



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

December 6, 2015, 8:15 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship
and silence your mobile devices.*

We gather every Lord's Day to meet with our Lord. A biblical rhythm structures our time together.

- We begin by magnifying our God for who He is, especially His redeeming mercy. We pray that the Lord would unveil His beauty to us so that we might love Him more.
- This leads us to acknowledge our need of a Savior and to humbly confess our proud thoughts and sinful ways. We are reminded that God hears our cries for mercy. He delights to forgive and restore us. As a result, He weaves a deeper humility and a more vigorous thankfulness into our lives.
- With thanksgiving permeating our hearts and prayers, we offer our lives and all that we possess for the Lord's service.
- We then hear God's Word read and preached with the hopes of the Spirit using the Word to transform our lives. As a result, we desire to possess a firmer grasp of God's promises and a fuller understanding of our duty.

Please take a moment to reflect on and pray through the following:

*Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning,
grant us that we may hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them
in such a way that by perseverance and encouragement of Your holy Word,
we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Samuel Metzger
"My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord (Magnificat)". J.S. Bach
Samuel Metzger, organ

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE. Mandy and Justin Payne

CALL TO WORSHIP: based on Luke 1:46-50. Ronald G. Sadlow

Our souls magnify the Lord!

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

The mighty One has done great things for us!

Holy is His name!

Let us worship God.

**For His mercy is for those who fear him;
from generation to generation. Amen.**

♠PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

"Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending" WESTMINSTER ABBEY



1. Lo! He comes, with clouds des - cen - ding, once for
2. Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him, robed in
3. Ev - 'ry is - land, sea, and moun - tain, Heav'n and
4. Now re - demp - tion, long ex - pec - ted, See in



fa - vored sin - ners slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
earth, shall flee a - way; All who hate Him
so - lemn pomp ap - pear; All His saints, by

saints at - ten - ding swell the tri - umph
naught and sold Him pierced, and nailed Him
must, con - foun - ded, Hear the trump pro -
man re - jec - ted, Now shall meet Him

of His train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing, dee - ply
claim the day: Come to judg - ment! Come to
in the air: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia! God ap - pears on earth to reign.
wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
judg - ment! Come to judg - ment, come a - way!
lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!

✦READING FROM THE APOCALYPSE: Revelation 1:4-8. Ethan Knight

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:
Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,
**and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,
and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.**

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood
and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father,
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Behold, he is coming with the clouds,
and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him,
and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

**“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God,
“who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE WESTMINSTER ABBEY

**Yea, amen! Let all adore Thee, high on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow’r and glory, claim the kingdom for Thine own:
O come quickly, O come quickly; alleluia! Come, Lord, come.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦GREETINGS. Dan G. Burns

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 1:46-56
(page 856 in the pew Bible)

This is the Gospel of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

♠ CONGREGATIONAL CANTICLE: "Magnificat" THE STAR OF COUNTY DOWN



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2. Though I am small, my God, my all, You
 3. From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it
 work great things in me, and Your mer - cy will
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be -
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy



sings of the won - drous things that You bring to the
 last from the depths of the past to the end of the
 ware for Your jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant
 must de - liv - er us from the con - quer - or's



ones who wait. You fixed Your sight on Your ser - vant's
 age to be. Your ver - y name puts the proud to
 from his throne. The hun - gry poor shall weep no
 crush - ing grasp. This sav - ing word that our fore - bears



plight, and my weak - ness You did not spurn,
 shame, and to those who would for You yearn,
 more for the food they can nev - er earn;
 heard is the prom - ise which hold us bound,



so from east to west shall my name be
 You will show Your might, put the strong to
 there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry mouth be
 till the spear and rod can be crushed by

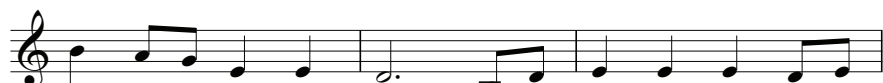


blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day You bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Magnificat" Charles V. Stanford

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
 For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.
 For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
 For He that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is His Name.
 And His mercy is on them that fear Him throughout all generations.
 He hath shewed strength with His arm.
 He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
 He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.
 He remembering His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel
 As He promised to our forefathers, Abraham, and His seed forever.

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

✦CHORAL RESPONSE: "Gloria Patri" Charles V. Stanford

Congregation to stand as choir sings and tithes and offerings are presented.

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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, 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, please stand together in front of the two serving elders before taking the elements. Gluten free communion bread is available upon request from the elder at the east side of the transverse aisle (opposite from the door leading to the Connector).

✦PROFESSION OF 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.**

✦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

**Most Holy Father, we plead Your mercy
for we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved You with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us for all our past unfaithfulness:
our pride, hypocrisy, and impatience,
our self-indulgent appetites and ways,
our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,
our negligence in prayer and worship,
and our failure to believe and rest in gospel grace.
For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

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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 hymns below.

“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.**

“Come, O Child of Promise”HYFRYDOL

**Come, O Child of Promise! Hear us, heal us, weak and full of pain.
Come, Redeemer! Else we ever helpless without Thee remain.
Savior! Son of Mary, spotless off’ring pure and free from stain;
Dwell among us, now and ever, through Thy cross turn us again.**
**Long the time of sorrow; mourning still we bear the weight of sin;
Long the time of expectation, sere and dry our hearts within.
Wait! Hear now! A strong voice softly speaks of joy and peace to come;
Through His prophets God our Father promises to us His Son.**

Come, Thou Dayspring! Rod of Jesse, Lamb of God, our Lion strong!
Earth is yearning for Thy blessing, bent beneath the ages long.
First born! See, Thy Church, still faithful waits in song and silence now;
Till the crown of earth and heaven circles Thy triumphant brow.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son.
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One.
We, who with Thy choirs supernal, saints and angels, praise Thy Word.
Pray Thee, spread abroad Thy glory, lift Thy scepter, crown, and sword.

“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 heavenward 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦HYMN OF ADVENT: No. 195 “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”ANTIOCH
stanzas 1 & 4

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE VENI EMMANUEL

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

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

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

Getting Connected

To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Pastor Todd Erickson at (901) 531-8895 or todd.erickson@2pc.org.

Advent at Second

Carols for Harp & Choir: December 6, 6:00 p.m.

Festival of Carols: December 13, 6:00 p.m.

Nine Lessons & Carols: December 20, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Advent Evensong: December 20, 6:00 p.m.

PJ Story Time: December 21, 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Christmas Eve Worship: December 24

4:00 p.m., Family Service featuring video and children’s message

5:30, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

Nursery for children ages 4 and under is available for all events except PJ Story Time and the 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve services.

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