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December 2, 2012
11:00 a.m.


Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Liturgy of the Word

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

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" J.S. Bach
Lenora Morrow, organ

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE . . Brian, Jennifer, Will, and Clare Schneider

CHORAL INTROIT: "The Best of Rooms" Randall Thompson
Text by Robert Herrick

Christ, He requires still, wheresoe'er He comes,
To feed or lodge, to have the best of rooms:
Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part,
Of all the house, the best of all's the heart.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Timothy L. Russell

✦HYMN OF ADVENT: No. 196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL

✦READING FROM THE PROPHETS: Micah 5:1-5a Blanche P. Tosh

Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops;
siege is laid against us;

with a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek.

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

**Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.**

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

**And they shall dwell secure,
for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.
And he shall be their peace.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYFRYDOL

**Worship, honor, pow'r and blessing Thou art worthy to receive;
Loudest praises, without ceasing, meet it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits, bring your sweetest, noblest lays;
Help to sing our Savior's merits, help to chant Emmanuel's praise!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Christ, the Apple Tree" Stanford Scriven

This anonymous text first appeared in a New England Hymnal in 1784 and has long been used as an Advent hymn. The text alludes to Song of Solomon 2:3 – "and His fruit was sweet to my taste." Charles Spurgeon says, "Jesus yields fruit, let us taste the sweetness of it. If Jesus is as an apple tree among the trees of the woods, do not keep away from Him, but sit under His shadow, and taste His fruit."

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green;
The trees of nature fruitless be, compared with Christ the apple tree.

This beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see, in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought;
I miss'd of all, but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary'd with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile;
Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ST. AGNES

**Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.**

**Jesus, our only joy be Thou, as Thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be Thou our glory now, and through eternity.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION A. Mitchell Moore

✦ GREETINGS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH Genesis 3:8-15
(page 3 in pew Bible)

During our morning and evening Advent worship services this year, we are studying the Scripture texts comprised in the traditional Nine Lessons and Carols Service, which we shall observe on the morning of the Fourth Sunday in Advent.

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 *The Defeat of the Serpent* Sanders L. Willson

The Liturgy of the Table

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 today. Non-communing worshipers are encouraged to contemplate the love of Jesus Christ during this time. At Second Presbyterian, we encourage our children not to take communion until they have joined the church as communicant members.

We believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by Whom all things were made;
Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen!

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, Who faithfully fulfilled Your promise of redemption
through the advent of Your One and Only Son,
we confess with broken hearts
that we have continued in our sin and rebellion
and have grieved You with our calloused hearts.
Please forgive us for all our sins,
for we are truly sorry and do earnestly repent.
Restore and renew our spirits by Your grace
that we may draw near to You,
obey You, enjoy You, and glorify Your matchless Name,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

LITANY OF PRAISE

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet and right, and our joyful duty, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto You, O holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God. And we praise You for Jesus Christ our Savior, by Whom You have given us Your comfort and peace;

Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.
 Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est, Ho - san-na in the high-est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION 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.

HYMN OF APPROACH HYFRYDOL

**Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;
 He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.
 Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
 Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

CHORAL MEDITATION: "A Spotless Rose" Herbert Howells

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.

SHARING OF THE CUP

CHORAL MEDITATION: "O Nata Lux" Lauridsen

<i>O nata lux de lumine,</i>	O born of light,
<i>Jesu redemptor saeculi,</i>	Jesus, redeemer of the world,
<i>Dignare clemens supplicum,</i>	Mercifully deem worthy and accept
<i>Laudes preces que sumere.</i>	The praises and prayers of Your supplicants.
<i>Qui carne quondam contegi</i>	Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
<i>Dignatus es pro perditis.</i>	For the sake of the lost ones,
<i>Nos membra confer effici,</i>	Grant us to be made members
<i>Tui beati corporis.</i>	Of Your holy body.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦HYMN OF THANKSGIVING HYFRYDOL

**Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
 Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.
 Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
 Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.**

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying!" . . . arr. Emma Lou Diemer

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

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.

HANGING of the GREEN

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

Join our Children's and Youth Choirs as we bring in the holly and ivy to begin our Advent season. The service will conclude with activities for children, a live nativity, and the decorating of the church campus.