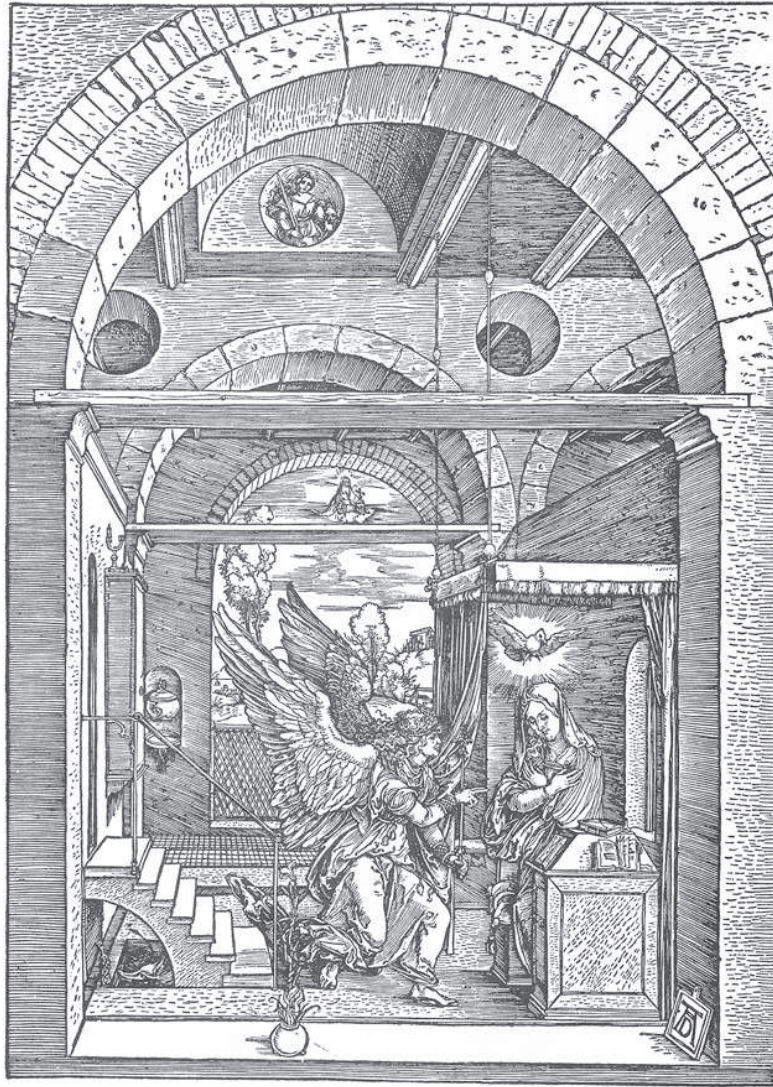




A Festival *of*  
Nine Lessons and Carols

December 22, 2013



*Annunciation, 1612*  
Albrecht Durer

## The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

**T**he Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols tells the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus, in nine Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books, and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns, and choral music.

The format was based on an order drawn up by Edward White Benson, later Archbishop of Canterbury but at that time Bishop of Truro, in Cornwall, for use on Christmas Eve 1880. Tradition says that he organized a 10:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve in a temporary wooden shed serving as his cathedral and that a key purpose of the service was to keep men out of pubs on Christmas Eve.

The original liturgy has since been adapted and used by other churches all over the world. The best-known version has broadcast annually from King's College, Cambridge, on Christmas Eve since 1918. It features carols sung by the famous Choir of King's College, Cambridge. Our tradition at Second Presbyterian Church is based on this service from King's College.

# Order for the Public Worship of God

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

HANDBELL PRELUDE: "The First Nowell" and "Carol of the Bells" . . . . . arr. Kevin McChesney

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE  
Stephen, Ginger, Amelia, Claudia, and Margaret Steiner (8:15)  
Jimmy, Karen, Benjamin, Claire, and Peter Klemis (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Andrew E. Keasling (8:15)  
Edward J. Foster (11:00)

✦ PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 225 "Once in Royal David's City" . . . . . IRBY  
*Stanza 1: Lizzie Young, soloist*  
*Stanzas 2-5: Congregation*

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

## The First Lesson

*God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.*

GENESIS 3:8-15, 17-19

**A**nd they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CAROL: "This Is the Truth Sent from Above" . . . . . Traditional English Folk

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 that I do relate is that God did man create.  
The next thing which to you I'll tell woman was made with man to dwell.

