

Second Sunday of Advent

ADVENT

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order for the
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

December 10, 2017

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

At the heart of the Christian faith is the declaration that our Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man for our salvation. This affirmation is expressed succinctly in the term “incarnation.” This word is of Latin origin and simply means “invested with flesh.”

*Man’s maker was made man, that He, Ruler of the stars,
might nurse at His mother’s breast; that the Bread might hunger,
the Fountain thirst, the Light sleep, the Way be tired on its journey;
that the Truth might be accused of false witness,
the Teacher be beaten with whips,
the Foundation be suspended on wood;
that Strength might grow weak;
that the Healer might be wounded; that Life might die.*

Augustine of Hippo (Sermons 191.1)

Let us pray that our hearts will be seized by wonder during this Advent season as we contemplate the incarnation of our Lord and its implications for our lives.

THE MESSIAH’S BIRTH - JOY ERUPTS IN HEAVEN

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Fanfare for Christmas” Albin Whitworth
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: “What Child Is This” arr. L. Story
Brad Jones, piano

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE
8:15: Kelsey Bierman, Kelsie Carter, and Farrann Wilkinson
11:00: Preston, Ashley, Katie, Bennett, and Chase Frazer

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP Richard G. Cain

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” REGENT SQUARE

**Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.**
**Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.**
**Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen His natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.**
**Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.**

◆PROPHETIC LESSON: Luke 2:8-14 Bill Jorgensen (8:15)
Brandon Morrison (11:00)

And 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!"**

◆CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE REGENT SQUARE

**Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ the newborn King. Amen.**

◆INVOCATION (*please raise hands*)

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15

*Nora Aileen Nease, born June 28, 2017, daughter of Mary and Will Nease
Jane Evelynne Murphy, born February 4, 2014, daughter of Samantha and Carson Murphy
William Gabriel Murphy, born April 8, 2017, son of Samantha and Carson Murphy
Lewis Frazer Smith, Jr., born December 22, 2016, son of Liz and Lewie Smith*

11:00

*Elizabeth Rae Degani, born September 6, 2017, daughter of Lindsay and Anthony Degani
Mary Lawrence Elizabeth Baker, born July 20, 2017, daughter of Melissa and Josh Baker*

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: "Jesus Loves You" JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.**

THE MESSIAH'S BIRTH - JOY DAWNS ON EARTH

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious Father,
You have a most scandalous way of rescuing proud people:
The One who possesses real authority to assert His rights
lays them aside to humbly serve and die for us.
We beseech Your forgiveness for our pride
which has destroyed our ability to truly love and care for others.
We confess that selfish ambition
has caused squabbling and discord among us.
Pardon us for our status-seeking ways,
and consume us with the only status that matters:
Proximity to You, our humble Lord.
For we pray in the Name of the One to whom every knee will bow
and every tongue confess — Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

♠HYMN OF ASSURANCE: "Joy Has Dawned"Keith Getty



1. Joy has dawned up - on the world, pro - mised from cre -
2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of
3. Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, ga - zing at the
4. Son of A - dam Son of Heav'n, gi - ven as a



a - tion: God's sal - va - tion now un - furled hope for
an - gels, as the migh - ty Prince of Life shel - ters
glo - ry; gifts of men from dis - tant lands pro - phe -
ran - som; re - con - ci - ling God and man Christ our



ev - ery na - tion. Not with fan - fares from a - bove,
in a sta - ble. Hands that set each star in place,
sy the sto - ry. Gold, a King is born to - day;
migh - ty Cham - pion! What a Sa - viour, what a Friend,



not with scenes of glo - ry, but a hum - ble
shaped the earth in dark - ness, cling now to a
in - cense God is with us; myrrh, His death will
what a glo - rious mys - t'ry: once a babe in



gift of love: Je - sus born of Ma - ry.
mo - ther's breast, vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
make a way and by His blood He'll win us.
Beth - le - hem, now the Lord of his - t'ry.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS.L. Brett Wynne

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Now the Holly Bears a Berry" Stephen Walters

Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk,
And Mary bore Jesus who was wrapped in silk.

*And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior to be,
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly!*

Now the holly bears a berry as green as the moss,
And Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross.

Now the holly bears a berry, as black as the coal,
And Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all.

Now the holly bears a berry, as blood is it red,
then trust we our Savior, who rose from the dead.

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Christy Young, director
Dee Walker, flute*

✦ DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

THE MESSIAH'S BIRTH - GOD DWELLS AMONG US

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Lynn Erickson

✦ 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.**

APOCALYPTIC LESSON Revelation 21:3
(page 1041 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.** *(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)*

SERMON *New Relationship* George W. Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

✦ BENEDICTION *(please raise hands)*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE VENI EMMANUEL

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to Thee, O Israel.

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "He Is born, the Heav'nly Child" Denis Bédard

✦ *Indicates congregation standing*

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I. His People

A. New Identity

B. New Purpose

II. Our God

A. Near

B. Dear