

Second Presbyterian Church · November 25, 2018 · 6:00 p.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship.	 		Dan	Bur	ns							
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*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, op'ning to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine; Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began; Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife, Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored. He has done great things, we will say together, we will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire – He is the Lord our God. We are not consumed by the flood – upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night, before the dawn my soul, be not afraid— For the promised morning, O how long? O God of Jacob, be my strength.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed; You are the faithful One. And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom.

†Invocation (please raise hands)

Worship of God with the Gifts of God

Thank You, Lord

Oh hallelujah! (Oh hallelujah!) Thank You, Jesus! (Thank You, Jesus!)

Oh hallelujah! (Oh hallelujah!) Our God saves. (Our God saves.)

Oh hallelujah! (Oh hallelujah!) Highest praises. (Highest praises.)

Oh hallelujah! (Oh hallelujah!) We give thanks (We give thanks.)

I'm grateful for who You are and all You've done!

Thank You, Lord, for saving me! Thank You, Lord, for saving me!

Oh my soul cries: Hallelujah! Thank You, Lord, for saving me!

†Prayer of Thanksgiving

†Greetings and Announcements

Scripture Reading	
,	(page 932 in the pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

Invitation to the Table

All who have publicly professed their faith and joined a Christian church are welcomed to receive communion tonight. We encourage children not to take communion until they have joined the church but do welcome them to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand an elder will serve you in your seat. All communion wafers are gluten free.

Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Songs for the Table

Jesus, I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.

Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth, Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, out of life's storms and into Thy calm,

Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come. Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee. Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above, Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come. Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee. Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold, Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Our Great God

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown Your boundless love, unfailing in grace and mercy shown Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around Your glorious throne They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm. Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms. Our cold and ruthless enemy – his pleasure is our harm. Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God.

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird, Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth, Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe Sing praises to the living God who rules them by His Word.

Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing – let mercy fall on me. Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains.

My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.

Forever, Author of salvation -

He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures – fill my life again. I give my life to follow – everything I believe in, now I surrender.

Shine your light and let the whole world see, We're singing for the glory of the risen king: Jesus.

†Prayer of Thanksgiving

†Benediction (please raise hands)

Postlude

†Indicates standing

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Elders are available following the service for prayer and anointing with oil.

- I. Protects the Body (Acts 22:22-29; 23:9,10)
 - A. Cultural Obsession
 - B. Biblical Stewardship
- II. Provides Your Words (Acts 22:30-23:1-8)
 - A. Men
 - B. Mistakes
 - C. Message
- III. Empowers Your Purpose (Acts 23:11)
 - A. Purpose Confusion
 - B. Divine Necessity

Advent at Second

Hanging of the Green

December 2, 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Our children's choirs will lead worship as we
celebrate the beginning of Advent season. The
service will conclude with activities for children,
decoration of the campus, and a live nativity.

Festival of Carols

December 16, 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
This service is an annual favorite for families
because of the sing-along Christmas carols
and the festive atmosphere of worship.

Nine Lessons and Carols

December 23, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Our Nine Lessons and Carols service includes
Scripture readings and carols based on the
original service held on Christmas Eve in 1918
at King's College in Cambridge, England.

Christmas Eve Worship

4:00 p.m. Family Service with Children's Message 5:30, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

Nursery is available for ages 4 and under for all services excluding the 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve services.