

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 to connect with various ministries, or to contact the office for more information about our faith community.

If you are new to us, scan this QR Code to visit our website and learn about our life at Second.



Children of God, welcome home!

Thank you for silencing mobile phones and other devices to honor the sanctity of our worship.



For our 11:00 a.m. worshipers who use hearing devices, please be reminded that we have the T-Coil system available. If you have the T-coil feature on your hearing device, and most devices do have that feature, you simply need to switch it to that setting. If you would like a unit, please ask an usher to provide one.

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

Bold type is sung or read in unison.

DECEMBER 1, 2024 ✠ THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ✠ 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Service for the Lord's Day

But Zechariah replied to the angel, "How can I know that this is true?

I am an old man myself and my wife is getting on in years ..."

"I am Gabriel," the angel answered. "I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and tell you this good news." - Luke 1:19-20

The Gathering

11:00 a.m. TOLLING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

Stand Still and Wait

David Maddux

Stand still and wait for the night to pass over.
Under cover of darkness the morning will rise.
From the east comes the Hope, and it's wrapped up in sunlight.
So rest, close your eyes, and wait one more hour.
Our Joy has come in through the skies.

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Flor Peeters

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE *read responsively*

8:30 a.m. John, Sallie, and Lee Ann Cunningham

11:00 a.m. Kathryn, Eric, William, and Ava Grace Wright

From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us ... the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

We choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God's grace already at work in our midst.

We light this candle of hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here —

the days when God's love, justice, and mercy will reign.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Merciful God, you come to us in unexpected ways at unexpected moments. We so often fail to greet you or welcome your message. We doubt and turn away; we lose ourselves in dull routines; we insist on rules you do not require. Forgive us when we refuse the newness you bring. Forgive us when we let fear overtake our faith, making us timid when we should be bold. Come to us in our Advent waiting. Bring mercy for our weakness and grace for our sin. Set us free from all that holds us back so that we may praise you once again.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!**

*RESPONSE HYMN 103 *Come Now, O Prince of Peace, st. 3*

O-So-So

*11:00 a.m.: Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are invited to come forward;
they will be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.*

*Choir: Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all people*

**ALL: Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all people**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 1:5-15a, 18-23, 57-64

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Welcoming the Unexpected: Zechariah

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton

The Response

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *congregation remains seated*

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Gustav Holst

The Sanctuary Choir; Christina Recktenwald & Jason Steigerwald, soloists

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High!" - *Gerald Moultrie*

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS



We welcome you to scan this QR code and visit the Giving page on our website. You can fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. Thank you!

HYMN 79 *seated*

Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE

stanza 1: Soloist; stanza 2 & 3: Congregation

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *read responsively*

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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**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.

You are holy, O God of majesty...Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Hear us as we pray the prayer he taught us in his days upon the earth, saying:

THE LORD'S PRAYER *read in unison*

**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

All those who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to take part in the sacrament. A choice of red wine or white juice is offered. Gluten-free bread is available in cups on the plates. You are invited to say, as you pass the bread, "Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life" and as you pass the wine, "Jesus Christ, the Cup of Salvation."

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Advent Moon

Cecilia MacDowell

The Octet; Guy Younce, organ

Let the coming of the One
who arranges Orion and the Pleiades
begin in darkness.
Let the night be cold, with drifts of snow.
Let there be one lily blooming,
and whispered messages, and kneeling.
The fierce earth spins in expectation
beneath the long night's moon,
Advent moon.
Like the restless fox crossing frosted
meadows,
the silvered owl in focused, silent flight,
each of us is hungry.
In rooms of untold longing,
we sing our seasoned carols,
watch, and wait.

Let the coming of the One
who kindles fires of hope,
whose faithfulness runs far
beyond our sight,
be like the coming of a child.
Let there be milk, forgiveness, quiet arms.
Come quickly, Love, our dearest deep
and sweetest dawning.
Come, fill us with your light.
- *Words by Angier Brock*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

The Sending

*HYMN 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come

arr. Paul Manz

*We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.
You are welcome to remain seated for the postlude or exit quietly.*

In Worship Today

THE CHAPEL ADVENT CANDLE STAND

The Advent candle stand found in the Chapel is constructed of cherry and maple wood, stained red cherry and finished with lacquer and polished with paste wax. The lathed candle holders are etched with 3 rings representing God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Attached at the bottom of the main pole is an acorn symbolizing God's abundant forgiveness, love, and grace. The stand was constructed by Dr. Larry Boram and the wood was donated by Dr. Lynn Ogden.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Linda and Wayne Rudloff in honor of their parents and their five children.

