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For Christ is coming,  
Is coming soon,  
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E'en so, Lord Jesus quickly come,  
And night shall be no more;  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,  
For Christ will be their All!

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## CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Dan G. Burns

## ✦HYMN OF CHRIST'S KINGSHIP: No. 441 "Jesus Shall Reign" . . . . . DUKE STREET

## ✦PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 89 (selected verses) . . . . . Ethan Knight (8:15) Candy Willis (11:00)

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

**For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;  
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."**

You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:

**'I will establish your offspring forever,  
and build your throne for all generations.'"**

Of old you spoke in a vision to your godly one, and said:  
"I have granted help to one who is mighty;  
I have exalted one chosen from the people.

**My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him,  
and in my name shall his horn be exalted.**

I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.

**He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father,  
my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'**

And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.

**My steadfast love I will keep for him forever,  
and my covenant will stand firm for him.**

I will establish his offspring forever

**and his throne as the days of the heavens.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . DUKE STREET

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!  
Behold, the King of glory waits;  
The King of kings is drawing near,  
The Savior of the world is here.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

### **Renewing Our Faith**

*Our faith is renewed as we publicly confess the truth of God,  
joining our hearts and voices in prayers and hymns of praise to Him.*

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦ HYMN OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY:

No. 229 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" . . . . . TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. . . . . T. Barton Kimbro

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "A Hymn of the Nativity" . . . . . Kenneth Leighton  
*text by Richard Crashaw (1612-1649)*

We saw Thee in Thy balmy nest young dawn of our eternal day!  
We saw Thine eyes break from the East and chase the trembling shades away;  
We saw Thee, and we bless the sight, we saw Thee by Thine own sweet light!

I saw the obsequious seraphim their rosy fleece of fire bestow;  
For well they now can spare their wings, since Heaven itself lies here below.  
Well done, said I; but are you sure Your down, so warm, will pass for pure?

No, no, your King's not yet to seek where to repose His royal head;  
See, see how soon His new-bloom'd cheek 'twixt mother's breasts is gone to bed!  
Sweet choice, said we, no way but so, not to lie cold, yet sleep in snow.

Welcome, to our wond'ring sight, eternity shut in a span!  
Summer in winter, day in night, Heaven in earth, and God in man.  
Great little one, whose glorious birth lifts earth to Heav'n, stoops Heaven to earth.

To Thee, meek Majesty, soft King of simple graces and sweet loves!  
Each of us his lamb will bring, each his pair of silver doves!  
At last in fire of Thy fair eyes, ourselves become our own best sacrifice.

*Ginger Statom, soloist*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . THE FIRST NOEL

**The first "Noel" the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

*Noel, Noel! Noel, Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel!*

**Now let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,  
And with His blood mankind hath bought.**

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

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.**

### Offering Our Obedience

*God speaks through the reading and preaching of the Holy Scriptures,  
and we respond with grateful submission and loving service.*

GOSPEL LESSON . . . . . Luke 1:26-38  
*(page 855 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. Amen.** *(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)*

SERMON *A King Like David* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF CHRIST’S COMING:  
No. 195 “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come” . . . . . ANTIOCH

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Joy to the World” . . . . . arr. William H. Bates

✦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 southwest door of the Sanctuary (closest to the pulpit). You may also send your confidential email to [pastor@2pc.org](mailto:pastor@2pc.org) with questions about your spiritual life.*

### Getting Connected at Second

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