

*Light from
Light*



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 20, 2020

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Medley of Carols
Guy Younce, organ; The Octet and Congregation

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.
O, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the Son of Mary.

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ was born today.
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

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!

WELCOME

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 112

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing
Stanzas 1, 2, and 4
(Hymn can be found on page 8 of bulletin and page 31 of Booklet)*

SUSSEX CAROL

*CALL TO CONFESSION

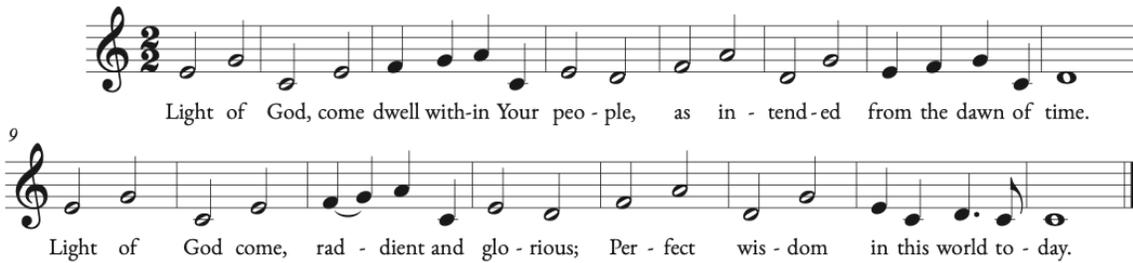
Rev. Jordan Akin

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Read in unison)*

Faithful God, we know that you are always there to guide us, yet we often make plans without listening to you, and discover that our human agendas can drown out our ability to hear your will for us. We repent of these faults and turn to you in love. Forgive our offenses and pardon our sins, that our lives may magnify your holy name forever. Amen.

(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, rad - dient 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

Robert, Patrick, Georgia, and Katherine Farnan

HYMN 130

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light
Stanza 1

ERMUNTRE DICH

(Hymn can be found on page 9 of bulletin and page 49 of Booklet)*

LESSON FOR CHILDREN

Lorie Williamson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Radiant Dawn
The Octet

James MacMillan

O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice:
 come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.
 Isaiah had prophesied, *'The people who walked in darkness have seen the great light;
 upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.'* Amen. - a setting of the sixth-century antiphon *O Oriens*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 7:10-14

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Of the Father's Love Begotten

arr. Thomas Gibbs

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:26-38

SERMON

"Let It Be"

Rev. Nathan Sautter

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

Spotless Rose
Erin Shina, soloist

Ola Gjeilo

A Spotless Rose is blowing,
Sprung from a tender root,
Of ancient seers' foreshowing,
Of Jesse promised fruit;
Its fairest bud unfolds to light
Amid the cold, cold winter,
And in the dark midnight. *Alleluia!*

The Rose which I am singing,
Whereof Isaiah said,
Is from its sweet root springing
In Mary, purest Maid;
Through God's great love and might
The Blessed Babe she bare us
In a cold, cold winter's night. *Alleluia!*

SHARING GRACE

ANTHEM

Nun wandre Maria (Journey on now, Mary)
Ricky Case, tenor; Guy Younce, piano

Hugo Wolf

Translation: *(Joseph sings:)*
Journey on, now, Mary,
Keep journeying.
The cocks are crowing,
And the place is near.
Journey on, beloved,
My jewel,
And soon we shall
Be in Bethlehem.
Then you shall rest well
And slumber there.
The cocks are crowing,
And the place is near.
I will see, my lady,
That your strength is failing;

I can hardly, alas,
Bear your agony.
Courage! We shall find
Some shelter there.
The cocks are crowing,
And the place is near.
If only your hour of pain
Were over, O Mary,
I should handsomely reward
The happy tidings.
This little donkey here
I'd gladly give away!
The cocks are crowing,
Come! The place is near.

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 110

Love Has Come: A Light in the Darkness
(Hymn can be found on page 10 of bulletin and page 29 of Booklet*)

BRING A TORCH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Guy Younce, organ

Johannes Brahms

*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 Robert Farnan and his 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; Virginia Fortner, visual editor; Elder Nick Moloney, 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.

Update from Stewardship and Mission

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

As we continue our journey through the Covid-19 changed world, Second Presbyterian Church continues to show its compassion and love for others. With the generosity of our time, talents, and wealth, we are truly making a difference to ourselves and communities around us both locally and abroad.

Finances

2020 pledges-\$1,316,000 Budget-\$1,300,00. # of pledges- 277.

2020 money received from pledges-\$1,164,701. Deficit-\$151,937.

2020 non-pledge income- \$57,899 Budget- \$135,000.

2021 pledges- \$924,841. # of pledges-171.

Covid-19 Response Fund: Donations- \$70,001

Session & Pastor Fund- \$68,460

Total Disbursements- \$131,995

Covid-19 Fund Giving

Since our last report in November \$19,296 has been distributed for the following Covid-19 related needs of our mission partners.

