



# CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2013  
11:00 p.m.



# The Liturgy of the Word

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

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*You are invited to pray, perhaps including the following prayer, as you prepare for worship.*

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy Him perfectly in heaven, where with You and the Holy Spirit He lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Sleep of the Infant Jesus" .....Henri Büsser

*Long Long Kang, violin; Marian Shaffer, harp; Lenora Morrow, organ*

CHORAL INTROIT: "Remember, O Thou Man" ..... Thomas Ravenscroft

Remember, O thou Man, O thou Man, O thou Man,  
Remember, O thou Man, thy time is spent.  
Remember, O thou Man, how thou art dead and gone,  
And I did what I can. Therefore repent.

Remember Adam's fall, O thou Man, O thou Man,  
Remember Adam's fall from Heaven to Hell.  
Remember Adam's fall, how we were condemned all  
In Hell perpetual, there for to dwell.

Remember God's goodness, O thou Man, O thou Man,  
Remember God's goodness, and His promise made.  
Remember God's goodness; how He sent His Son, doubtless,  
Our sins for to redress. Be not afraid.

The Angels all did sing, O thou Man, O thou Man,  
The Angels all did sing upon the shepherd's hill;  
The Angels all did sing praises to our Heavenly King,  
And peace to man living, with a good will.

*The Westminster Singers  
Annie Petzinger, soloist  
Quinn Peebles, guitar  
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... T. Barton Kimbro

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

No. 162 "Of the Father's Love Begotten" ..... DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

*stanza 1: Laura Young, soloist  
stanza 2: The Westminster Singers  
stanzas 3-5: Congregation*

✦LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE ..... The Westminster Singers

✦READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH: Genesis 1:1-3. .... Emily Hardin  
*(page 1 in pew Bible)*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ..... DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

**At His word they were created;  
He commanded; it was done:  
Heav'n and earth and depths of ocean  
In their threefold order one;  
Now He shines, the long-expected:  
Let creation praise its Lord,  
Evermore and evermore.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION . . . . .D. Todd Erickson

✦FIRST READING FROM THE GOSPELS . . . . . John 1:1-18  
(page 886 in pew Bible)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

CHORAL MEDITATION "O Nata lux" . . . . .Morton Lauridsen

*O nata lux de lumine,  
Jesu redemptor saeculi,  
Dignare clemens supplicum  
Laudes preces que sumere.*

O born Light of Light,  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
Mercifully deem worthy and accept  
The praises and prayers of Your supplicants.

*Qui carne quondam contegi  
Dignatus es pro perditis,  
Nos membra confer effici  
Tui beati corporis.*

Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh  
For the sake of the lost ones,  
Grant us to be made members  
Of Your holy body.

SECOND READING FROM THE GOSPELS . . . . . 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)

HOMILY                      *You Shall Call His Name Jesus*                      Sanders L. Willson

## The Liturgy of the Table

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

✦PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH . . . . . The Nicene Creed

**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.**

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, in the beginning You spoke  
and creation was born, the object of Your loving care.  
In the fullness of time You spoke,  
and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of Your love.  
We wonder at the miracle of creation;  
we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation.  
Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith,  
empty of hope, lacking in love.  
This year let the miracle and mystery of Christmas happen for us again.  
We wait upon you with ready hearts, O God,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

### LITANY OF PRAISE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is meet and right and our joyful duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, and we praise You, King of Heaven, for Your lowly humility and Your infinite love whereby You have rescued us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of Light;

**Therefore with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host,  
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

*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 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.*

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.**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*For those unable to come forward for communion, please raise your hand and an elder will serve you in your seat. Throughout this time of communion, we invite you to join in singing the following hymns.*

“Away in a Manger” . . . . . MUELLER

**Away in a manger no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head;  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes;  
I love Thee Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.**

SOLO MEDITATION: “Gesu Bambino” . . . . . Pietro Yon

When blossoms flower e'er 'mid the snows,  
Upon a winter night,  
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose,  
The King of love and light.  
The angels sang, the shepherds sang,  
The grateful earth rejoiced;  
And at His blessed birth the stars  
Their exultation voiced.  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glow  
To greet the holy night,  
That gave the world its Christmas Rose,  
Its King of love and light.  
Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name,  
The grateful chorus swell  
From paradise to earth He came  
That we with Him might dwell.  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

*Robert Sutton, soloist*

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

**Thou Who wast rich beyond all splendor,  
All for love's sake becamest poor;  
Thrones for a manger didst surrender,  
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.  
Thou Who wast rich beyond all splendor,  
All for love's sake becamest poor.**

**Thou Who art God beyond all praising,  
All for love's sake becamest man;  
Stooping so low, but sinners raising,  
Heav'nward by Thine eternal plan.  
Thou Who art God beyond all praising,  
All for love's sake becamest man.**

**Thou Who art love beyond all telling,  
Savior and King, we worship Thee.  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,  
Make us what Thou wouldst have us be.  
Thou Who art love beyond all telling,  
Savior and King, we worship Thee.**

GUITAR MEDITATION "What Child Is This?" .....GREENSLEEVES

*What Child is this who, laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LIGHTING OF THE CHURCH

HYMN OF PEACE ..... STILLE NACHT

**Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin, mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.**

**Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing alleluia to our King;  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

♠HYMN OF JOY: No. 195 "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"..... ANTIOCH

♠BENEDICTION

♠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE..... DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

**Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,  
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,  
Light of light and God of God,  
Our unwearied praises be,  
Honor, glory, and dominion,  
And eternal victory, evermore and evermore.**

MEDITATION

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Sussex Carol"..... Robin Milford

♠Indicates congregation standing

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