

Advent Evensong

The Carols and Hymns
of Keith and Kristyn Getty

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Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church.
May our worship open our hearts to God's love, our eyes to God's beauty,
our minds to God's truth, and our will to God's service.

ORCHESTRAL PRELUDE: Prelude on "What Child Is This?" arr. Aaron Powell

CALL TO WORSHIP Dan Burns

"O Savior of Our Fallen Race" Christe Redemptor Omnium
Translated by Gilbert E. Doan, Jr.
Adapted by Kristyn Getty; Music by Keith Getty

O Savior of our fallen race, O Brightness of the Father's face,
O Son who shared the Father's might before the world knew day or night,
O Jesus, very Light of light, our constant star in sin's deep night:
Now hear the prayers Your people pray throughout the world this holy day.

Remind us, Lord of life and grace how once, to save our fallen race,
You put our human vesture on and came to us as Mary's son.
Today, as year by year its light brings to our world a promise bright
One precious truth outshines the sun: salvation comes from You alone.

For from the Father's throne You came, His banished children to reclaim;
And earth and sea and sky revere the love of Him who sent You here.
And we are jubilant today, for You have washed our guilt away.
O hear the glad new song we sing on this, the birth of Christ our King!

O Savior of our fallen race, the world will see Your radiant face
For You who came to us before will come again and all restore.
Let songs of praise Your name adorn, O Christ, Redeemer, virgin-born
Whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore. Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR LIGHT

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Almighty God, we give You thanks for surrounding us,
as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light;
and as we implore of Your great mercy,
that as You enfold us with the radiance of this light,
so You would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦ GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“The Truth from Above” English Carol, arr. Paul Campbell

This is the truth sent from above, the truth of God, the God of love;
Therefore don't turn me from your door, but hearken all, both rich and poor.

The first thing, which I do relate, that God at first did man create
The next thing, which to you I tell, woman was made with him to dwell.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes, till God the Lord did interpose
For so a promise soon did run that He'd redeem us with a Son.

“Fullness of Grace” Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

Fullness of Grace in man's human frailty
This is the wonder of Jesus,
Laying aside His power and glory.
Humbly He entered our world,
Chose the path of meanest worth.
Scandal of a virgin birth,
Born in a stable cold and rejected—
Here lies the hope of the world.

Fullness of grace – the love of the Father,
Shown in the face of Jesus
Stooping to bear the weight of humanity
Walking the Calvary road
Christ the holy Innocent
Took our sin and punishment
Fullness of God despised and rejected
Crushed for the sins of the world.

Fullness of hope in Christ we had longed for;
Promise of God in Jesus.
Through His obedience we are forgiven,
Opening the floodgates of heaven
All our hopes and dreams we bring
Gladly as an offering
Fullness of life and joy unspeakable
God's gift in love to the world.

Laura Young, soloist

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-7
(page 857 in the church Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

"Magnificat" Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

My soul will magnify the Lord;
I rejoice in God my Savior,
In the wonder of His favor.
For He has done great things for me;
He was mindful of His servant.
Every age shall call me blessed.
The Hope of Abraham come
In the giving of a Son;
For He who promised is mighty
In remembering His mercy.

My soul will magnify the Lord
For His grace to those who fear Him
Through every generation.
The proud He scatters to the wind
As the ruler's strength is broken,
And the rich are left with nothing.
The humble lifted high,
And the hungry satisfied;
Our Portion and our Treasure,
Our Hope and Help forever.

Lizzy Young, soloist

"How Suddenly a Baby Cries". Music by Keith and Kristyn Getty and Fionán de Barra
Text by Kristyn Getty

How suddenly a baby cries and all forever change
As shepherds leave the angel song to find this holy place,
Where in her young and trembling arms a virgin holds her Son
And in this Child of breath divine our Light has finally come.

She ponders how the Magi kneel before Emmanuel.
With gold and frankincense and myrrh Christ's sacrifice they tell.
A dream would help them flee a king whose pride would cruelly destroy.
As mothers weep God's mercy meets the hunger for His joy.

What wonder still that Anna filled with praise should bless the Lord;
Her aging eyes now looking on the Savior of the world.
For night and day her prayers had filled the temple of our God.
Her heart could tell His saving hand within this gift of love.

Hear Simeon who had waited long draw near to hold the child
To speak of Him who would reveal the many thoughts we hide:
That hearts would rise to know His grace but many fall away;
A sword would pierce His mother's soul upon redemption day.

How suddenly a baby cried and all forever changed.
Through history soul by soul have come to find His healing grace.
He filled my troubled heart with peace, with hope of endless worth.
My voice will join the song of praise that tells Messiah's birth.

