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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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December 29, 2019  
*Season of Christmastide*



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.*

Worshipping the King who sacrificed all to rescue us from sin, death, and hell always involves sacrifice. Today, we offer up the sacrifice of praise which is “the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name” (*Hebrews 13:15*).

In Matthew 2, the Magi from the East demonstrate for us what this type of worship looks like. Take a moment to prepare your heart for worship by meditating on the following:

*Like the magi, our duty is to adore King Jesus in a spiritual manner:  
For the lawful and reasonable worship which He demands  
is that we consecrate first ourselves, and then all that we have, to His service.*

John Calvin

*Those who truly desire to know Christ and find Him  
will not regard pains or perils in seeking after Him.  
What has it cost you to follow Jesus?  
Has your devotion to the King cost you anything this past year?  
Friends, income, esteem, or reputation?  
If not, consider how eagerly you seek after Him.*

Matthew Henry

## SEEK AND PRAISE KING JESUS

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Trumpet Rondo” . . . . . Fenton Groden

*Brad Jones, organ*

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION: “Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier” . . . . . J.S. Bach

*Brad Jones, piano*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Todd Erickson

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 182 “As with Gladness Men of Old” . . . . . DIX

*Words: William Dix / Music: Conrad Kocher / Matthew 2:10*

✦INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

✦STATEMENT OF FAITH: Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 34 . . Marjorie Bowman (8:15)  
Blanche Tosh (11:00)

What is adoption?

**Adoption is the act of God’s free grace  
by which we become His sons  
with all the rights and privileges of being His.**

*This catechism will be the topic of the sermon this evening.*

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . VENI EMMANUEL

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

# RECEIVE THE GRACE OF KING JESUS

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Heavenly Father,  
 all year long we pursue power,  
 yet Jesus came in weakness.  
 All season long we covet material gifts,  
 when You alone offer what is lasting.  
 Through the work of our Lord Jesus,  
 who comes among us full of grace and truth,  
 forgive, restore, and heal us.  
 Then open our lips, that we may sing Your praise  
 and witness to Your transforming love.  
 For we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

## INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. . . . . John 3:16-17

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,  
 that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.  
 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,  
 but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "All Is Well" . . . . . Michael W. Smith, Wayne Kirpatrick

All is well, all is well, angels and men rejoice;  
 For tonight, darkness fell into the dawn of love's light.  
 Sing al-le, sing alleluia.

All is well, all is well, let there be peace on earth.  
 Christ is come, go and tell that He is in the manger.  
 Sing al-le, sing alleluia.

All is well, all is well, lift up your voice and sing.  
 Born is now Emmanuel; born is our Lord and Savior.  
 Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, all is well.

*Tabitha and Justin Wadkins*

✦DOXOLOGY . . . . . OLD HUNDREDTH

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

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING. . . . . Artez Henderson

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN. . . . . Kevin McQuillen

# OFFER YOUR OBEDIENCE TO KING JESUS

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(please stand)*

**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.**

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 83 "What Star Is This" . . . . . PUER NOBIS

*Words: Charles Coffin / Music: George Woodward / Matthew 2:1*

SCRIPTURE LESSON . . . . . Exodus 12:14-28  
*(page 54 in the pew Bible)*

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
**but the Word of our God will stand forever.** *(Isaiah 40:8)*

SERMON                      *What Do You Mean by This Service?*                      George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT:  
No. 181 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" . . . . . ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*Words: Christopher Wordsworth / Music: George Elvey / Matthew 2:1*

✦BENEDICTION *(please raise hands)*

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Fling Wide the Door" . . . . . J. William Greene

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, SECOND!

On a chilly Saturday evening, December 28, 1844, a group gathered in a brick warehouse on Front Street to organize Second Presbyterian Church. The next morning, 21 members worshiped together and celebrated communion.

Today marks the 175th anniversary of that first worship service on the river bluff. Let us praise the Lord for His faithfulness to Second!

I. **Liberation** (*Exodus 12:14-20*)

II. **Lamb** (*Exodus 12:21-27*)

III. **Liturgy** (*Exodus 12:27-28*)

**Gospel  
Priorities**

January 2020

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