

# Service for the Lord's Day

## The Gathering

### CAROL SING

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

*Hymn 132*

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

IN DULCI JUBILO

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

*Hymn 136*

**refrain Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!**

GO, TELL IT

**While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light. *refrain***

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

*Hymn 143*

**Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
you, who sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!**

REGENT SQUARE

### WELCOME

### INTROIT

*Ding, Dong, Merrily on High*  
The Octet

Charles Wood

### CALL TO WORSHIP *read responsively*

We were like Simeon and Anna - two aged lives incarnate century on century of

waiting for you, God - their waiting-room your temple, waiting on your presence, marking time by practicing the cycle of the sacrifices.

**God of love, Christ is born, and we give you praise!**

**Your love is embodied among us, and we give you thanks.**

You are not abstract, but real.

**You are not far, but near.**

We waited for you, Jesus, and you burst into our world.

**Jesus, lead us to the place of God. We worship in awe,  
with gratitude, with love.**

\*HYMN 113

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

**Holy and merciful God, we confess we often fail to seek your wisdom for our lives. We think too highly of ourselves, choosing to go our own way instead of following your plans for us. We let the cares and concerns of this world crowd out your promise that you are with us always. Forgive us. Help us keep our trust in you so we may live faithful and obedient lives, relying on the wisdom of your Holy Spirit and the love of Christ to shape our lives and actions.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

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

\*RESPONSE

*Angels We Have Heard on High, refrain*

GLORIA

**Gloria...in excelsis Deo! Gloria...in excelsis Deo!**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

## *The Word*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING

Psalm 148

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

#### SECOND READING

Luke 2:22-40

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

#### SERMON

*The Way of the Prophet*

Rev. Andrew Bowman

## *The Response*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison* *from the United Church of Canada*

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

### 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!*



ANTHEM

*Christmas Lullaby*

John Rutter

The Octet; Guy Younce, organ

Clear in the darkness a light shines in Bethlehem.      With peace as his sceptre and love for his  
Angels are singing, their sound fills the air.              crown. *Ave Maria* ...  
Wise men have journeyed to greet their  
    Messiah  
But only a mother and baby lie there.  
    “Ave Maria, Ave Maria.”  
    Hear the soft lullaby  
    The angel host sing.  
    “Ave Maria, Ave Maria;  
    Maiden and Mother  
    Of Jesus our King.”  
Where are his courtiers and who are his  
    people,  
Why does he bear neither sceptre nor crown?  
Shepherds his courtiers- the poor for his  
    people

\*DOXOLOGY

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

REGENT SQUARE

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising to th’eternal Three in One.  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ,  
the newborn King!**

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE      *read in unison*

*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 145

*What Child Is This?*

GREENSLEEVES

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*X Noel*  
Guy Younce, organ

Louis-Claude Daquin

*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.*

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## *In Worship Today*

### USHERS

Emily Lawrence, John Bahe, Cheeky Bahe, Ernie Dreher, Valerie Dreher, Chuck Dobbins

### OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Andrew Bowman, preacher; Lorie Williamson, liturgist; Sandy Bailey, lay reader

The Octet of the Sanctuary Choir; Guy Younce, Organist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, Audiovisual Technician

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A TRIBUTE TO ORGANIST GUY YOUNCE - During the month of December, and a few Sundays before, we have been blessed by the gifts and spirit of Guy Younce. Guy has become a regular part of our musical family at Second, and is gracious to say “yes” to playing when we have needed him to do so. What brings such joy to us - choir and congregation - is that he does so with joy, grace, and humility. Please let Guy know your appreciation for his good service. We hope someday soon to see him back!

*Gratefully, Jim Rittenhouse*

### OUR FEATURED ARTWORK (front of bulletin)

#### **Train Station Waiting Room II, 2014**

Sam Nhlengethwa (South African, 1955–). Photolithograph and Chine collé, 43 × 53 cm. Edition of 10. Collection of the Southern African Foundation For Contemporary Art (SAFFCA). © the artist and Goodman Gallery.

*Sam Nhlengethwa (b. 1955, Payneville, Springs) part of a pioneering generation of late 20th century South African artists whose work reflects the sociopolitical history and everyday life of their country. Through his paintings, collages and prints Nhlengethwa has depicted the evolution of Johannesburg through street life, interiors, jazz musicians and fashion.*

## *We Lift Up in Prayer*

Lenny and Kelly Gant and family on the death of his father, Carl Gant, 12/8/24.

John Y. III, Rebecca, John Y. IV, and Maggie Brown and family on the death of his mother, and their grandmother, Ellie Brown, 12/7/24.

Elizabeth Owen on the death of her sister, Alice Cary Farmer Brown 11/29/24.

Tanner, Mandy, Kate, and McClain Watkins on the death of Tanner's grandmother, Jean Hensley, 11/26/24.

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.

# *Announcements*

# *December 29, 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!

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 gather at the chancel to offer the Passing of the Peace of Christ and then exit through the side doors for class.

CHILDCARE, CHILDREN'S CHURCH, & CLUB456 will take a break on 12/29. Activities will resume on 1/5/25.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT will take place on 1/18/25 for infants - 3rd grade. Please contact Lorie Williamson at [lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org) by Monday, 1/13, to reserve your spot.