Mary Grace Walters, soloist

✦No. 224 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" GO TELL IT

HOMILY Barton Kimbro

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All those who have publicly professed their faith and joined a Christian church as a communing member are warmly welcomed to receive communion tonight. Non-communing worshipers are encouraged to contemplate the love of Jesus Christ during this time. We encourage children not to take communion until they have joined the church as communicant members. We do, however, encourage non-communing children to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. Those wishing to be served communion together as a group or family, please stand together in front of the two serving elders before taking the elements. Gluten free bread is offered in the center aisle.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SONGS FOR THE TABLE

"Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)" Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us – and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.**

**The body of our Savior Jesus Christ,
Torn for you – eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.**

**The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you – drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.**

**And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond – and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.**

"The Perfect Wisdom of Our God" Keith and Kristyn Getty

The perfect wisdom of our God, revealed in all the universe:
All things created by His hand, and held together at His command.
He knows the mysteries of the seas, the secrets of the stars are His;
He guides the planets on their way, and turns the earth through another day.

The matchless wisdom of His ways, that mark the path of righteousness;
His word a lamp unto my feet, His Spirit teaching and guiding me.
And oh, the mystery of the cross, that God should suffer for the lost
So that the fool might shame the wise, and all the glory might go to Christ!

Oh grant me wisdom from above, to pray for peace and cling to love,
And teach me humbly to receive the sun and rain of Your sovereignty.
Each strand of sorrow has a place within this tapestry of grace;
So through the trials I choose to say: "Your perfect will in your perfect way."

Kathy Hammond, soloist

"What Grace Is Mine" Text by Kristyn Getty
Traditional Melody, Arranged by Rob Mathes

What grace is mine that He who dwells in endless light
Called through the night to find my distant soul.
And from His scars poured mercy that would plead for me
That I might live and in His name be known.

So I will go wherever He is calling me
I lose my life to find my life in Him.
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies
I bow my heart, take up my cross and follow Him.

What grace is mine to know His breath alive in me
Beneath his wings my wakened soul may soar.
All fear can flee for death's dark night is overcome
My Savior lives and reigns forevermore.

Christy Young, soloist

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

♠ "Joy Has Dawned Upon the World/Angels We Have Heard on High" . . . Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

**Joy has dawning upon the world, promised from creation—
God's salvation now unfurled, hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory,
But a humble gift of love— Jesus born of Mary.**

**Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother's breast, vuln'erable and helpless.**

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story.
Gold— a King is born today, incense— God is with us,
Myrrh— His death will make a way, and by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heaven, given as a ransom;
Reconciling God and man, Christ, our mighty champion!
What a Savior! What a Friend! What a glorious myst'ry!
Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of hist'ry.

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherd why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE: "Celtic Christmas Blessing" Keith and Kristyn Getty

Now may the fragrance of His peace
Soar through your heart like the dove released.
Hide in His wings oh weary, distant soul
He'll guide your spirit home.

And may His love poured from on high
Flow to the depths of your deepest sigh.
Oh come and drink from the only living stream
And on His shoulder lean.

And may the hope that will not deceive
Through every pain bring eternal ease.
There is no night that can steal the promises
His coming brings to us.

So may His joy rush over you;
Delight in the path He has called you to.
May all your steps walk in Heaven's endless light
Beyond this Advent night.

ORCHESTRAL POSTLUDE: "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" arr. Aaron Powell

✦ *Indicates congregation standing*

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Getting Connected at Second

To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Todd Erickson at (901) 531-8895 or todd.erickson@2pc.org.

Vocalists

John Beckham	Robert Sutton
Mary Edwards	Terri Theil
Calvin Ellis	Mary Grace Walters
Brooks Gatlin	B.J. Webster
John Hammond	Christy Young
Kathy Hammond	Keith Young
Justin Pepper	Laura Young
Annie Petzinger	Lizzie Young
Ginger Statom	

Instrumentalists

Violin

Diane Zelikman Cohen
Dan Gilbert
Amanda Kull
Jessica Munson
Steve Hancock
Clay Hancock
Haley Overcast

Viola

Beth Luscombe
Hannah Whitehouse

Cello

Anto Rodriguez
Diego Rodriguez

Bass

Sara Chiego
Jason Tucker

Flute

Dee Walker

Oboe

Shelley Sublett

Clarinet

Stephanie Hancock

French Horn

Robert Patterson

Organ

Samuel Metzger

Piano

Gabe Statom
Daniel Pollorena

Guitar

Michael Parsons

Drums

Kurt Ruleman

Christmas Eve Worship

4:00 p.m., Family Service with Christmas video and children's message
5:30 and 8:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion with The Chancel Choir
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion with The Westminster Singers