Bellwood-Brooklawn Covered Covid-19 deficits and assure Christmas gifting for clients; provide Thanksgiving dinner for all residential clients

Peace Second Community Partnership Help provide Christmas meals to those in the community

El Salvador Provided food, crop replenishment and medical needs

Produce and More Distributed appropriate Thanksgiving and Christmas food to those in the West End

UofL Emergency Room staff of 50 Donated a very special Christmas Eve and Christmas Day dinner as thank you for their Covid-19 response dedication

Buckhorn Children’s Home Helped with monetary deficits secondary to Covid-19

Mission Committee Disaster Fund

\$5,000 to Accion Cristiana Medica in Nicaragua for food and shelter following hurricane Iota

Cabbage Patch Christmas

\$28,000 to make sure every child and adult in their system has a wonderful Christmas

To continue our wonderful church endeavors, please everyone remember to honor your 2020 pledge commitment, make a 2021 pledge, and continue your contributions to the Covid-19 fund. We thank you all for your continued compassion and generosity as we serve others to serve God.

John Hubbard
Stewardship Chair

Larry Sloan
Mission Chair

Transferring Stock to the Church

For stock transfers, please include name of donor and use the information below:

DTC Eligible Securities	Institutional ID: 0054 7 Agent Bank: 0054 7 DTC Participant: 0547 (self-clearing)	Account: #3848-1053 Account Name: 2nd Pres Church Company Name: Robert W Baird & Co DTC: #0547
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In addition, please email Jackie Grimley at jgrimley@2ndpreslou.org, so she can keep an eye out for the check.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Week of December 20

Advent Vesper service today at 5 p.m. on Zoom (links were sent in Seconds to Go, and will be sent out this afternoon). Join Pastor Nathan as we celebrate in liturgy and song that Light that dispels the darkness, and floods the world with the Love that is Jesus.

An Advent Study of Light, this Wednesday, December 23 - Pastor Nathan Sautter finishes his 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.

Christmas Eve @ Second Presbyterian

Welcome Home, Children of God ... to 3 services that celebrate our Light from Light: Jesus the Christ Child.

***5 p.m. Outdoor Candlelight Service** (*Weather permitting*)

8 a.m. Livestreamed Candlelight Communion Service with Pre-Service Music at 7:45 p.m.
([YouTube 2ndpreslou.org](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ndpreslou.org))

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.)

***10 p.m. Outdoor Candlelight Service** (*Weather permitting*)

***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. More details on our website: www.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

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing 112

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (A7) (D)
F B \flat F C7 F



1 On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing, to hear the
2 Then why should we on earth be sad, since our Re -
3 When sin de - parts be - fore his grace, then life and
4 All out of dark - ness we have light, which made the

(G) (A) (D) (G)
B \flat C F B \flat



news the an - gels bring; on Christ - mas night all
deem - er made us glad; then why should we on
health come in its place; when sin de - parts be -
an - gels sing this night; all out of dark - ness

(D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)
F C F B \flat C F



Chris - tians sing, to hear the news the an - gels bring,
earth be sad, since our Re - deem - er made us glad,
fore his grace, then life and health comes in its place;
we have light, which made the an - gels sing this night:

(A) (Em) (D) (A)
C Gm F C



news of great joy, news of great mirth,
when from our sin he set us free,
heav - en and earth with joy may sing,
"Glo - ry to God in high - est heaven;

(D) (G) (A) (G) (D)
F B \flat C B \flat F



news of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.
all for to gain our lib - er - ty?
all for to see the new - born King,
peace on earth and good - will. A - men!"

The words of this carol first appeared in 1684 in a collection by an Irish bishop, Luke Wadding. Whether they were his own work or something gleaned from popular use is not clear. The tune name recalls that the tune was collected in 1904 from Mrs. Verrall of Monk's Gate, Sussex.

130 Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Break forth, O beau-teous heaven-ly light, and ush-er in the

morn-ing. You shep-herds, shud-der not with fright, but hear the

an-gel's warn-ing. This child, now weak in in-fan-cy, our

con-fi-dence and joy shall be, the power of Sa-tan

break-ing, our peace e-ter-nal mak-ing.

This exuberant text, based on Isaiah 9:2-7, was the ninth of twelve stanzas in its original German hymn. The chorale tune associated with this hymn went through many changes at the hands of later composers, reaching its present form in J. S. Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*.

Love Has Come

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Capo 3: (D) (Bm7) (Em7) (A)
 F Dm7 Gm7 C

1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

(D) (Bm7) (Em) (A7) (D)
 F Dm7 Gm C7 F

Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all
 Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

(A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A) (G) (D)
 C F Dm F C B^b F

heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of
 glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her
 Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our

(Em7) (F#7) (G) (A) (Bm) (A7)
 Gm7 A7 B^b C Dm C7

joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

(D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A) (A7) (Dsus) (D)
 F C B^b C F C C7 Fsus F

Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.
 Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Here is a chance to sing a familiar French carol tune with new words, the most important clearly being "Love." The senses "seen and heard" (as in Acts 4:20 and elsewhere) organize the first two stanzas, while the third holds the summary statement: "Love is the gift of Christmas."

TEXT: Ken Bible, 1996
 MUSIC: French melody; arr. Eric T. Myers, 2012
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