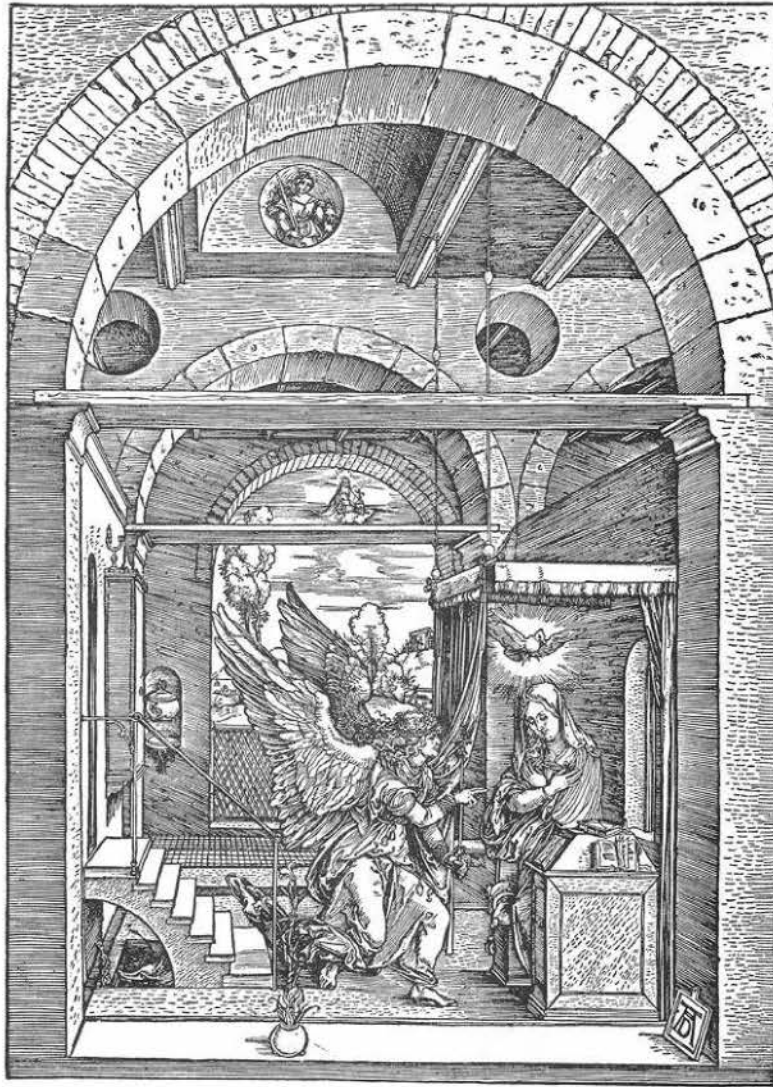


A red-toned illustration of a woman in classical attire, possibly a personification of Wisdom or Truth, holding a scroll. She is surrounded by other figures, including a man in the lower left and several smaller figures in the background. The style is reminiscent of a woodcut or engraving.

A SERVICE *of*
Nine Lessons and Carols

December 21, 2014



Annunciation, 1612
Albrecht Dürer

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols tells the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus, in nine Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books, and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns, and choral music.

The format was based on an order drawn up by Edward White Benson, later Archbishop of Canterbury but at that time Bishop of Truro, in Cornwall, for use on Christmas Eve 1880. Tradition says that he organized a 10:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve in a temporary wooden shed serving as his cathedral and that a key purpose of the service was to keep men out of pubs on Christmas Eve.

The original liturgy has since been adapted and used by other churches all over the world. The best-known version has broadcast annually from King's College, Cambridge, on Christmas Eve since 1918. It features carols sung by the College's famous choir. Our tradition at Second Presbyterian Church is based on this service.

