

## Order for the Public Worship of God

The Twentieth Day of December, Two Thousand and Nine

### Nine Lessons and Carols

8:15 & 11:00 A.M. • The Sanctuary

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.  
Please turn off your cell phone.*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: “Hodie Christus Natus Est” . . . . . Giovanni Gabrieli  
*Lenora Morrow, Organ and Brass Quartet*

WORD ON WORSHIP                    *The Sacred Dialogue*                    Sanders L. Willson

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE  
8:15 - Darby, Jason, Tate, Caroline & Collins Farmer  
11:00 - Traverse & Peggy Read

CHORAL INTROIT: Chorale from Cantata “Sleepers Awake!” (BWV 140). . . . . J. S. Bach  
Glory now to Thee be given, on earth as in the highest heaven.  
With lute and harp in sweetest tone. All of pearl each dazzling portal,  
Where we shall join the song immortal, of saints and angels round Thy throne.

Beyond all earthly kin those wondrous joys remain,  
That God prepares. Our hearts rejoice, i-o! i-o! Ever in dulci júbilo!

*The Chancel Choir  
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Andrew E. Keasling (8:15)  
T. Barton Kimbro (11:00)

### The First Lesson

GENESIS 3:8-15 (*page 3 in pew Bible*)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

✦HYMN OF ADVENT: No. 193 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” . . . . . PICARDY

### The Second Lesson

GENESIS 22:15-18 (*page 20 in pew Bible*) . . . . . Sandra H. Hazelwood (8:15)  
Mallory N. Hawkins (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF ADVENT: No. 194 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” . . . . . VENI EMMANUEL  
*stanzas 1, 3 & 5*

### The Third Lesson

ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7 (*page 683 in pew Bible*) . . . . . W. Harold Ware (8:15)  
F. Dale Brady (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

✦HYMN OF LONGING: No. 196 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” . . . . . HYFRYDOL

### The Fourth Lesson

ISAIAH 11:1-9 (*page 686 in pew Bible*) . . . . . Michael A. Robertson (8:15)  
Susan F. Warner (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PROMISE:  
No. 221 “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” . . . . . ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN

### The Fifth Lesson

LUKE 1:26-38 (*page 1012 in pew Bible*) . . . . . Dylan A. Franklin (8:15)  
Yvonne K. Hardin (11:00)

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**Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL RESPONSE: “Prepare Thyself, Zion” from Christmas Oratorio. . . . . J. S. Bach  
*Christy Young, soloist*

Prepare thyself, Zion, with tender affection,  
The purest, the fairest this day to receive.

### The Sixth Lesson

MATTHEW 1:18-25 (*page 955 in pew Bible*) . . . . . Gail G. Stevens (8:15)  
Frances N. Cowan (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF WONDER: No. 213 “What Child Is This” . . . . . GREENSLEEVES

### The Seventh Lesson

LUKE 2:8-20 (*page 1014 in pew Bible*) . . . . . R. Scott Hanson (8:15)  
W. Brian Lewis (11:00)

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**Thanks be to God.**

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Gloria” . . . . . John Rutter

*I. Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, Benedicimus te.  
Adoramus te, Glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.*

I. Glory be to God on high,  
And on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee,  
We worship Thee, we glorify Thee,  
We give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

✦HYMN OF INCARNATION: No. 203 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” . . . . . MENDELSSOHN

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION . . . . . Darrin S. Anthony (8:15)  
Ronald G. Sadlow (11:00)

✦GREETINGS

### The Eighth Lesson

MATTHEW 2:1-11 (*page 956 in pew Bible*) . . . . . Lance E. Stockton (8:15)  
A. Mitchell Moore (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

✦HYMN OF LIGHT: No. 226 “As with Gladness Men of Old” . . . . . DIX

### The Ninth Lesson

JOHN 1:1-14 (*page 1049 in pew Bible*) . . . . . Robert S. Roaten (8:15)  
Edward J. Foster (11:00)

All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;

**The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
but the Word of our God stands forever. Amen.**                    (*Isaiah 40:6b, 8*)

SERMON                    *Good News of Great Joy*                    Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF JOY: No. 195 “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come” . . . . . ANTIOCH

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Joy to the World” . . . . . arr. W.H. Bates

✦*Indicates congregation standing*                    CCLI License #252778

*Instrumentalists: John Schuesselin and Stan Friedman, trumpets; Sam Compton, horn; James Albrecht, trombone; Russ Clemens, tuba; Dee Walker, flute; John Sprott, percussion*

