

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.  
Please silence your mobile devices.*

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Offertoire sur Deux Noels" . . . . . Alexandre Guilmant  
*Lenora Morrow, Organist*

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE  
8:15: Stephanie and Richard Hathcock, Thomas, Caroline Grace  
11:00: Barbara and Jerry Billions

CHORAL INTROIT: "Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes" . . . . . Mark Sirett  
*Text 15th c. anonymous*

*This text is a poetic emphasis on the humble nature of Christ's first coming,  
seen from the perspective of an Israelite waiting for God's promised redemption.  
Though His return will one day be very loud and triumphant, He reveals Himself to those who  
know Him now similarly to the way He revealed Himself in His humble birth among us.*

Thou shalt know Him when He comes,  
Not by any din of drums,  
Nor His manners, nor His airs,  
Nor by anything He wears.

Thou shalt know Him when He comes,  
Not by His crown or by His gown,  
But His coming known shall be,  
By the holy harmony which His coming makes in thee. Amen.

*Laudis Domini Ensemble  
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

## PRAISING GOD WITH REJOICING

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Darrin S. Anthony

✦HYMN OF ADVENT: No. 194 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" . . . . . VENI EMMANUEL

✦PROPHETIC READING: Isaiah 40:1-5 . . . . . Olin F. Morris (8:15)  
David T. Popwell (11:00)

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

**Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her that her warfare is ended,  
that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.**

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.**

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,

**for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . VENI EMMANUEL

**O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

# APPROACHING GOD WITH REVERENCE

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,  
 Who promised to come to us in our trouble  
 and Who fulfilled your promise in sending Your dear Son  
 to be born of the virgin Mary,  
 we acknowledge that we have sinned against You  
 in thought and word and deed,  
 both in what we have done  
 and in what we have left undone,  
 and we have no excuse.  
 We are truly sorry and do humbly repent of all our sins.  
 Please forgive us and cleanse us,  
 and renew our eager expectation of Christ's coming  
 that we may boldly live for You,  
 now and forever. Amen.**

## INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

♣HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 219 "All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord" . . . CANONBURY

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. . . . . Michael R. Gatliff

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "A Spotless Rose" . . . . . Herbert Howells  
*Text 14th c. anonymous*

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.

The Rose which I am singing,  
 Whereof Isaiah said,  
 Is from its sweet root springing  
 In Mary, purest Maid;  
 For through our God's great love and might  
 The blessed babe she bare us  
 In a cold, cold winter's night.

♣CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN

*Choir:*  
 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,  
 Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.  
 It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter,  
 When half-spent was the night.

***Congregation:*  
 Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;  
 With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
 To show God's love aright she bore to men a Savior,  
 When half-spent was the night.**

♣PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

♣GREETINGS

# HEARING GOD WITH REPENTANCE AND FAITH

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING ..... Matthew 1:18-25  
(page 807 in pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON                      *She Was Found To Be With Child*                      Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF INCARNATION: No. 230

“Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor” ... QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Joy to the World” .....arr. Emma Lou Diemer

✦Indicates congregation standing

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*We consider it a privilege to have our children in worship with us. If your small children become restless and vocal, we invite you to the children’s room especially designed for them at the rear of the Sanctuary. They are also welcome in the nursery. Older children should also be encouraged to come to church prepared to stay in their pew throughout the service.*

*One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you or to offer helpful direction regarding your spiritual life. He will be in the Gathering Room, which is the first room on your left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary (closest to the pulpit). You may also send your confidential email to pastor@2pc.org with questions about your spiritual life.*

## AN English Christmas

Tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The Westminster Singers and Chamber Orchestra will present an evening of traditional British music, similar to what might be heard at Westminster Abbey or York Minster Cathedral, including carols arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Benjamin Britten, David Willcocks, and John Rutter.



## Welcome!

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If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you to Second Presbyterian. Please sign our Friendship Pad, which will be passed during the Greetings time of the service. Our Congregational Communities (CCs), also known as Sunday School classes, offer a wide variety of options appealing to various age groups and stages of life. Visiting a CC is the best way to get to know others and become involved. CCs meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. For a full listing of classes, visit [www.2pc.org/cc](http://www.2pc.org/cc).

## Weekly Focus on Missions

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**World Missions:** One of our newest partners is Johnson Twinomujuni. Johnson grew up in a Christian home and as a very young boy, told his dad he wanted to be a pastor. Talented in music, he later met and became good friends with our own Amos Magezi when Amos was a youth worker at his church. Their shared talent and love for music brought them together into a lifelong friendship. Johnson later attended Divinity College, Bishop Stuart Teachers' College, and Africa Bible College in Malawi. He followed Amos to RTS in Jackson and graduated in 2002 where he and Amos dreamed and planned about opening the Uganda Bible Institute. After Amos was transferred to a different position within the Anglican Church in Uganda, Johnson became the Principal of UBI. Johnson is married to Joy and together they have six children.