And after that, 'twas God's own choice to place them both in Paradise,  
There to remain of evil free except they ate of such a tree.

But they did eat, which was a sin, and so their ruin did begin,  
Ruined themselves, both you and me, and all of their posterity.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes, till God and Lord did interpose;  
And so a promise soon did run that He would redeem us by His Son.

And at that season of the year, our blessed redeemer did appear.  
He here did live and here did preach, and many thousands He did teach.

Thus He in love to us behaved to show us how we must be saved;  
And if you want to know the way, be pleased to hear what He did say.

*Brett Trimble, soloist*

## The Second Lesson

*God promises to faithful Abraham that his seed shall the nations of the earth call blessed.*

GENESIS 22:15-18 . . . . . Charles G. McElroy (8:15)  
J. Ronald Hickman (11:00)

**A**nd the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

♠ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: "Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" . . . . . WYCLIFF



Hark! a thri-lling voice is sound-ing; "Christ is nigh," it seems to say,  
Wake-ned by the sol - emn warn - ing Let the earth - bound soul a - rise;  
Lo, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with par - don down from Heav'n;  
That when next He comes in glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing be to God: the Fath - er, Son



"Cast a - way the works of darkness, O ye child-ren of the day."  
Christ, her Sun, all ill dis - pell-ing, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
Let us haste, with tears of sor-row, One and all to be for - giv'n.  
With His mer - cy He may shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
And the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit, while e - ter - nal ag - es run.

# The Third Lesson

*Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.*

ISAIAH 9:2-7 ..... Gail G. Turner (8:15)  
Frances N. Cowan (11:00)

**T**he people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CAROL: "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" ..... Text by Louis Benson  
Music by Dan Forrest

O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,  
And of the news that came to them from angels in the air.  
The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today;  
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing alway.

O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill,  
Of Him Who walked upon the sea and bade its waves be still.  
For though like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll,  
When faith has heard the Master's Word, falls peace upon the soul.

O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay,  
Of Him Who hung upon the tree and took our sins away.  
For He Who died on Calvary is risen from the grave,  
And Christ, our Lord, by Heaven adored is mighty now to save.

# The Fourth Lesson

*The peace that Christ will bring us is foreshown.*

ISAIAH 11:1-4. .... Robert C. O'Kelley (8:15)  
Tony C. Dentman (11:00)

**T**here shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

♠ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL:

No. 230 "Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor" ..... QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE

# The Fifth Lesson

*The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary.*

LUKE 1:26-35, 38 ..... Yvonne K. Hardin (8:15)  
Susan F. Warner (11:00)

**I**n the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

CAROL: "The Seven Joys of Mary" ..... Traditional Irish  
arr. Stephen Cleobury

The first good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of one;  
To see the blessed Jesus Christ when He was first her Son.  
When He was first her son, good man:

*And blessed may He be, both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost through all eternity.*

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of two;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to make the lame to go.  
To make the lame to go, good man:

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of three;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to make the blind to see.  
To make the blind to see, good man:

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of four;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to read the Bible o'er.  
To read the Bible o'er, good man:

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of five;  
To see her own Son, Jesus Christ, to bring the dead alive.  
To bring the dead alive, good man:

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of six;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, upon the crucifix.  
Upon the crucifix, good man:

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of sev'n;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to wear the crown of heaven.  
To wear the crown of heaven, good man:

# The Sixth Lesson

*Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.*

LUKE 2:1, 3-7 ..... E. King Hussey (8:15)  
Dennis J. Catalano (11:00)

**I**n those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

CAROL: "Appalachian Carol" ..... arr. Dan Goeller

Lovely Child, holy Child, gentle mild, undefiled;  
Infant King, fairest King, gifts we'll bring and anthems sing.  
Child of light, born to night, our delight, promise bright;  
Child so fair: see Him there; now declare Him e'vrywhere: Alleluia!  
To this Boy, our great joy, we employ hymns of joy;  
Jesus Lord, be adored, may this word now be outpoured. Alleluia!

