



Messiah

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

December 1, 2013
8:15 a.m.



The Liturgy of the Word

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.
Please silence your mobile devices.*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

You are invited to pray, perhaps including the following prayer, as you prepare for worship.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ORGAN IMPROVISATION: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" PICARDY

Lenora Morrow, organ

VIOLIN PRELUDE: "Arioso" J.S. Bach

Long Long Kang, violin

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE. Paul, Meghean, and Gracie Warner

CHORAL INTROIT: "Prepare the Way, O Zion" Carol McClure

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near.
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet Him who comes in glory, whom prophets did proclaim.
O blest is Christ who comes to us in God's most holy name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion, He comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, His grace and joy proclaim.
O blest is Christ who comes to us in God's most holy name.

Fling wide your gates, O Zion, your Savior's rule embrace.
His tidings of salvation proclaim to every place.
All lands will bow before Him, their voices will proclaim:
"O blest is Christ who comes to us in God's most holy name."

And we shall bow before Him, our voices will proclaim,
"O blest is Christ who comes to us in God's most holy name!" Amen.

*The Westminster Singers
Gracie Donoghue, soloist; Quinn Peebles, guitar
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP Richard G. Cain

♠ PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF ADVENT:

No. 194 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

♠ PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 110 Bill Jorgensen

The Lord says to my Lord:
"Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

**The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter.
Rule in the midst of your enemies!**

Your people will offer themselves freely
on the day of your power, in holy garments;
from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.

The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind,

“You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

**The Lord is at your right hand;
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.**

He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses;
he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.

**He will drink from the brook by the way;
therefore he will lift up his head.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE VENI EMMANUEL

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

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*A special Thanksgiving offering will be received today
to benefit typhoon recovery efforts in the Philippines.
To contribute to this offering, please note “Thanksgiving” on your check
or use the special envelope located in the pew rack.*

OFFERTORY SOLO: “Zion Hears the Watchmen’s Voices” J.S. Bach

Zion hears the watchmen’s voices, their gladdening cry her soul rejoices.
The shadows of her night depart. In His might her Lord appeareth,
His word of grace and truth she heareth, the daystar riseth in her heart.
O come, in splendor bright, Lord Jesu, Light of Light! Hosanna!
We follow Thee, Thy joy to see, where everlasting bliss shall be.

Emily Taylor, soloist

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE VENI EMMANUEL

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

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION Gerry A. Peak

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN Yvonne Hardin

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 7:11-28
(page 1004 in the 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)*

HOMILY *A Priest Like Melchizedek* D. Todd Erickson

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 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.

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 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

**Lord, we have not kept watch for You.
We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns.
We have not waited to find Your will for us.
We have not noticed the needs of the people around us.
We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us.
Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness.
Help us to wait to know Your will.
Help us to look out for the needs of others.
Help us to work and watch for Your coming. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

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 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 powers 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!"**

"Fairest Lord Jesus" CRUSADER'S HYMN

**Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.**

**Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine.**

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” QUEBEC

**Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts,
Thou fount of life, Thou light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts
We turn unfilled to Thee again.**

**Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
Thou savest those that on Thee call;
To them that seek Thee Thou art good,
To them that find Thee all in all.**

**We taste Thee, O Thou living bread,
And long to feast upon Thee still;
We drink of Thee, the fountainhead,
And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.**

**Our restless spirits yearn for Thee,
Where'er our changeful lot is cast;
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see,
Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.**

**O Jesus, ever with us stay,
Make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away,
Shed o'er the world Thy holy light.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

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

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying” Emma Lou Diemer

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

We consider it a privilege to have our children in worship with us. If your small children become restless and vocal, we invite you to the children’s room especially designed for them at the rear of the Sanctuary. They are also welcome in the nursery. Older children should also be encouraged to come to church prepared to stay in their pew throughout the service. One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you or to offer helpful direction regarding your spiritual life. He will be in the Gathering Room, which is the first room on your left as you exit the south-west door of the Sanctuary (closest to the pulpit). You may also send your confidential email to pastor@2pc.org with questions about your spiritual life.

Christmas Flower Order Form

I/We wish to contribute \$_____ to the Flower Ministry of Second Presbyterian Church for use in decorating the church for the Christmas season in memory or honor of loved ones. Please acknowledge the gift (omitting the amount) in the bulletin on Sunday, December 22 as follows:

Please check **ONLY** one: In Memory of In Honor of In Gratitude for

Name: _____

Given by: _____

Telephone number of donor: _____

December 15, 2013 is the deadline for the inclusion of names in the bulletin on December 22, 2013.

Please return this form with your check made out to Second Presbyterian Church and send to 4055 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38111. Clearly designate the gift for the “Flower Ministry.”

An online order form is available at 2pc.org/flowers.