



# CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2018 · 5:30 & 8:00 p.m.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "From Heav'n Above I Come to You" . . . . . arr. Johann Pachelbel  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

ORCHESTRAL PRELUDE:  
"Pastorale" from *Concerto grosso in G minor*, Op. 6, No. 8 . . . . . Arcangelo Corelli  
*Samuel Metzger, director and harpsichord*

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Alyssa and Josh Hogan (5:30)  
Dawn, Alton, Emma Grace, Hadden, and Ruthie Burgess (8:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Barton Kimbro (5:30)  
Dan Burns (8:00)

✦PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 208 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" . . . . . ADESTE FIDELES

✦FIRST GOSPEL LESSON . . . . . Luke 2:15-20  
*(page 857 in pew Bible)*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . VENI EMMANUEL

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

✦INVOCATION *(please raise hands)*

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Our offering this evening will benefit the Caring Ministry Fund, unless otherwise designated for the General Fund. The Caring Ministry Fund assists those in need among our members and in our community.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "What Sweeter Music" . . . . . John Rutter

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing  
The birth of this our heav'nly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string!  
Dark and dull night, fly hence away, and give the honor to this day  
That sees December turned to May.

Why does the chilling winter's morn smile, like a field beset with corn?  
Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn, thus, on the sudden? Come and see  
The cause, why things thus fragrant be: 'tis He is born, whose quickening birth  
Gives life and luster, public mirth, to heaven, and the under-earth.

We see him come, and know Him ours, who, with His sunshine and His show'rs,  
Turns all the patient ground to flow'rs.  
The darling of the world is come, and fit it is, we find a room  
To welcome Him.

The nobler part of all the house here, is the heart, which we will give Him; and bequeath  
This holly, and this ivy wreath, to do Him honor, who's our King,  
And Lord of all this revelling. What sweeter music can we bring,  
Than a carol for to sing the birth of this our heavenly King?

*The Chancel Choir  
Calvin Ellis, director*

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING. . . . . Tim Russell (5:30)  
Mike Stokke (8:00)

✦GREETINGS

✦PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 230

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

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON . . . . . John 3:16  
(page 888 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

**but the Word of our God will stand forever.** (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON: Son . . . . . George Robertson

## 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 and pass by the elements.*

*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. All communion wafers are gluten free.*

✦PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH . . . . . The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried;  
He descended into hell;  
The third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

✦GLORIA PATRI . . . . . GREATOREX

**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

**Gracious heavenly Father, 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, the 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, who are 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.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON ..... I Timothy 1:15

*The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,  
of whom I am the foremost.*

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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE 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 hymn printed in bold below.*

“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.**

“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.**

**Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:  
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.**

“O Holy Night” ..... Adolphe Charles Adam, Placide Cappeau, and John S. Dwight

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till He appear'd and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;  
O night divine, O night, O night divine.

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming,  
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,  
Here come the wise men from the Orient land.  
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger;  
In all our trials born to be our friend.

He knows our need, to our weaknesses no stranger,  
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!  
Behold your King, Before Him lowly bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and His gospel is peace.  
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother;  
And in His name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
Let all within us praise His holy name.

Christ is the Lord! O praise His Name forever,  
His power and glory evermore proclaim.  
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*Jauna Ellis, soloist*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LIGHTING OF THE CHURCH

HYMN OF CHRIST'S BIRTH: "Silent Night! Holy Night!" . . . . . 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: "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" . . . . . ANTIOCH

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

♠BENEDICTION

♠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . GLORIA

**Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Hallelujah" from *Messiah* . . . . . G. F. Handel; arr. Metzger

♠Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

*Instrumentalists: Violin 1: Paul Turnbow, Diane Zelikman-Cohen,  
Wen-Yih You; Violin 2: Dan Gilbert, Lori Gilbert; Viola: Michelle Pellay Walker,  
Beth Luscombe; Cello: Mark Wallace, Diego Rodriguez; Bass: Chris Butler*

**I. Proves His Love**

**II. Provides Salvation**

**Worship with Us on Sundays**

Thank you for worshipping with us tonight. We invite you to join us each Sunday at 8:15 or 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Visit [2pc.org](http://2pc.org) for more information about our church. Merry Christmas!



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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.