*John Hammond, soloist*

# The Seventh Lesson

*The shepherds go to the manger.*

LUKE 2:8-16 ..... Kirsten H. Kirkpatrick (8:15)  
Richard G. Cain (11:00)

**A**nd in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

ADVENT HOMILY: "Messiah: The Lord" ..... Sanders L. Willson

♠ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: No. 203 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" ..... MENDELSSOHN

# The Eighth Lesson

*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*

MATTHEW 2:1-11 ..... Michael G. Stokke (8:15)  
Dan G. Burns (11:00)

**N**ow after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY CAROL: "See That Star" ..... Traditional Spiritual  
arr. Victor Johnson

Behold that star! Behold that star up yonder! It is the star of Bethlehem.

*See that star of Bethlehem!*

There was no room found in the inn, for Him who was born free from sin.  
The wise men traveled from the East, to worship Him, the Prince of Peace.

As the star sent forth its light, as it gleamed so bright from the highest height,  
A song broke forth upon the night and the star continued to beam so bright!

*Carter Coleman and Lizzie Young, soloists*

♠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ..... WE THREE KINGS

O — star of won-der, star of night, star with roy-al beau-ty bright;  
west-ward lead - ing, still pro-ceed-ing, guide us to Thy per-fect light.

♠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



# The Ninth Lesson

*John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

JOHN 1:1-14.....Robert S. Roaten (8:15)  
Gerry A. Peak (11:00)

**I**n the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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)

## 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.**

♠ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: No. 198 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!" ..... TRURO

♠ BENEDICTION

♠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ..... ADESTES FIDELES

**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him;  
O come, let us adore Him; Christ, the Lord!**

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" ..... John Rutter

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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.*

## The Musicians

*The Second Ringers Handbell Choir; Terri Theil, Director  
The Youth Choir; Ginger Statom, Director  
The Chancel Choir; Gabriel Statom, Director*

*Jenny Compton, flute; Tara West, oboe; Griffin Brown, cello; Lenora Morrow, organ/piano*

# Christmas Flowers

*The following is a list of donations to the Chancel Guild Fund, given to the glory of God.*

## In Memory of:

*Dr. Charles Akins by Janice Akins; Edgar Hull Bailey by Ann Pridgen Bailey; Jody Bellott by his daughters, Sarah, Millie and Julia; Wilton Hazelwood by David and Annie Billions; Dr. Kimbrough Boren, Mr. and Mrs. Charles House, Sr., Mr. Charles House, Jr. and Mrs. Lucy Boren by the Kimbrough Boren family; Jim Chase by his family; Mark Coleman by Jim Chase's family; John and Marianne Dickson by Ginny Cochran; Mark R. Coleman, Jr., Bo Nance, Cilla Sawtelle Harris, Lucille Carter Tansey and Mr. and Mrs. Flint Sawtelle by Bob, Deborah, Caroline, and Carter Coleman; Ann and Sam Cox, Jr. by Jay, Ann and Sam Cox, Janet and Bill Harritt; Emily Smith Britton, Louise and Frank Smith, Elizabeth M. Cross and George H. Cross by Mike, Cynthia, Michael and William Cross; Wilton Hazelwood by Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Crowe; Harry "Skip" Sharp, Jr. by Dorothy L. Davis; Jane Epps de Witt by Greg, Kelli, Alix and Olivia de Witt; Richard Uebelacker, Mr. and Mrs. James K. Dobbs, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Eleazer, Sr. and Ed Eleazer III by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eleazer, Jr.; Dr. Daniel F. Fisher, Mrs. Lillian Love Fisher and Mr. Richard Love Fisher, Jr. by Dot and Dick Fisher; Mary Early by Jeanine Forbes; Dorothy and Forrest Leeper by Janet Leeper George; Elbert and Mary Wilkes by Stuart and Katie Harris; Herbert Hunt by his family; Betsy Graham by Hawley and Lawanna Ingram; W, Wise S. Jones, Sr. by Sharon and Wise Jones, Jr. and family; Dr. Charles D. Akins by Amanda, Justin and Charlie Joy; Mr. Fred Tarkington, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tarkington, Sr. by Ferrin T. Mavar; Dale Brakebill McDermott by the McDermott family; John Evans McKee and daughter, Kay McKee Spear by Martha Ann McKee, wife and mother; Sara Misner and Russ Billings by Janet Misner; W. P. (Buddy) Morrison by his children and grandchildren; Jim Null by his family; Henry C. Pitts, Jr. by his family; Edgar H. Bailey, Mary Jo Phillips and John Phillips III by their grandchildren, John Phillips V, Paige A. Phillips, and Bailey E. Phillips; Frederick C. Schaeffer by Paige and John Phillips IV; Kermit and June Lady by their family; Mr. William S. Carpenter by his family; Wilton Hazelwood and Budd Pitts by Fred and Courtney Schaeffer; Bucky Shapple by Pat Shapple (mother); Howard L. Cleveland III by Amy, David, Clarkson and Hudson Shoaf; Don Urschel by Carol Urschel; Deloss Walker by his family; Sarah Misner by Monte and Bettye Weaver; Ed Williams and Wilton Hazelwood by Virginia Webb; Jody Bellott, Wilton Hazelwood, John Arthur Newton, Steve Rhea, Courtney and Daniel Shores and Joy and Bill Wepfer by the Wepfer family; Russell and Rachel Schulte and John and Margaret Whittemore by John and Marilyn*