**Mission Memphis:** Service Over Self requests prayer for two teams who will participate in international mission trips at the end of December. A team of five will work in India, and a team of 16 will travel to Kenya. Please pray that the Lord will work in and through those doing Kingdom work around the world.

## Congregational Meeting

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The Session has called the congregation to meet today at the 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services to elect officers to begin service in January 2012 on the Diaconate and Session. Those being elected have previously been nominated by the congregation and have completed a period of training and examination. Please mark your ballot and place it in the boxes at the exit doors of the Sanctuary.

## This Week/Coming Soon

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**Communion Sunday:** The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered next Sunday during the 8:15 a.m. worship service. Therefore, this week should be a week of preparation. It may be helpful to read and reflect on one or more of these

passages on the institution of the Supper by the Lord: Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; and I Corinthians 11:17-34.

**December 3M Luncheon:** The next Senior Adult 3M (More Mature Members) Luncheon is Monday, December 12 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a Piano Christmas Carol Medley performed by Betty Carol Germany, a delightful Christmas Musical Program by the Berclair Elementary Chorus, and a sing-a-long lead by Andy and Carolyn Wells! To make a reservation, call the church at 454-0034 no later than noon on Wednesday, December 7. We hope you'll come and bring a friend to this wonderful holiday program!

**WOC Christmas Coffee:** All women are invited to the annual WOC coffee on December 13 at 10:30 a.m. in the Salmon Room and C310. Adrienne Smithey, Second's Assistant Senior High Director, will be our guest speaker. Contact Nancy Webster at [nwebster@2pc.org](mailto:nwebster@2pc.org) or 454-0034 for more information.

**TOTS Days:** The nursery will offer TOTS on December 20 and 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for children ages 5 months to 5 years. This is perfect for parents who need some "shopping time" and is available to church members, PDO participants, and friends! Reservations are required, and the cost is \$20 for one child, \$30 for two children, and \$40 for three or more children. Leave a message at 454-0034, ext. 170 to reserve a spot.

**Gift Giving with the Library:** The Growing Place makes gift giving easy: simply select an item from our Adopt-a-Material cart, and we will notify the honoree and commemorate the gift with a bookplate that reflects the giver as well as the honoree. You may also make arrangements by phone or email: 454-0034 or [library@2pc.org](mailto:library@2pc.org).

**Crown Financial Ministries:** This small group study trains adults to practically apply financial principles from God's Word. Topics include: getting out of debt, spending and earning money, giving and saving, budgeting and investing. The cost of this class is \$45 for singles and \$55 for couples and includes all materials needed. To sign up for the class which begins January 4, 2012, please contact Kathy Oswalt at [koswalt@2pc.org](mailto:koswalt@2pc.org) or 454-0034 by December 15.

**A Mother's Heart 2012 Registration:** *Give Them Grace: Dazzling your Kids with the Love of Jesus*, written by Elyse Fitzpatrick and Jessica Thompson, will be the Spring 2012 study at A Mother's Heart on Thursdays, January 19-April 26, 2012, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in C100. Register online at [www.2pc.org/women](http://www.2pc.org/women) or contact Nancy Webster at [nwebster@2pc.org](mailto:nwebster@2pc.org) or 454-0034.

## Student Ministries

**Sixth Graders:** All sixth graders are invited to the RiverKings game on December 10 (6-9 p.m.). Meet at the church.

**Jr. High:** The Three Degrees Country Christmas Party is tonight in the Youth Lounge (\$10). Tuesday Morning Prayer meets at 6:00 a.m. at the Nelsons' home (2051 Shadowood Cove). Three Degrees Small Groups will resume January 11. Visit [www.2pcyouth.org](http://www.2pcyouth.org) for more information!

**Sr. High:** Life Groups meet on Sundays from 4:45-6:00 p.m. Meet at the church on Monday for REP Tutoring (5:15-6:30 p.m.). Tuesday Morning Prayer meets at 6:00 a.m. at the Nelsons' home (2051 Shadowood Cove). The True North Christmas Party will be at Playhouse on the Square December 7, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Cost is \$10. Visit [www.2pcyouth.org](http://www.2pcyouth.org) for more information!

**College:** The College Class meets every Sunday, upstairs in the EC Building at 9:45 a.m. For more information about our College Ministry, email Amanda Coop at [acoop@campusoutreach.org](mailto:acoop@campusoutreach.org).