USHERS

8:30 Peter Conway, Lorrie Conway

11:00 Edie Wells, Kit Davis, David Dorsey, Lee Ann Dorsey, Sandy Bailey,
Stephanie Fellon (Confirmation mentor), Amelia Hunter (Confirmand)

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton, preacher; Elizabeth Clay (8:30); Lorie Williamson &
Jim Rittenhouse (11)

The Octet (8:30) The Sanctuary Choir (11); Jim Rittenhouse, Director;
Guy Younce, guest organist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera (11)

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FEATURED ART (Bulletin Cover)

“The Angel Appearing to Zacharias”

(from a Retable depicting scenes from the life of John the Baptist).

Artist: Domingo Ram (Spanish, active 1464-1507). Public Domain.

Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, appears in elaborate dress with pendant bells and pomegranates. Recent scholarship indicates these depict his role as the High Priest, whose unique privilege it was to enter the Holy of Holies of the Temple in Jerusalem on Yom Kippur. Around his leg is a rope held by another priest, whose job it would be to extract the high priest's body if he died as a result of not properly carrying out his sacred duties. (from The Metropolitan Museum of Art website)

OUR COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Advent Moon” - poem by Angier Brock; music of Cecilia McDowall.

This choral anthem was a collaboration between lyricist and composer, commissioned by Bruton Parish Episcopal Church in Williamsburg, Virginia, where Angier Brock lives. (Cecilia McDowall lives in London.) It premiered at the church on December 1, 2013, sung by the Choirs of Bruton Parish. Brock's text illustrates the Creator of the constellations, descended from heaven to dwell with us—light in our darkness, food for our hunger, warmth in the cold.

We Lift Up in Prayer

Karla Wright (Weekday School Director) and family on the death of her brother, Jay Dunn, 11/20/24.

Jack, Susan, Elliott, Wesley and Rhodes Moss and family on the death of Jack's mother, Betty Gibbs, 11/18/24.

Brian and Lisa Houghlin & Sam, Brooks, and Lucy Owen on the death of Brian's mother, Donna, 11/14/24.

Evelyn Hwang and family on the death of her brother, Dr. Peter T. K. Wu, 11/10/24.

The family of Jim Appleberry on his death, 10/21/24.

Glenda Bumpas and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Jim Cunagin, 10/20/24.

Charles Ratliff, Liz & Jonathan Evans and family on the death of his wife and her mother, Melissa, 10/16/24.

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.

103 Come Now, O Prince of Peace

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1 Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love; make us one bod - y.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, hope of u - ni - ty; make us one bod - y.

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/4 time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are printed between the two staves.

Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec - on - cile all peo - ple.

The second system of music also consists of two staves in the same key signature and time signature as the first system. The lyrics are printed between the two staves.

79 Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

This is a hymn whose tune came first. Upon hearing it, the author recalled the watered garden of Isaiah 58:11, which in turn led to Isaiah 55:12, paraphrased in the refrain. Then came the stanzas, organized around their first two words: Light dawns, Love grows, Hope blooms.

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;
 3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
 In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
 when your re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.

Announcements

December 1, 2024

TO OUR VISITORS - Welcome to Second Presbyterian! Please help us get to know you better by filling out an information card (found in the pew pockets). You are welcome to hand the card to a pastor in the Narthex after the service or place it in the offering plate. *Thank you!*

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - There will be a Called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 8, for the purpose of electing new Elders, Deacons, and Trustees for 2025.

CHILDCARE is available for children 5 and under during the 8:30 am service and for children 3 and under during the 11:00 am service in room 120.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH - Older 3's - children that have completed 3rd grade will gather at the chancel to offer the Passing of the Peace of Christ and then exit through the side doors for activities.

CLUB456 - Children in 4th, 5th, & 6th will remain in worship to partake in communion with their family.