*We consider it a privilege to have our children in worship with us. If your small children become restless and vocal, we invite you to the children’s room especially designed for them at the rear of the Sanctuary. They are also welcome in the nursery. Older children should also be encouraged to come to church prepared to stay in their pew throughout the service.*

*One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you or to offer helpful direction regarding your spiritual life. He will be in the Gathering Room, which is the first room on your left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary (closest to the pulpit). You may also send your confidential email to pastor@2pc.org with questions about your spiritual life.*

### Weekly Focus on Mission Partners

**World Missions:** Bob and Janie Till have been with Greater Europe Mission for more than 27 years. Bob is the Associate US Director of GEM and is heavily involved in shaping GEM’s strategy and vision to expand God’s kingdom in Europe through leadership training, discipleship and church planting. Bob is also the board chairman of the Greek Bible Institute. As opportunities open up for the preaching of the Gospel in many closed countries, GEM wants to continue partnering with churches in order to send out teams for 1-3 years of service in North Africa and in European metropolitan areas. Bob and Janie are working to disciple and train this new generation of missionaries. Pray that God will continue to give the Tills wisdom and guidance as leaders in their ministry. Also pray for the spiritual growth of the staff and students of the Greek Bible College.

**MissionUSA:** Please pray for Su Casa Family Ministries’ staff and volunteers, the ESL classes and the work going on to plant a Hispanic church. Also, pray for God to pour the blessing of the Holy Spirit into the Hispanic community and for those in the Berclair area to have the wisdom to walk under the shalom of the Lord.

Advent Evensong

# Celtic Carols

**Tonight at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

As we approach the Christmas celebration, join us for a candlelit evening full of centuries' old liturgy, with carol singing to the Irish fiddle and penny whistle.

## December Flowers

**The rosebud in the Chancel of the Sanctuary today is placed in honor of the birth of: Stephen Andrew Tayloe**, born December 2, 2009, son of Lindsey and Rob Tayloe. **The flowers in the Sanctuary for the month of December are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:** *Nancy Crosby* by Christopher Donovan; *Bernice Flinn* by her sons George, Fred, Carl and their families; *Jean Fountain Leary* by her husband James and daughters Joan and Jennie; *Mabel L., Forrest P.*, and *James W. Morgan* by Forrest and Joan Morgan; *Lenelle Molloy Leary* by her husband James and her sons Steele, Mike and John; *Mr. and Mrs. William D. Nicholson* by their children and grandchildren; *Lillian and Thomas Patton* by their daughters Susan Crawford and Elizabeth Holmes and their grandchildren, who have provided the Christmas wreaths on the exterior doors of the church buildings during the Advent season; *Andrew Lundy Werkhoven* by Anna Leita and Jim Werkhoven. **The flowers in the Chapel for the Advent season are given in loving memory of:** *Ralph Patterson* by his family.

## Announcements

**WELCOME VISITORS:** If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you to Second Presbyterian. Please sign our Friendship Pad, which will be passed during the Greetings time of the service. Our Congregational Communities (CCs), also known as Sunday School classes, offer a wide variety of options appealing to various age groups and stages of life. Joining a CC is the best way to get to know others and to get involved in our ministries. CCs meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. For a full listing of classes, stop by the Welcome Desk outside the west Sanctuary doors or visit [www.2pc.org/cc](http://www.2pc.org/cc).

**CARING MINISTRY FUND:** For many years the Caring Ministry has provided financial assistance to our members and those in our community. Today you have an opportunity to contribute to this fund. There is a Caring Ministry Fund envelope in the pew rack.

**PJ STORY TIME:** Break out your footie pjs and head over to the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, December 22 at 6 p.m. for PJ Story Time. Kids of all ages will enjoy a special message from Pastor Sandy, along with stories, songs, and cookies and milk!

**WORLD MISSIONS STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:** The 2009-2010 budget is 13% behind normal at this time. December giving is important for us to complete all our commitments to our World Partners.

**LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS:** So that our staff may spend the Christmas holiday with their families, the library will be closed Thursday, December 24-Saturday, January 2. We will reopen on Sunday, January 3, 2010. No library fines will be incurred for books due during this week. Have a very blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**NEW SUNDAY NIGHT SERIES:** Beginning January 3, Sandy Willson will be preaching for three weeks on cultivating a Heart for God. Led by Sandy, we'll discover how to develop disciplines of personal worship, family worship and corporate prayer. A study guide will be provided to help us as we explore these important aspects of discipleship. Join us at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall!