## Caring Ministry

### Congratulations to:

Meaghan and John Sullivan on the birth of a son, *John Daniel Sullivan*, November 17, 2011.

### Sympathy to:

Martha Ann McKee on the death of her husband, *John E. McKee, Jr.*, November 21, 2011.

Earline Patterson on the death of her daughter, *Barbara Simmons*, November 26, 2011, in Birmingham, Al. Barbara was the sister of Margaret Donato.

### In the Hospital (as of 11/30/11):

Dorothy Davis, Allen Morgan Rehab

Steve Collins, Baptist

Janet Wright, The Village at Germantown Rehab

## December Flowers

**The rosebuds in the Chancel of the Sanctuary today are placed in honor of the births of:** *Elizabeth Dixon Weller*, born November 11, 2011, daughter of Lynn and Thom Weller, and *Carson Daniel Adair*, born November 15, 2011, son of Michelle and Andy Adair.

**The flowers in the Sanctuary for the month of December are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:** *Bernice Flinn* by her sons George, Fred, and Carl and their families; *Jean Fountain Leary* by her husband James and daughters Joan and Jennie; *Mabel L., Forrest P., and James W. Morgan* by Forrest and Joan Morgan; *Lenelle Molloy Leary* by her husband James; *Mr. and Mrs. William D. Nicholson* by their children and grandchildren; *Lillian and Thomas Patton* by their daughters Susan Crawford and Elizabeth Holmes and their grandchildren, who provided the Christmas wreaths on the exterior doors of the church buildings during the Advent season; *Brenda Joyce Rowland* by Brandi, Rob, Mary Katherine, and Sutton Thomas and Mr. Mike Rowland; *Bettye Shopfer* by Marilyn Rhea Cheeseman, who provided God's bounty which covered the communion table for the Thanksgiving services; *Andrew Lundy Werkhoven* by Anna Leita and Jim Werkhoven.

## Christmas Flower Order Form

I/We wish to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Flower Ministry of Second Presbyterian Church for use in decorating the church for the Christmas season in memory or honor of loved ones. Please acknowledge the gift (omitting the amount) in the bulletin on Sunday, December 18 as follows:

Please check **ONLY** one:  In Memory of  In Honor of  In Gratitude for

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number of donor: \_\_\_\_\_

December 13, 2011 is the deadline for the inclusion of names in the bulletin on December 18, 2011.

Please return this form with your check made out to Second Presbyterian Church and send to 4055 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38111. Clearly designate the gift for the "Flower Ministry."



# Rejoice

ADVENT AT SECOND

## **Festival of Carols: December 11, 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

This annual service is a favorite for the Second Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir and Orchestra. This year will feature many of our seasonal favorites along with *This Christmastide*, *God Rest You Merry Gentlemen*, *The First Nowell*, and *Sussex Carol*. Congregational carols will include *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, *Joy to the World*, and many other favorites! This year, we have added a special interactive bulletin for children: illustrations to color, words to help them sing along, and fun facts about the carols!

## **Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 18**

Nine Lessons and Carols, 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
Our Nine Lessons and Carols service is based on the original service held on Christmas Eve, 1918 at King's College in Cambridge, England. The congregation will join with the Chancel, Youth and Handbell Choirs to sing carols from France, England, Germany, and the United States.

Advent Evensong: Celtic Carols, 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
Local Celtic artists, Planet Reel, led by Memphis Symphony Concertmaster Susanna Perry Gilmore, will lead us in ancient carols that complement the liturgy and ambiance of this worship experience.

## **PJ Story Time: December 20, 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

Kids of all ages come dressed in their favorite pajamas to hear the Christmas story from Pastor Sandy, sing songs, enjoy milk and cookies, and find out if "Bear" really does stay up for Christmas!

## **Christmas Eve Worship: December 24 in the Sanctuary**

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

## **Christmas Day Worship: December 25**

We will celebrate during one morning service at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.  
Sunday School/CCs and Sunday Night Worship will not meet.

*Nursery is available for ages 4 and under for all events,  
excluding PJ Story Time and the 11 p.m. Christmas Eve service.*



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### OUR MISSION:

To glorify God through joyful worship, to show God's love to all people,  
to lead them to faith in Jesus Christ, to make them His disciples,  
and to call them to His service.

Our 11:00 a.m. service is broadcast live each week on WHBQ (AM 560).  
The same service is telecast one week later, every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. on  
WREG-TV (Channel 3). Live streaming of our Sunday morning worship  
services is also available at [www.ustream.tv/channel/second-stream](http://www.ustream.tv/channel/second-stream)