CLUB456 MONTHLY MEETUP will take place on 1/18/25 for 4th -6th grades. Please let Lorie Williamson know your child will attend by Monday, 1/13.

BREAKFAST & BIBLES is on break for the holidays (12/29 and 1/5) and will resume Sunday, January 12.

OPEN GYM will not meet on Tuesday, 12/24, or 12/31. We will see you Tuesday, January 7 at 7:00 pm.

DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH - We are collecting monetary donations to support our foreign mission co-workers who are working in Lebanon, Costa Rica, and Madagascar.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING - We are currently collecting donations for the PCUSA Christmas Joy special offering.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES - Please visit [2ndpreslou.org](http://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.

WEDNESDAYS TOGETHER is returning Wednesday, January 8, with dinner, Children's Choirs and Worship Arts, and time for adult study with Andrew and fellowship. Dinners can be reserved by emailing Tammy at [tkissling@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:tkissling@2ndpreslou.org).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Our next Concert Series event is on January 26 at 3 p.m. "BACH+" will be an annual event featuring music from the Baroque and Renaissance. A 16-voice Vocal Ensemble will sing Bach's Furchte dich nicht and Handel's Chandos Anthem #9. Featured soloists come from our Octet and guest musicians. Alice-Culin Ellison is our concertmaster.

# Upcoming Events - December 29, 2024

## Sunday, December 29

9:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

### *First Sunday of Christmas*

Adult Faith Formation

Service for the Lord's Day

Rooms 252, Parlor, JFHA, JFHB

Sanctuary/Live Streamed

## Wednesday, January 1

The building will be closed in observance of New Year's Day.

## Friday, January 3

7:45 a.m.

Men's Weekly Bible Study

Room 251

## Sunday, January 5

8:30 a.m.

9:45 a.m.

9:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

### *Epiphany Sunday with Communion*

Service for the Lord's Day

Adult Faith Formation

Breakfast & Bibles

Service for the Lord's Day

SPOT: Sunday Singles

Chapel

Room 252, Parlor, JFHA, JFHB

Youth Suite

Sanctuary/Live Streamed

Offsite

## Monday, January 6

1:00 p.m.

Monday Afternoon Club

Room 252

## Tuesday, January 7

10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

SPOT: Walkers

Presbyterian Women

SPOT: Book Notes

Open Gym

Offsite

Room 252

Parlor

Great Hall

## Wednesday, January 8

10:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

SPOT: 2nd Act

Wednesdays Together

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Green Leaves Day Care

Rooms 150, 170, 180, Great Hall, JFH

Choir Room/Sanctuary

## Friday, January 10

7:00 a.m.

Men's Weekly Bible Study

Room 251

## Sunday, January 12

8:30 a.m.

9:45 a.m.

9:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:00 a.m.

### *Baptism of the Lord*

Service for the Lord's Day

Adult Faith Formation

Breakfast & Bibles

Service for the Lord's Day

Children's Church & Club456

SPOT: Busy Needles

Chapel

Rooms 150, 170, 180, Great Hall, JFH

Youth Suite

Sanctuary/Live Streamed

Rooms 150-154, 180

Parlor

## Monday, January 13

1:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

Monday Afternoon Club

Caregiver's Group

Room 252

Zoom



# 113 Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet-ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some ti - dings be which in - spire your heaven - ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - -

This French carol probably dates from the 1700s, though it was not printed until the following century. Because it uses a vernacular language for the narrative stanzas and Latin for the refrain, it belongs to a special category called "macaronic" or mixed-language texts.

# 145 What Child Is This

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.  
 Raise, raise the song on high. The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

This Victorian text gains scope and power by having the original second halves of stanzas two and three restored. They give a stark forward glimpse of what lies ahead for this "babe, the son of Mary!" The tune is much older, dating from Tudor England.

## *Ruling Elders*

### *Class of 2024*

Laura Cromer  
Kit Davis  
Patrick Farnan  
Bill McDowell  
Rosemay Palmer-Ball  
Eddie Wells  
Johnny Burrice *youth*  
Trevor Gilford *youth*

### *Class of 2025*

Michael Beasley  
Paul Costel  
Elaine Duncan  
Holly Gathright  
Bob Horton  
John Hubbard  
Elizabeth Scinta  
Linda Watson

### *Class of 2026*

Miriam Ballert  
Marilyn Duke  
Liz Ratliff Evans  
Lindsey Hundley  
Lucy Kosse  
Deb Vetter  
Whitney Watt

## *Deacons*

### *Class of 2024*

Beth Blythe  
Scott Carothers  
Priss Hovious  
Larry Jones  
Tim Martin, *Clerk of Deacons*  
Justin Powers  
Christie Wilson

### *Class of 2025*

Sandy Bailey  
Prentice Brown  
Cathy Flowers  
Jane Roth  
Martha Spencer  
Lowell Stevens

### *Class of 2026*

Nathan Dicken  
Glen Hume  
Sissy Judy  
Susan McDowell  
Paige Reinstine  
Kristi Smith

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