**STUDENT MINISTRIES:** Jr. High and Sr. High groups begin meeting again on January 6. Stay tuned for details!

**KAIROS COLLEGE MINISTRY:** The Kairos College Class meets Sunday mornings at 9:45 for music, fellowship, and teaching in E2121. Call 454-0034 for more information.

HOW GREAT OUR  
**Joy**  
A D V E N T 2 0 0 9

**Thursday, December 24:** 4:00 p.m. Family Worship Service, Sanctuary; 5:30, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion, Sanctuary.

**Sunday, December 27:** On this Sunday only, we will have one morning worship service at 10 a.m. Congregational Communities and Sunday Night Worship will not meet.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2009

**IN MEMORY OF:** *C. Allen & Ralph Patterson* by Marilyn & Jim Wilson; *Douglas Averitt & John Averitt* by Frances Averitt; *Grace Bailey Gragg & Edward L. Bailey* by Martha Jayroe; *Leon Barnett, Sr.* by Pam & Doug Hixson; *Russ B. Billings* by Jo & Pete Billings; *Russ Billings* by Janet Forbes Misner; *Margaret Braden, Sara Douglass & Ellie Curtis* by Bill, Sarah, Warren, Estelle & Doug Curtis; *Emily Smith Britton* by Mike, Cynthia, Michael & William Cross; *Jim Chase* by his family; *Jeanne "Mimi" Craddock* by Emily, Natalie, Danielle & Landon; *Nancy Crosby, Barbara Robertson, Ralph Patterson & Ernest Williams, III* by Bettye & Monte Weaver; *Ellie Curtis* by Chuck Curtis; *Dr. & Mrs. John DeVincenzo, Jr.* by John, Andra, JP & Julia DeVincenzo; *Ed Eleazer, III, Dr. & Mrs. L. Edwin Eleazer, & Mr & Mrs. James K. Dobbs, Jr.* by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Eleazer, Jr.; *Dr. Daniel F. Fisher & Mr. Richard Love Fisher, Jr.* by Dot & Dick Fisher; *Barbara York Fogle* by Dr. & Mrs. Alan Hammond; *Jim Fox* by his wife, Betsy; *Mimi Franklin* by Dean, Dylan & granddaughters; *William D. Jemison* by Mrs. William D. Jemison; *Kermit & June Lady* by their daughters; *Mr. & Mrs. Frank H. Lyons, Frank H. Lyons, Jr. & Ellen Karickhoff* by Barbara Karickhoff; *Dr. Holt Maddux, Dorothy S. Maddux & Rebecca D. Snipes* by Becky, Laurin & Ben Maddux & Jenny & David Stenberg; *Dot & John May* by Lucie May Thompson; *Dr. Max Painter* by his grandchildren, Laura Grace & Scotty Stafford; *Joseph Sammons (Joe)* by Jo Sammons; *Dr. Dan Scott, Jr. & Jeanne Greenlee* by Sara Jane & Roy Greenlee; *Bucky Shappley* by Pat Shappley; *Richard (Dick) Shubert* by his wife Janice; *Mr. & Mrs. Frank Smith* by Mike, Cynthia, Michael & William Cross; *Mr. John A. H. Stevens* by his family; *Fred Tarkington* by Ferrin T. Mavar; *George Walker & Charlie Cash* by Dee Walker; *Dr. Meg Wallis* by Jenna & Ed Wallis; *John & Margaret Whittemore & Russell & Rachel Schulte* by John & Marilyn Whittemore; *Libby & Rollin Wilson* by Margaret Wilson; *Paul Witte* by wife Sarah, children & grandchildren.