BREAKFAST & BIBLES will not meet today. Class will resume Sunday, December 8, when we will begin our Advent study based on How the Grinch Stole Christmas.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BIBLE STUDY HOLIDAY DINNER is Thursday, December 5 at 6:30pm at BJ's Restaurant (Oxmoor). Contact Becky Lyles at beckybluelyles@gmail.com to RSVP.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS FOOTBALL WATCH PARTY is Sunday, December 8 from 3:00pm - 5:00pm at the Anderton's home. Contact the church office for the address.

OPEN GYM - Every Tuesday from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. All kids in grades 4-12 are invited to come and play games with a devotion at half time.

2PY SKI TRIP is January 17-20, at Peek'n Peak resort in Clymer, NY. The final payment is due by Sunday, December 1, to secure your spot.

CABBAGE PATCH CHRISTMAS - We are currently collecting monetary donations to provide gifts for Christmas for Cabbage Patch families. Volunteers are needed to shop with families on Saturday, December 7 and wrap the presents on Sunday, December 8 between services. See the table in the Narthex for more information or to sign up to volunteer.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES - Please visit 2ndpreslou.org, see the Adult Christian Education brochure in the Narthex, or the bulletin boards for class descriptions. Childcare is available in the nursery (room 120) for children 5 and under and in the youth suite for Kindergarten - 6th grade for Sunday morning classes.

"SURPRISED BY JOY" - On December 15, our Choirs and orchestra present "Surprised by Joy" as part of our Advent worship at both 8:30 and 11. Both services are in the Sanctuary.

ADVENT SERVICE & WORKSHOP - Today, Sunday, December 1, 2024. Service at 5:30 pm, Dinner & Workshop 6:00 pm. Bring your entire family to welcome advent with this Second Presbyterian tradition of a family-centered service, dinner & wreath making, and crafts.

DEDICATION FLOWERS - There is an opening for dedication flowers in January. Please contact Nancy Hubbard if you are interested at 502-939-5744 or email nancyhubb@aol.com.

POINSETTIA PLANTS - Poinsettia plants are being offered to honor/remember individuals. The cost is \$20; the last day to order is Saturday, December 14. Order forms are at the reception desk in the church office and the welcome stations near the Chapel, Sanctuary, and Jester Fellowship Hall.

WREATHS - We have a limited number of wreaths available; the cost is \$35. If you would like to donate a wreath, please contact the church office at 502-895-3483 or email info@secondpreslou.org.

Upcoming Events

December 1, 2024

Sunday, December 1

		<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	
8:30 a.m.		Worship in the Chapel	Chapel
9:45 a.m.		Adult Faith Formation	Room 252, Parlor, JFHA, JFHB
11:00 a.m.		Service for the Lord's Day	Sanctuary/Live Streamed
		Children's Church	Room 150-154
12:30 p.m.		SPOT: Sunday Singles	Hurstbourne Country Club
5:30 p.m.		Advent Family Worship Service	Chapel
6:00 p.m.		Advent Workshop and Dinner	Great Hall

Monday, December 2

1:00 p.m.	Monday Afternoon Club	Room 252
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Tuesday, December 3

10:00 a.m.	SPOT: Book Notes	Filson Club
10:00 a.m.	SPOT: Walkers	(Offsite)
7:00 p.m.	Open Gym	Great Hall

Wednesday, December 4

10:30 a.m.	SPOT: 2nd Act	Grove Pointe, Masonic Home
10:30 a.m.	SPOT: Prayer Group	Room 251
11:30 a.m.	Hope & Healing While Grieving	Parlor

Thursday, December 5

6:30 p.m.	HS Girls' Holiday Dinner	(Offsite)
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Friday, December 6

7:00 a.m.	Men's Weekly Bible Study	Room 251
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Sunday, December 8

		<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	
8:30 a.m.		Worship in the Chapel	Chapel
9:30 a.m.		Cabbage Patch Gift Wrapping	Great Hall
9:45 a.m.		Adult Faith Formation	Room 252, Parlor, JFHA, JFHB
9:45 a.m.		Breakfast & Bibles	Youth Suite
9:45 a.m.		Confirmation Class	Youth Suite
11:00 a.m.		Service for the Lord's Day	Sanctuary/Live Streamed
		Children's Church & Club	Rooms 150-154, 180
12:00 p.m.		Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.		SPOT: Busy Needles	Parlor
3:00 p.m.		HS Boys Football Watch Party	(Offsite)



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