Order for the Public Worship of God

HANDBELL PRELUDE: "Carol of the Bells" Mykolo Leontovich, arr. Kevin McChesney

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "What Child Is This" Traditional English Carol
Julia Atkinson, harp; Shelley Sublett, oboe

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE . . . Stephen, Ginger, Amelia, Claudia, and Margaret Steiner (8:15)
Jim, Candace, Bo, Juliet, Genevieve, and Evienne Echols (11:00)

CHORAL INTROIT: "African Noel" André Thomas

Sing Noel, sing Noel, Noel, Noel
Sing we all Noel! O sing!

O come, ye people, gather here to hear the news of good cheer.
The King of kings, the Lamb of God is born today in Bethlehem!

CALL TO WORSHIP D. Todd Erickson (8:15)
Gerry A. Peak (11:00)

♠PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 225 "Once in Royal David's City" IRBY

Stanza 1: Hope Howard, soloist
Stanzas 2-5: Congregation

♠PRAYER OF ADORATION

The First Lesson

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

GENESIS 3:8-15, 17-19 Lynn L. Erickson (8:15)
Jill A. Peak (11:00)

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL: "Remember, O Thou Man"..... Thomas Ravenscroft

Remember, O thou Man, O thou Man, O thou Man, remember, O thou Man, Thy time is spent.
Remember, O thou Man, how thou art dead and gone, and I did what I can. Therefore repent.

Remember Adam's fall, O thou Man, O thou Man, remember Adam's fall from Heaven to Hell.
Remember Adam's fall, how we were condemned all in Hell perpetual, there for to dwell.

Remember God's goodness, O thou Man, O thou Man, remember God's goodness and His promise made.
Remember God's goodness, how He sent His Son doubtless, our sins for to redress. Be not afraid.

The Angels all did sing, O thou Man, O thou Man, the Angels all did sing upon the shepherds' hill.
The Angels all did sing praises to our Heavenly King, and peace to man living with a good will.

Jennifer Brandon, soloist
Quinn Peebles, guitar

The Second Lesson

God promises to faithful Abraham that his seed shall the nations of the earth call blessed.

GENESIS 22:15-18 Joshua D. Yates (8:15)
Dan G. Burns (11:00)

And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

♠ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: "Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"..... WYCLIFF



Hark! a thi-lling voice is sound-ing; "Christ is nigh," it seems to say,
Wake-ned by the sol - emn warn - ing Let the earth - bound soul a - rise;
Lo, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with par - don down from Heav'n;
That when next He comes in glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing be to God: the Fath - er, Son



"Cast a - way the works of darkness, O ye child-ren of the day."
Christ, her Sun, all ill dis - pell-ing, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
Let us haste, with tears of sor-row, One and all to be for - giv'n.
With His mer - cy He may shield us, and with words of love draw near.
And the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit, while e - ter - nal ag - es run.

The Third Lesson

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

ISAIAH 9:2-7 Jennifer D. Yates (8:15)
Catherine S. Burns (11:00)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL: "There Is Faint Music" Dan Forrest

There is faint music in the night, and pale wings fanned by silver flight;
A frosty hill with tender glow of countless stars that shine on snow.

A shelter from the winter storm, a straw-lined manger, safe and warm,
And Mary singing lullabies to hush her baby's sleepy sighs.

Her eyes are fixed upon His face, unheeded here is time and space.
Her heart is filled with blinding joy for God's own son, her baby boy.

ADVENT HOMILY: "Christ in the Prophets" Sanders L. Willson

The Fourth Lesson

The peace that Christ will bring us is foreshown.

ISAIAH 11:1-4 Michael C. Davis (8:15)
David A. Bowen (11:00)

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

♠ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL:

No. 230 "Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor" QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE

The Fifth Lesson

The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary.

LUKE 1:26-35, 38 Serena H. Davis (8:15)
Lee S. Bowen (11:00)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

HANDBELL MEDITATION: "In the Bleak Midwinter" Gustav Holst, arr. Karen Buckwalter
Text by Christina Rossetti

*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.*

*Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.*

*What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.*

The Sixth Lesson

Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

LUKE 2:1, 3-7 Sarah S. Sadlow (8:15)
Allison G. Willson (11:00)

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

CAROL: "This Little Babe"..... Benjamin Britten

This little Babe so few days old is come to rifle Satan's fold;
All hell doth at his presence quake, though he himself for cold do shake;
For in this weak unarmed wise the gates of hell he will surprise.

