
A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 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>Refugee Resettlement</i>	John and Carolyn Looff
Prelude	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i> Nancy Brown and Martha Anderson, piano duet	arr. Molly I. James (c) 2015 Lorenz Publishing Company

* Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Voice 1: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Voice 2: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Voice 1: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Voice 2: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage.

Congregation: Wait for the Lord!

*Hymn 88 (vs 1, 6, 7) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (VENI EMMANUEL)

A Time With The Children Jen Brown-Murphy

Children are Invited to W.O.W. (Worship Our Way)

(**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

Merciful God,
always with us, always coming;
we confess that we do not know
how to prepare for your advent.
We have forgotten how to hope for miracles;
we have ignored the promise of your coming reign;
we get distracted by the busyness of the season.
Forgive us, God.
Grant us the wonder of the magi,
the faith of Mary and Joseph.

**Lead us to Bethlehem,
that we might discover again the good news of the gospel—
for Jesus' sake, for our sakes, for the sake of the world.
Through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

Promise of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Jackie Graves

Let us celebrate together the good news of Advent:

God has promised to show up with power to save us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

God Speaks to Us from the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Pastor John P. Leggett

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:68-79

Sermon

In the Way of Peace

Pastor John P. Leggett

*An Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

**We believe that God has entrusted the church
with the message of reconciliation
in and through Jesus Christ.**

**We believe that the church is called
to be the salt of the earth
and the light of the world.**

**We believe that the church is called blessed
because it is a peacemaker.**

**We believe that the church is witness—
both by word and by deed—
to the new heaven and the new earth
in which righteousness dwells.**

(Adapted from *The Confession of Belhar*)

Anthem

Every Valley
Covenant Choir

John Ness Beck

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*Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain made low;
and the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain.*

God Feeds Us at the Table

Offering of Our Gifts

Pastor David Holden

Offertory Hymn 717

For the Life That You Have Given

(PLEADING SAVIOR)
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Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor John P. Leggett

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor John P. Leggett

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Pastor John P. Leggett

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Pastor David Holden

Communion of the People

God Sends Us to the World

*Prayer after Communion

Pastor John P. Leggett

*Charge and Blessing

Pastor John P. Leggett

*Postlude

God Rest You Merry

arr. Wilbur Held

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Service Notes

Pastors: John P. Leggett, David Holden

Liturgists: Jackie Graves, Jen Brown-Murphy

Musicians: Gary Anderson, Martha Anderson and 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.

Afghan Resettlement Update: Our co-sponsorship team has been matched with an Afghan refugee family! They are a young couple with a 6-week old baby boy who arrived on December 1st. Please contact John or Carolyn Loeff with leads on any baby related donations at 859-552-6693 (John) or 859-552-6694 (Carolyn), Carolyn.loeff@gmail.com.

Christmas Baskets for Westminster Village and Lakeside Manor, a ministry to low-income families, will be delivered 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.

Opportunities for Giving this Christmas Season - Be sure you stop by the Gathering Place today to see all the possibilities including the Hope Center Mountain of Coffee or you can give a blanket in honor of someone. The Buckhorn table has a list of suggested gifts for foster children and others. Check out what is needed under the Giving Tree in the corner by the elevator or you can also contribute to the Tambu Chirwa Scholarship Fund and buy fair trade coffee, cocoa, olive oil, and chocolate bars.

Advent Workshop will be held in-person **today** from **3:00-5:00 p.m.** Our theme this year is "*Follow the Star!*" as children and their families join the Magi on the journey to Bethlehem...following the stars to craft stations throughout the church to make special gifts and crafts to celebrate Christmas! We hope all families can join us!

Christmas Cantata *Christmas By Candlelight a Service of Carols* will be held **next Sunday, December 12th at the 11:00 service** and will include familiar carols, spoken lessons, sung by the Covenant Choir and accompanied by brass ensemble. This will definitely get you in the Christmas spirit! Be sure you invite a friend!

Children's Christmas Pageant will be held **next Sunday, December 12th at 5:00 p.m.** We invite everyone to join us for the children sharing *A Starry Night in Bethlehem* in our sanctuary.

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 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.**