
A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

11:00 a.m.

(*Those who are able may stand)

We Gather for Worship

Pouring of the Water		Jen Brown-Murphy
Welcome and Announcements		Jen Brown-Murphy
Moment for Mission	<i>Westminster Christmas Baskets</i>	Stan and Evelyn Kramer
Prelude	<i>Puer Natus</i>	arr. Roberta Rowland-Raybold © 2018 Augsburg Fortress

* Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Voice 1: In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth,
the earth was a formless void, and darkness covered the face of the deep.

Voice 2: A wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light,"

Voice 1: and there was light. And God saw that the light was good.

Voice 2: God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day,
and the darkness God called Night.

Congregation: **And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.**

*Hymn 82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (HYFRYDOL)

A Time with the Children Jen Brown-Murphy

Children are Invited to W.O.W. (Worship Our Way) Jen Brown-Murphy

(**Children preschool through elementary school** are invited to W.O.W. In-person children can be picked up on the 3rd floor Children's Sunday School wing outside Rooms 300 and 301. We will complete our worship by noon. Please wait in the hallway and we will dismiss children by family once we have completed our worship.)

Call to Confession Jackie Graves

Prayer of Confession (*unison*) Jackie Graves

**O God of night and day,
there is no shadow that can hide our sin from you
and no secret that you will not bring to light.**

Forgive all the ways we turn from you.

**Renew us in love, and teach us to live in a way
that brings honor and glory to your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Jackie Graves

The good news of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life.
Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of hope and peace.

Thanks be to the Advent God who has promised to set things right.

God Speaks to Us from the Word

Scripture

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Sermon

Awaiting the Dawn of Those Days

Pastor John P. Leggett

*An Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

All things will be renewed in Christ.

**In Christ, God gave us a glimpse of the new creation
he has already begun and will surely finish.**

We do not know when the final day will come.

**In our time, we see only broken and scattered signs
that the renewal of all things is under way.**

**We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering
in the world, the church, or our own lives.**

But we see Jesus as Lord.

**As he stands at the center of our history,
we are confident he will stand at its end.**

He will judge all people and nations.

**Evil will be condemned
and rooted out of God's good creation.**

There will be no more tears or pain.

All things will be made new.

**The fellowship of human beings with God and each other
will be perfected.**

(From *A Declaration of Faith*)

We Respond to God

Anthem

Of the Father's Love Begotten
Covenant Choir

arr. John Randall Dennis

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Concerns and Celebrations

Pastor David Holden

Prayers of the People

Pastor David Holden

Invitation to the Offering

Pastor David Holden

Offertory Hymn 717

For the Life That You Have Given

(PLEADING SAVIOR)

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor John P. Leggett

*The Lord's Prayer

Pastor John P. Leggett

God Send Us to the World

*Charge and Blessing

Pastor John P. Leggett

*Postlude

Noel

Louie-Claude D'Aquin

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Service Notes

Pastors: John P. Leggett, David Holden

Liturgists: Jackie Graves, Jen Brown-Murphy

Musicians: Gary Anderson, Martha Anderson, Covenant Choir

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us, both in-person and on livestream! Please remember masks are required when in the building for group gatherings, including worship and classes. Visit our Facebook or website page for the latest updates.

Christmas Baskets for Westminster Village and Lakeside Manor, a ministry to low-income families will be delivered on Sunday, December 19th. If you'd like to help with the cost, please make checks payable to Second marked "**Christmas Baskets**" and place in the offering plate as you leave. Contact Evelyn Kramer (873-4700 or ebkramer55@yahoo.com) if interested in helping deliver the baskets.

The Lexington Chamber Chorale will present a Christmas concert titled NOEL! in our sanctuary **tonight** beginning at **5:00 p.m.** Fresh arrangements of familiar carols and exciting new compositions! **Tickets available** on the website (www.lexingtonchamberchorale.org) or at the door the afternoon of the concert: general admission \$22.00; students \$10.00.

Youth Group will not be meeting tonight. Join us next Sunday from **4:00-6:00 p.m.** Check out the website for details.

There's still time to join an Advent Growth Groups! Join with others to read and reflect together on Thomas G. Long and Donyella C. McCray's *A Surprising God*. Groups will gather for an hour once a week (**in-person and by zoom**) for a time of connection and fellowship, and to engage the readings for that particular week. **Sign up today on our website** (www.2preslex.org).

Your gifts and donations in response to God are instrumental in sustaining our ability to move forward with all the ministries of Second. You may make your gifts through the secure link on the church website (www.2preslex.org) or by mailing your check to Second Presbyterian Church, 460 East Main Street, Lexington, KY 40507, or for those worshipping with us in person, **place in the offering plates located on the tables at the entrances as you exit.**

Celebration

Special thanks to all those, including our youth, who helped decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.

Our Sympathy

We extend the love and concern of the congregation to the following:

Lakshman Chelvarajan and Nicole Nicholas on the sudden passing of their son, Max, on November 19th.