

1st Sunday of Christmas

December 29th, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

The Holly and the Ivy

arr. Mary McDonald

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

from 'Hope is Alive' by Ellie Holcomb

One: Sing with the angels that filled up the sky.

All: Those in the shadows have seen a great light.

One: Heaven broke through, and now hope is alive.

All: God is right here among us.

One: God is with us.

All: And hope is alive!

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

#143, vv. 1-3

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of steadfast love, we confess that we are slow to trust and quick to fear. When challenges arise, we doubt your presence and guidance. When the path forward is uncertain, we choose ease over faithfulness. We wander from your embrace; and we let fear and power cloud our judgment. Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to see your presence in the midst of uncertainty. Draw us back to your love that calls us out of isolation and into hope. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Friends, believe the good news. God's redeeming love is steadfast and enduring.

All: In Jesus Christ, God's love is made flesh, guiding us through the valleys of fear and into the light of hope.

One: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

✠ RESPONSE

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

#143, v. 4

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Registration Pad found at the end of the row and pass it along.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples.

Following this time, children through 1st grade are invited to Children's Church.

✠ HYMN MEDLEY

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

#123, vv. 1&4

What Child Is This?

#145, vv. 1&3

Love Has Come

#110, vv. 1&3

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

#119, vv. 2&3

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Hosea 11:1-4

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory

What Child Is This?

arr. Dan Chadburn

✠ Response

In the Bleak Midwinter

#144, v. 4

✠ Prayer of Dedication

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

✠ HYMN OF SENDING

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

#136

✠ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE

I Saw Three Ships

arr. William Haviland

✠ PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT, AS YOU ARE ABLE

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Marty McLean – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

Ushers: Linda Cook, Dick Smith, Nancy Smythe
Technicians: Matthew Lowe (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We conclude our current sermon series, *God's Kingdom People*, this morning. On Christmas Eve we begin Part II of our look at the Narrative Arc of Scripture by focusing on *The Life of Jesus*.

Dec. 29	Matt 2:13-23	The Life of Jesus: <i>Escape to Egypt</i>
Jan 5	Luke 2:41-52	The Life of Jesus: <i>Visit to the Temple</i>
Jan 12	Mt 4 / Lk 4	The Life of Jesus: <i>Baptism</i>
Jan 19	Mt 4 / Lk 4	The Life of Jesus: <i>Temptation</i>

5th SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL: TODAY we are worshipping in the Fellowship Hall instead of the Sanctuary. Worship on the 5th Sunday of the month is a little less formal and gives us an opportunity to be together in a different way than usual.

CONNECT

FELLOWSHIP TIME: Join us after worship each week for coffee, lemonade, cookies, and a time of fellowship.

FOOD & FRIENDS: Food and Friends will resume on January 12th and will be on the second Sunday of each month through May. If you are interested in hosting, scan the QR Code to sign up or let Pastor Tim know.



WELCOME VISITORS!

We are excited to have you with us today and hope you feel at home! We are honored you are here and pray you will feel God's presence in this place. If you do not have a church home, we would love for you to be a part of the 2nd Pres. Please let us know a bit about you by completing a Visitor's Card or by filling out your information in the Friendship Register. Children are welcome in worship. There is a **family worship area** down front. There is also a "crying room" next door in the Library where the service is live streamed. **Children's Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex. Children ages 2 through 1st grade are invited to **Children's Church** following the children's time in worship. A **nursery is available** beginning at 9:15 for infants and children through age 2. **Hearing Devices** are available if needed.

GROW

THE FAITH, SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets in the Barbour Room at 9:30 a.m. weekly. This class studies current events through the lens of faith using a weekly curriculum called *The Wired Word*. All are invited – join us!

CHILDREN'S VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: As our nursery and preschool continue to grow, we are needing more volunteers! If you are interested, please contact Holly Grimm at (865) 243-6353.

GO

FISH MINISTRY DONATION NEEDS: The FISH ministry is currently in need of dish soap, bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper, and maxi pads. Donations can be placed in the FISH bin in the hallway between the Atrium and kitchen. And we can always use more volunteers -- either for packing in the mornings or delivering in the early afternoon -- to help expand the number of Knox County residents with food insecurity that we can assist. It's the 4th Tuesday of every month. Contact Dick Dodson at rtdodson52@gmail.com.

HAT AND GLOVE TREE: Time is running out for you to make your donations of new hats and gloves in ADULT SIZES. The hats and gloves will be donated to the Resource Center at the Volunteer Ministry Center. The Resource Center aids the homeless through various programs to achieve permanent housing. Hats and Gloves can be hung on the Christmas Tree in the Atrium or dropped in a bin near the tree by NEXT Sunday.

SUPPORT

WI-FI NETWORK: Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalm100*.

GIVE ONLINE: Visit us at www.2ndpres.org/give, text *2ndPresKnox* to 73256, or scan the QR code to the right.



STEWARDSHIP: If you have not already made a pledge for 2025, this is the last week to do so. You can make a pledge online through the church website, through the Giving tab in your Realm account, or with a physical pledge card. Please let us know how you plan to financially support the ministry and mission of 2nd Presbyterian as soon as possible. Thank you for your commitment to our congregation.

E-MAIL LIST UPDATE: If you are not receiving the weekly Friday E-News and would like to, please send Jack (jrosamond@2ndpres.org) an email letting him know you would like to be added to the email list.

CHURCH CLOSED: The church will be closed January 1st, 2025, in recognition of New Year's Day.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, December 29th

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, January 1st

Church Closed

Thursday, January 2nd

- 1:00 p.m. GO Team Meeting (Barbour Room)

Sunday, January 5th

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Sarah Kinnard Seaton, Drew Wall, The family of Bob Campbell, Amy Garcia, Sue Jacox, Donna Downen, and Arlys Milligan

*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request. Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.

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ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: The bulletin cover art for this year is a series designed in 2022 by regional artist and retired pastor of Erin Presbyterian Church, John Stuart. John is a native of Scotland who has lived and ministered in East Tennessee for 30 years and describes his work as a "therapeutic and creative way" to strengthen his spiritual connection to God.



Responding in gratitude to God's love and grace, we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community, following Jesus and serving him in the world.

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