With tears he fights and wins the field, his naked breast stands for a shield;
His battering shot are babish cries, his arrows looks of weeping eyes,
His martial ensigns Cold and Need, and feeble Flesh his warrior's steed.

His camp is pitched in a stall, his bulwark but a broken wall;
The crib his trench, haystacks his stakes; of shepherds he his muster makes;
And thus, as sure his foe to wound, the angels' trumps alarm sound.

My soul, with Christ join thou in fight; stick to the tents that he hath pight.
Within his crib is surest ward; this little Babe will be thy guard.
If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy, then flit not from this heavenly Boy.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER..... Ronald G. Sadlow (8:15)
David A. Bowen (11:00)

**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.**

The Seventh Lesson

The shepherds go to the manger.

LUKE 2:8-16 Heidi J. Stokke (8:15)
Scottie A. Cain (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!" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

♠ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: No. 214 "Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA

The Eighth Lesson

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

MATTHEW 2:1-11 Michael G. Stokke (8:15)
Richard G. Cain (11:00)

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY CAROL: "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy" arr. André Thomas

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
An' they said that his name was Jesus.

*He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.
Oh yes, believer, born in Bethlehem!*

The angels sang when the baby was born,
An' they said that His name was Jesus.

Wise men came from afar.
They came following that star.
They saw where the babe was born,
An' they said that His name was Jesus.

*Orgeny Carroll, percussion
Paul Zacarias, steel drum*

♠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE W ZLOBIE LEZY

**Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.**

♠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION L. Brett Wynne (8:15)
T. Barton Kimbro (11:00)

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ninth Lesson

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

JOHN 1:1-14..... Rachel H. Wynne (8:15)
Sarah R. Kimbro (11:00)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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)*

♠ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: No. 203 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN

♠ BENEDICTION

♠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ADESTES FIDELES

**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him; Christ, the Lord!**

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Celtic Toccata on "Angels We Have Heard On High" Grimoaldo Macchai

♠ *Indicates congregation standing* | CCLI License #252778

The Musicians

*The Second Ringers Handbell Choir; Terri Theil, Director
The Youth Choir; Ginger Statom, Director
The Chancel Choir; Gabriel Statom, Director*

Getting Connected at Second

To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community,
contact Todd Erickson at (901) 312-9890 or todd.erickson@2pc.org.

Christmas Flowers

The following is a list of donations to the Chancel Guild Fund, given to the glory of God.

In Memory of:

James E. Boone and Helen P. Boone by Mrs. James E. Boone and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boone; Mrs. Linda Buck and Mr. David R. Bridgforth, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. David R. Bridgforth, Jr.; Jim Chase by his family; John and Marianne Dickson by Virginia Dickson Cochran; Mark Coleman, Jr., Lucille Carter Tansey, Mr. and Mrs. Flint Sawtelle, Mr. Bo Nance, and Mrs. Cilla Harris by Bob, Deborah, Caroline, and Carter Coleman; Ann and Sam Cox by Jay, Ann, and Sam Cox and Janet and Bill Harritt; Emily Smith Britton, Louise and Frank Smith, and Elizabeth Cross by Mike, Cynthia, Michael, and William Cross; Dr. Orin L. Davidson, Jr., Julia Davidson, and James Marvin Garner by Orin and Mary Davidson; Dorothy and Forrest Leeper by Janet and Lloyd George; Harry H. Jones, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. James Hamlett, Sr. by Chip and Mary Jane Hamlett and children; Helen Harris by Lessie, Lola, and Will Harris; Wilton Hazelwood by Sandy Hazelwood; Jim Humphries by Dorette and family; Herbert Hunt by his family; Tom Hutton by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hutton, Jr. and Garnett and Callie; Bonnie "Mimi" Taylor by Jeff, Terri, Alex, and Brad Jarratt; Austin Davis Jarratt by Jeff, Terri, Alex, and Brad Jarratt; Ed Veglio by Carolyn Klinke; Mr. Fred Tarkington, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. John Fred Tarkington, Sr. by Mrs. Ferrin T. Mavar; George Thomas McPherson, Jr. by the Tom McPherson and Tom Hayes families; Russ Billings and Sara Misner by Janet Misner; Mr. W. P. Morrison by his children and grandchildren; James A. Null by his family; Edgar H. Bailey, Mary Jo Phillips and John Phillips III by their grandchildren, John Phillips V, Paige P. Gillespie, and Bailey E. Phillips; Frederick C. Schaeffer by Paige and John Phillips IV; Henry C. Pitts by his family; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Quinlen, Jr. and Dr. and Mrs. Tully T. Blalock by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Quinlen III; Roland Guest Stetler III by Carrie Riedmeyer; Bucky Shappley by Pat Shappley; Rev. J. Donald Stanfill by Don and Lesa Stanfill; Henry C. Pitts and Robert Tayloe by the Elmer Stout Family; Bettye and Lewis Taliaferro by their daughters, Elizabeth, Margaret, and Mary; George and Elaine Walker and Charlie Cash by Dee Walker; John Arthur Newton, Joy and Bill Wepfer, Courtney and Daniel Shores, and Wilton Hazelwood by the Wepfer Family; Jody Bellott and Steve Rhea by John

and Lucy Wepfer; Betsy H. Graham and Nancy B. West by Wade, Katie, Will, and Graham West; Russell and Rachel Schulte and John and Margaret Whittemore by John and Marilyn Whittemore; Royce Wiley, Sr., Mama Wiley, Marie Hettel, and Ruby Gross by Rip and Natalie Wiley; Margaret Underwood by Nina and Terry Wilson and family; Lindy Sparks Ruffin by Eileen, Dan, Daniel, and Ruffin Wood; and Dr. and Mrs. Elbert Hays Wilkes by Drew and Mary-Wilkes Yonchak.

In Honor of:

Gerry Peak by Chuck and Scottie Cobb; Kathy and Gene Cashman's 50th wedding anniversary by their children and grandchildren; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Keasling by Christian Hammond; Dial Boyle Jackson by her children and grandchildren; Pat Veglio by Carolyn Klinke; Lee and David Bowen by Janet Misner; Ruth M. Morrison by her children and grandchildren; Jeanne Smith and Elaine Oakes by the Oakes family; Ann Bailey by her grandchildren, John Phillips V, Paige P. Gillespie, and Bailey E. Phillips; Josephine P Schaeffer, Debbie and Kirk Bailey, and Scott H. Bailey by Paige and John Phillips IV; Our Missionaries by Ron and Sarah Sadlow; Mrs. Henry C. Pitts and Mrs. Robert Tayloe by the Elmer Stout Family; Virginia Pilcher, Margaret Donato, and Ruth Warren by Carol Urschel; Mary Ruth Witt and Beverly Anderson by Geordy, Kelly, Witt, Pender, and Georgianna Wells; John and Jo Walt and Sandy Hazelwood by the Wepfer family; and William Thomas West, Jr. and Laura West by Wade, Katie, Will, and Graham West.

In Gratitude for:

God's Gift of Family by the Bergeron Family; Ginna Rauls and all of the Special Friends Volunteers by Walker Bush; Samuel Metzger by Jay Cox; After Hours Bible Study by Cathy Housholder; Sojourners OASIS Team and Sojourners Shepherd Group Leaders by Debbie and Mark Perkins; Mary Quinlan for her many years of service to the Music Ministry by Gabe and Ginger Statom; Dr. and Mrs. Bill Weber and the Campus Outreach Memphis Staff by the Kevin Stout Family; Jane Cash by Dee Walker; and Thursday Prayer Group by Lucy Wepfer.