*Whittemore; Margaret Underwood by Mr. and Mrs. Terry C. Wilson and family; George P. W. Williams, Sr. by his wife and children; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Williamson by Lewis and Barbara Williamson and family and Russell and Elizabeth Williamson and family; Jeanne and Bill Craddock by their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren; Lindy Sparks Ruffin and Wilton Hazelwood by Eileen, Dan, Daniel and Ruffin Wood.*

## In Honor of:

*Bailey Fisher, Dottie and Josh French, Lillian Dunavant, Tommie, Kelli and Billy Dunavant, Connie, Lou, William and Hunter Adams, Lizzi and Galloway Albright, Michelle, Bill, Audsley, Hilary, Billy and Harry Dunavant, John, Sophie, Dobson and Grayson Dunavant, Douglas, Buck, Buchanan, Gardner, Mary Wilkes and Lucy Dunavant, Anne, Woodson, Woodson and Jane Dunavant, Forrest Dunavant by Dot and Dick Fisher; Dr. and Mrs. Brad Hovious and John T. and Elizabeth M. Stout by Mary Katherine and Elmer W. Stout; Honeymooners for Life CC by Bob and Deborah Coleman; Denise Ware by Harold Ware; Neal and Amy McAtee by Abby, Maggie and Will McAtee; Mrs. Dorothy R. Carpenter by her family; the Fifth Grade Sunday School teachers by Abby Brown; Lisa Colcolough by Terry S. Brown; Ministerial Staff, Music Ministry, Caring Ministry and Marion Quinlen by Monte and Bettye Weaver; Gabe, Leonora and the choir by Hawley and Lawanna Ingram; My children and grandchildren by Evelyn T. Echols; Mrs. W.P. (Ruth) Morrison by her children and grandchildren; Mrs. Dial Boyle Jackson by the Price Morrison family; Ann Bailey by her grandchildren, John Phillips V, Paige A. Phillips, and Bailey E. Phillips; Josephine P. Schaeffer, Debbie and Kirk Bailey, Scott H. Bailey by Paige and John Phillips IV.*

## In Gratitude for:

*Dick and Scottie Cain and Joel and Beth Kaye by Chris and Marta Patrick; Lenora Morrow by Jay Cox; Nursery Volunteers by Children's Ministry; Special Friends Volunteers and Bette Bush by Amanda Jane Kirk; All by the Pastoral Staff; Mary Lawrence Flinn by Christy Paganoni; Sojourners OASIS Team, Sojourners Shepherd Group Leaders, Beth and Joel Kaye by Debbi and Mark Perkins; Our children and grandchildren, Nancy Weaver, Ann and Jim Wilson, Susan and Maggie Thomas, Will and Lauren Thomas by Monte and Bettye Weaver; Lisa Colcolough, Reverend Sandy and Allison Willson, Frances Cowan and Rachel Circle by Pat VanHoozer; Amanda, Justin and Charlie Joy by Janice Akins.*

## 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) 312-9890 or [todd.erickson@2pc.org](mailto:todd.erickson@2pc.org).

