 2 O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our spir - its;  
 3 O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with - in us,  
 4 O Key of Knowl - edge, guide us in our pil - grim-age;  
 5 Come, let us bow be - fore the God who made us;  
 6 Here we shall meet the Mak - er of the heav - ens,

Am    Dm    Am    Dm    Am

your ra-diance shines in all who look to you; come, light the  
 our thirst - y hearts are yearn - ing for your word; come, make us  
 and in your ad - vent, draw us all to you, our hope re -  
 we ev - er seek, yet un - ful-filled re - main; o - pen to  
 let ev - ery heart be o - pened to the Lord, for we are  
 Cre - a - tor of the moun-tains and the seas, Lord of the

Dm    Am    G    C    Am7    Dm    Am    Dm    *to Refrain*

hearts of all in dark and shad - ow.  
 whole, be com - fort to our hearts.  
 born in dy - ing and in ris - ing.  
 us the path - way of your peace.  
 all the peo - ple of God's hand.  
 stars, and pres - ent to us now.

With a paraphrase of Psalm 62:5 as a refrain, this Advent text adapts four of the "Great O" antiphons (all of which can be seen in no. 88), combining them with a paraphrase of Psalm 95:6-7 and an echo of a medieval hymn. This rich blend yields a wealth of imagery and meaning.



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