**IN HONOR OF:** *Anne, Mimi & Buck Billings* by Jo & Pete Billings; *Chuck Curtis* by Bill, Sarah, Warren, Estelle & Doug Curtis; *Dot & Dick Fisher* by Jack Brown family; *Ann Shoaf* by Jack Brown & family; *Dottie & Bailey Fisher* by Dot & Dick Fisher; *Lillian Fisher* by Dot & Dick Fisher; *Lillian Dunavant* by Dot & Dick Fisher; *Tommie, Kelli & Billy Dunavant* by Dot & Dick Fisher; *Connie, Lou, Galloway, William & Hunter Adams* by Dot & Dick Fisher; *Michelle, Bill, Audsley, Hilary, Billy & Harry Dunavant* by Dot & Dick Fisher; *Leslie, John, Sophie, Dodson & Grayson Dunavant* by Dot & Dick Fisher; *Douglas, Buck, Buchanan, Gardner, Mary Wilkes & Lucy Dunavant* by Dot & Dick Fisher; *Anne, Woodson & Woodson Dunavant* by Dot & Dick Fisher; *Forrest Dunavant* by Dot & Dick Fisher; *Jerry & Sandy Harmon* by Michelle & Ashlynn Hollingsworth; *Mrs. Boyle Jackson* by The Price Morrison family; *Louise Jacobson* by Carol Paulson; *Sandy Hazelwood & Children's Committee* by Mr. & Mrs. Gregg Meeks; *Andrew Keasling & Jr. High Staff* by Natalie Meeks; *Terri Theil* by Gracie Meeks; *Allie Baker* by Natalie Meeks; *Mary Jensen* by Natalie Meeks; *1st Grade Sunday School teachers* by McLean Meeks; *5th Grade Sunday School teachers* by Gracie Meeks; *Mr. & Mrs. William Craddock* by Natalie, Gracie & McLean Meeks; *Sara & Howard Misner* by Janet Misner; *Mrs. William P. Morrison* by The Price Morrison family; *Earline Patterson, Mary Lawrence Allen & Peggy Read* by Marilyn & Jim Wilson; *Roseann Painter* by her grandchildren, Laura Grace & Scotty Stafford, Max Parks & John Painter; *Our Missionaries* by Ron & Sarah Sadlow; *Mrs. Jo Sammons* by Priscilla Circle; *Brokke & Gary Simpson, Tate & Webb Wilson* by Beth Simpson; *Sarah Gay Sneed* by Cultivated Friends Garden Club; *Karen & Will Stafford* by their grandchildren, Laura Grace & Scotty Stafford, Ellis & Victoria Kennedy; *Dr. & Mrs. Justin Towner & Mr. & Mrs. Monte Weaver* by Dr. & Mrs. Howard Misner; *Edwin Wallis* by Jenna & Ed Wallis; *Caring Ministry, Martha/Mary Circle, Music Ministry (Leonora Morrow), Chapel S.S. Class, Andy & Carolyn Wells* by Bettye & Monte Weaver; *Dan, Eileen, Daniel & Ruffin Wood* by Lindy S. Ruffin.

**IN GRATITUDE FOR:** *All the Ministers* by an anonymous giver; *All Ministers* by an anonymous giver; *Tracy & Rocky Anthony* by Gary & Beth Simpson; *Bette Bush, Ginna Rauls & all who give of their time to the Special Friends ministry* by Warren Curtis & family; *Bette Bush* by Amanda Kirk; *Pat Craddock, Macon Ivy & all leaders of The Walk Bible Study* by Lisa Colcolough; *Jane Cash* by Dee Walker; *Todd Erickson, Andrew Keasling, Lance Stockton, Adrienne Smithey & all who give of their time to the Senior High ministry* given by Estelle Curtis & family; *First Grade Sunday School Teachers* by Abby Brown; *Fourth Grade Sunday School Teachers* by Maeji Brown; *Anne Reid & Lisa Colcolough* by Terry Brown; *Dr. Doug Hixson* by Alan & Kathy Hammond, William, John & Christian; *Pat Lyerly* by Ed & Jenna Wallis; *Maggie & Jack Mavar* by Ferrin Mavar; *Dr. & Mrs. Gabriel Statom* by Dr. & Mrs. Alan Hammond; *Gail Stevens & Andy Wells* by Janice Shubert; *Gail Stevens* by Gary & Beth Simpson; *Nina Tayloe* by Bekah Grant, Alison Fondaw, Lindsey Ozier & Jenna Wallis; *The Special Friends volunteers: Ginna Rauls, Alice Howard, Kelly Wells, Vicki Gore, Kathleen Towner, Julia Long, William Justice, Laura Hendrix, Roy West, Cullen West & Katie Gore* by Walker Bush; *our children, Susan, Lee, Will & Maggie Thomas, Nancy Weaver, Ann & Jim Wilson* by Monte & Bettye Weaver; *Mrs. Eileen Wood* by Mrs. Stephanie Anderson.

December 20, 2009