## 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 for 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 [2pc.org/cc](http://2pc.org/cc).

## Weekly Focus on Missions

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**World Missions:** We rejoice as we celebrate God's gift to the world. The Messiah has come! Let us give thanks for those in our own city and country, as well as those in countries around the world who take this Good News to some of the darkest places on earth. The most precious gift we can give to our dear missionaries during this season is the gift of prayer. Pray for our missionaries as they celebrate this wonderful season and for Him to be especially close to all these faithful servants and bring true Christmas joy and peace to their hearts.

**Mission Memphis:** The staff and volunteers at Memphis Urban Young Life invest time with teenagers to be sure they have a chance to know Jesus Christ and to help them consider the direction of their lives. Their ministry to teen moms involves about 35 teen moms bi-weekly, with parenting classes at Kingsbury, Manassas, and Pyramid Academy — 16 of them show up for MUYL's monthly outreach ministry as well. Please be in prayer for the urban youth of Memphis as the holidays approach and many become anxious about the holiday school break. Please also pray for the leaders and volunteers, that God will continue to equip them for their ministry.

## Christmas Eve Worship

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We invite you to worship with us at one (or more!) of the services we host on Christmas Eve in the Sanctuary. At 4:00 p.m., the Family Service will feature our annual Christmas video and children's message. At 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., our Chancel Choir and Orchestra will accompany a beautiful candlelight communion service. Our Westminster Singers will lead the candlelight communion service at 11:00 p.m. Nursery will be available for ages 4 and under at all services except 11:00 p.m.

## Caring Ministry Fund

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For many years, the Caring Ministry has provided financial assistance to Second Presbyterian Church members and to those in our Memphis community. Today you have an opportunity to contribute to this fund. A Caring Ministry Fund envelope is available in the pew rack.

## Christian Life Conference 2014

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On January 24-26, Second Presbyterian will host the annual Christian Life Conference with speakers from Second and the Christian Psychological Center. At this year's conference, titled "Sex | Life," we will discuss a biblical perspective of sexuality, and the way it affects each of our lives. Find out more at [2pc.org/clc](http://2pc.org/clc).

## Student Ministries

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All Jr. High and Sr. High programs will resume in January. Also, all 6th graders will join Jr. High beginning in January! Visit [2pcyouth.org](http://2pcyouth.org) for details and dates!

The College Class meets every Sunday upstairs in the EC Building at 9:45 a.m. For more information, email Katie Walker at [katie.walker@campusoutreach.org](mailto:katie.walker@campusoutreach.org).

## Support Ministries

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Second offers groups for the following: Career Transition (first and third Thursdays at 8:00 a.m.), Biblical Sexuality (Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Christian Psychological Center), Divorce Recovery, and Grief Support. Visit [2pc.org/support](http://2pc.org/support) or call 454-0034 for more information.

## Caring Ministry

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### Sympathy to:

Jeff Roux on the death of his mother, *Cynthia Osborne Roux*, December 12, 2013, in Oxford, MS.

Katie West, Howard Graham and Molly Gore on the death of their mother, *Betsy Henderson Graham*, December 13, 2013.

Al Sanders on the death of his wife, *Dorothy D. Sanders*, December 13, 2013.

### In the Hospital (as of 12/18/13):

Joe Hause, Baptist

Chuck Curtis, Baptist

Steven Karickhoff, St. Francis

Maralee Prigmore, Memphis Jewish Home

Esther Pearson, Village at Germantown Rehab

Peaches Roane, Village at Germantown Rehab

Fred Morton, Belmont Village

Allan Davis, Allen Morgan Rehab

June Parker, Baptist

## December Flowers

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**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; *Mabel L., Forrest P., and James W. Morgan* by Forrest and Joan Morgan; *Mr. and Mrs. William D. Nicholson* by their children and grandchildren; *Lillian and Thomas Patton* by Claude and Susan Crawford, John and Elizabeth Holmes, and their grandchildren, who have provided the Christmas wreaths on the exterior doors of the church buildings during the Advent season.



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