



CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2015 · 11:00 p.m.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Wen-Yih Yu, violin; Molly O'Rorke, harp; Samuel Metzger, organ

CHORAL INTROIT: "All My Heart This Night Rejoices"Johann Ebeling

All my heart this night rejoices
As I hear far and near sweetest angel voices
"Christ is born," their choirs are singing
Till the air everywhere with their joy is ringing.

Hark! a voice from yonder manger,
Soft and sweet, doth entreat; "Flee from woe and danger
Brethren, come! From all doth grieve you
You are freed; all you need I will surely give you."

Come, then, let us hasten yonder;
Here let all, great and small, kneel in awe and wonder!
Love Him Who with love is yearning;
Hail the star that from far bright with hope is burning.

Thee, dear Lord, with heed I'll cherish;
Live to Thee and with Thee, dying, shall not perish;
But shall dwell with Thee for ever,
Far on high, in the joy that can alter never.

*The Westminster Singers
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIPT. Barton Kimbro

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

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

stanza 1: Marjorie Bowman, soloist

stanza 2: The Westminster Singers

stanzas 3-5: Congregation

✦LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE The Westminster Singers

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2:1-7.Chelsea Mills
(page 857 in pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL MEDITATION: "O Magnum Mysterium"Frances Poulenc

*O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum
Ut animalia viderent Dominum Natum, jacentem in praesepe!*

*Beata Virgo, cujus viscera Meruerunt portare
Dominum Christum. Alleluia!*

O great mystery, and wondrous sacred moment,
That animals should see the Newborn Lord, lying in their manger!

Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the
Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

✦APOCALYPTIC LESSON: Revelation 19:1-10 Aubrey Mills
(page 1039 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)

CHORAL MEDITATION “Lux Aurumque” Eric Whitacre
Lux, calida gravisque pura velut aurum Light, warm and heavy as pure gold
Et canunt angeli molliter And the angels sing softly
Modo natum. To the new-born baby.

HOMILY *The Final Song* 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.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE..... PICARDY
Text by St. Thomas Aquinas

**Word made flesh, true bread He maketh, by His word His flesh to be,
Wine His blood; which whoso taketh must from carnal thoughts be free:
Faith alone, though sight forsaketh, shows true hearts the mystery.**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION..... Michael G. Stokke

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we bow before Your majestic holiness
conscious of our need of Your pardoning grace.
We ask forgiveness...
for our lack of awe and wonder in worship,
for our failure to know, trust and rest in Your promises,
For our impatience and distress
while waiting for Your answers to our prayers,
and for our aversion to embracing the cost of following our Savior.
Thank You for appointing Jesus to rescue us
and to bring us safely to His everlasting kingdom.
We make our prayer in His glorious name, 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.

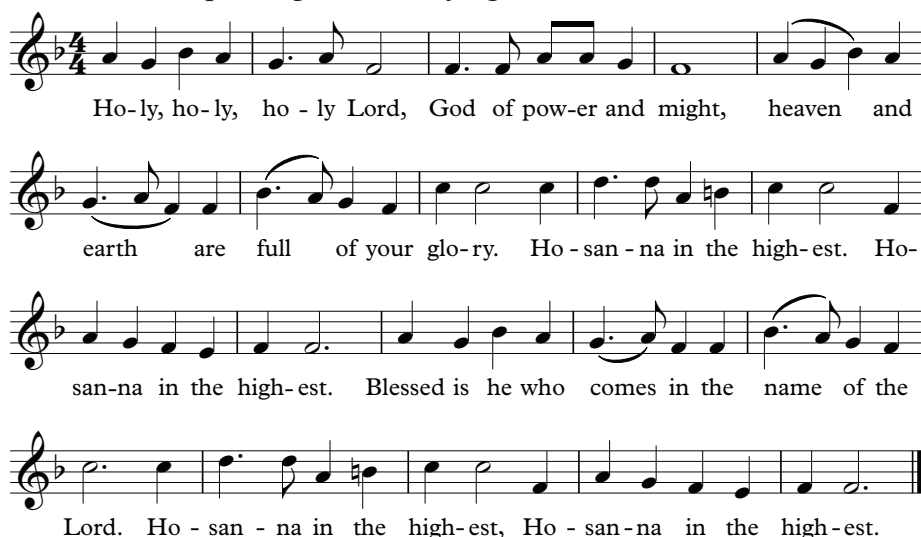
We lift them up unto the Lord.

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, heaven 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 hymns printed in bold below.

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” PICARDY

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav’nly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the pow’rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.**

**At His feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!”**

CHORAL MEDITATION: “O Jesus Sweet, O Jesus Mild”J.S. Bach

O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!
For sinners You became a child.
You came from heaven down to earth
In human flesh through human birth.
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!

O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!
With God we now are reconciled.
You have for all the ransom paid,
Your Father’s righteous anger stayed.
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!

O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!
Joy fills the world which sin defiled.
Whate’er we have belongs to You;
O keep us faithful, strong, and true.
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!

Sarah Jordan, soloist

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”W ZLOBIE LEZY

**Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.**

**Flocks were sleeping: shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.**

CHORAL MEDITATION: “The Shepherds Sing” Bob Chilcott
Text by George Herbert

The shepherds sing; and shall I silent be?
My God, no hymn for Thee?
My soul’s a shepherd too; a flock it feeds,
Of thoughts, and words, and deeds.
The pasture is Thy word: the streams, Thy grace
Enriching all the place.
Shepherds and flock shall sing, and all my powers
Outsing the daylight hours.

Then we will sing and shine all our own day, and one another pay,
His beams shall cheer my breast, and both so twine,
Till ev’n His beams sing, and my music shine.

Lizzie Young, soloist

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!

SILENT MEDITATION

CHORAL PRAISE: “Halleljuah” from *Messiah*G.F. Handel
Text from Revelation 11:15 and 19:6, 16

Hallelujah! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become
The kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ;
And He shall reign for ever and ever.
King of kings, and Lord of lords. Hallelujah!

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE. GLORIA
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Festive Flourish on “Joy to the World!”Michael Dell

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

Getting Connected

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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.