



Sunday Night Worship

Second Presbyterian Church · December 9, 2018 · 6:00 p.m.

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Candle Cathy Crowe, Keith Gilder, and Mandy Young

✦ **Call to Worship** David Bowen
Assistant Pastor, Middle Adults

✦ **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies,
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing! "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time, behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing! "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace, hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing! "Glory to the new-born King!"

✦ **Glory to the Newborn King**

Congregation:
Jesus, Jesus, O what a wonderful child!
Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek, and mild.
New life and hope to all He brings,
Listen to the angels sing,
"Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King!"

Soloist:
He was heralded by the angels, born in a lonely manger.
Virgin Mary was chosen as His mother, and Joseph as His earthly father.
The wise men traveled from afar; they were guided by the shining star
Just to see King Jesus where He lay, in a manger filled with hay.

✦ **Invocation** (*please raise hands*)

Worship of God with the Gifts of God

Sweet, Little Jesus Boy

Sweet little Jesus boy, born in a manger;
Sweet little Holy child, we didn't know who You were.
Long time ago, it seems, You were born;
Born in a manger Lord, sweet little Jesus boy.

*Didn't know You'd come to save us all, to take our sins away.
Our eyes were blind, we did not see; we didn't know who You were.*

You have shown us how, and we are trying.
Master, You have shown us how, even as You were dying.

This world treats You mean, Lord; treats me mean, too.
But that's how things are done down here; we didn't know it was You.

Donavon Hughes, soloist

✦Prayer of Thanksgiving

✦Greetings and Announcements

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:1-7
(page 573 in the pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

Sermon: The Glorious Reign of the Eternal King Tim Russell
Assistant Pastor, Middle Adults

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 and 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

What Child Is This

What Child is this who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping,
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

*This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.*

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant king, to own Him.
The King of kings, salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Raise, raise a song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born; the Babe the Son of Mary.

Nails, spears shall pierce Him through, the cross He bore for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary,

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

O Holy Night

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining;
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born.
O night divine, O night, O night divine.

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love, and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise His holy name.

Christ is the Lord; O praise His name forever!
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim;
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim.

Jesus Messiah

He became sin, who knew no sin,
That we might become His righteousness.
He humbled Himself and carried the cross –
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

*Jesus Messiah, Name above all names,
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel,
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven,
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love;
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn –
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You,
All the glory to You, God – the Light of the world!

✠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.

Advent at Second

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.

PJ Story Time: *December 19, 6:00 p.m. in C100*

We're throwing a birthday party for Jesus at PJ Story Time! Come dressed in your favorite PJs and big fuzzy slippers to sing songs, enjoy milk and cupcakes, and hear the Christmas story from Pastor George! Geared for children up to third grade.

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. During the Sunday School hour, all ages are invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments. *Sunday School classes will not meet on December 23 or 30. Sunday Night Worship will not meet on December 23.*

Christmas Eve Worship: *December 24*

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 events and services excluding PJ Story Time and the 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve services.