Welcome

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you to Second Presbyterian. Please sign our Friendship Pad, which will be passed during the Greetings time of the service. Our Congregational Communities (CCs), also known as Sunday School classes, offer a wide variety of options for various age groups and stages of life. Visiting a CC is the best way to get to know others and become involved. CCs meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. For a full listing of classes, visit 2pc.org/cc.

Children in Worship: We consider it a privilege for children to worship with us. If your children become restless and vocal, we invite you to the Cry Room at the back of the Sanctuary. They are also welcome in the nursery. Worship bags including material specifically designed for children are available at the Welcome Desk located outside the west double doors of the Sanctuary.

Pastoral Care: One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you in the Gathering Room, located on the left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary. Confidential emails are also accepted at pastor@2pc.org.

Weekly Focus on Missions

World Missions: Brandon and Liz serve with EPC World Outreach. This fall EPC World Outreach missionaries have been sent to India, Jordan, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Malaysia. All of these countries present challenges to enter, as well as to live in. Please pray for the families that were placed in these countries and for Brandon and Liz as they continue to pray and look for others who may be ready to start the process of becoming a World Outreach missionary to "shine a light in very difficult places." Please also pray for Brandon and Liz — for a vibrant personal spiritual life, a growing marriage, for joy and wonder in all the grace-filled moments of life, and wisdom for raising their four little children (to be five in April).

Mission Memphis: The holiday season is a demanding and stressful time for those ministering to those in need. Please pray for our ministry partners' leaders and staff — that they will be encouraged as they see others blessed through their efforts and that the holidays will also include special family times for them. Pray also for the financial needs of our partners and that, as the year ends, people will be moved to give generously to support ministry efforts in our city and elsewhere.

Christmas Eve Worship

We invite you to worship with us on Christmas Eve. At 4:00 p.m., the Family Service will feature our annual Christmas video and children's message. At 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., our Chancel Choir and Orchestra will accompany a beautiful candlelight communion service. Our Westminster Singers will lead the candlelight communion service at 11:00 p.m. Nursery will be available for ages 4 and under at the 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. services. All services will be held in the Sanctuary.

Caring Ministry Fund

For many years Second's Caring Ministry has provided financial assistance to our members and to those in the Memphis community. Today you have an opportunity to contribute to this fund. A special Caring Ministry Fund envelope is available in the pew rack.

Caring Ministry

Sympathy to:

Jack Gordon on the death of his sister, *Mary Gordon Jordan*, December 10, 2014.

Suzanne Hammons on the death of her husband, *John O'Neal Hammons, Sr.*, December 11, 2014. Mr. Hammons was the father of John Hammons, Jr. and Taylor Hammons.

Jennie Helm on the death of her mother, *Miriam Grace Evans Kretzer*, December 12, 2014.

Congratulations to:

Elizabeth and Tom Sherrad on the birth of a daughter, *Camille McCadden Sherrad*, December 4, 2014 in Nashville, TN. Maternal grandparents are Camille and Haynes McNeil. Maternal great grandmother is Betty Wetter.

In the Hospital (as of 12/17/14):

Joe Pickering, Baptist
John Brooks, Baptist
Larry Wright, Baptist
Mary Lawrence Allen, Baptist
Mary Ruth Witt, Village at Germantown Rehab
Perry Shropshire, Primacy Rehab
Mary Lou Shelton, Memphis Jewish Home
Jack Gordon, Allen Morgan Rehab
Nelda Hamer, National Rehabilitation Hospital
(Washington, D.C.)

December Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary for the month of December are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: *Bernice and George Flinn* by their sons George, Jr., Fred, and Carl, and their families; *Mabel L., Forrest P., and James W. Morgan* by Forrest and Joan Morgan; *Mr. and Mrs. William D. Nicholson* by their children and grandchildren; *Lillian and Thomas Patton* by Claude and Susan Crawford, John and Elizabeth Holmes, and their grandchildren, who have provided the Christmas wreaths on the exterior doors of the church buildings during the Advent season.

Giving Update

Year to Date through November 30, 2014

Budget: \$3,142,599

Actual: \$2,993,536

Variance: (\$149,063)




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