

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 & 11 AM

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

# *A Vision of Hope*

LUKE 2:25-38



*hope*

## *What are you waiting for?*

ADVENT WITH SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Christopher A. Henry  
*Senior Pastor*

Rev. Madison M. VanVeelen (9:30)  
*Associate Pastor of Care*

Rev. David A. Berry (11:00)  
*Associate Pastor for Mission*

Rev. Karen L. Lang  
*Executive Pastor*

Deacon Dorian Crismon (9:30)  
Deacon Debbie Wacker (11:00)  
*Liturgists*

Meagan Brown  
*Mezzo-Soprano*

Mark Blessing  
*Oboe*

Sanctuary Choir

Dr. Michelle Louer  
*Director of Music and Fine Arts*

Dr. John Allegar  
*Organist & Assistant Director of Music and Fine Arts*

**PROCESSION**

**Ewer Bearer**  
Karl Snider

**Element Bearers**  
Mark and Mandy Pardue (9:30)  
Thibodeau Family (11:00)

**Acolytes**  
Meaghan and Cameron Ratliff (9:30)  
Elijah and Josiah Deferency (11:00)

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As a congregation of compassionate care and community leadership, we continue to ask that worshipers wear face coverings at Second. In so doing, we honor our commitment to the health of all, particularly children, and our shared call to value the vulnerable among us.

***“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who were members of my family, you did it to me.”***

Matthew 25:40

# November 28, 2021—First Sunday of Advent

## We Come Together as God's People

### Prelude

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 659  
"Savior of the Nations, Come"  
John Allegar, organist

J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

### Welcome

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

### \* Choral Call to Worship

*Savior of the Nations, Come* NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND  
Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Michelle Louer, conductor

Savior of the nations, come,  
Virgin's Son, make here Your home.  
Marvel now, O heaven and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.

### \* Call to Worship

Rev. Madison M. VanVeelen (9:30)  
Rev. David A. Berry (11:00)

One: Advent is a season of waiting.

All: **But we do not wait alone.**

One: God is with us.

All: **We gather with those who have seen the signs, heard the whispers,  
felt the tugs in their hearts.**

One: God is birthing hope into this waiting world.

All: **As one community, we welcome the gift of hope.**

### \* Prayer of Adoration

### \* Processional Hymn #2

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

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\* Those who are able may stand.

\* Lighting of the Advent Candle

CenterPoint Counselors (9:30)  
Care Corps (11:00)

We light candles this Advent.  
Candles of joy despite all the sadness.  
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch.  
Candles of courage where fear is ever present.  
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days.  
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens.  
Candles of love to inspire our living.  
O Lord, may these candles burn all the year long. Amen.

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,  
Forgive us for the times we are too afraid to hope,  
too tired to dream,  
too angry to listen,  
too wounded to trust,  
too certain to be surprised.  
Kindle in us a renewed sense of faith.  
Lift our faces to look for your light. Amen.

Words of Assurance

\* Response of Praise

VENI EMMANUEL

All praise to God, the ho - - ly One; Praise Christ, in  
whom God's Grace is ful - ly known; Praise to the Spi - rit e - ver - more;  
Praise Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty, whom we a - dore! Re - joice! Re - joice!  
Praise God, the Lord a - bove who sets us free through mer - cy and love!

\* **Passing of the Peace**

\* **Hymn #11**

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

**We Experience God's Word**

**Time with Children (11:00)**

**Gathering Song**

*While We Are Waiting, Come*

WAITING

While we are wait - ing, come; while we are wait - ing, come.  
 Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el, while we are wait - ing, come.

**Prayer for Illumination**

Deacon Dorian Crismon (9:30)

Deacon Debbie Wacker (11:00)

**First Scripture Lesson**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

**Anthem**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Gustav Holst

(1874-1934)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
 Ponder nothing earthly-minded for with blessing in his hand,  
 Christ our God to earth descendeth our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,  
 Lord of lords, in human vesture in the Body and the Blood;  
 He will give to all the faithful His own Self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,  
 As the light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,  
 That the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
 Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:  
 Ah...Lord Most High. Amen.

—Text: from Liturgy of St. James

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:25-38

Sermon

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

## **“A Vision of Hope”**

*“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;”*  
(LUKE 2:29)

Moment of Silent Meditation

## **We Give Thanks to God**

Invitation to Discipleship and Generosity

Rev. Karen L. Lang

Offertory

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Jean Philippe Rameau (1683-1764)  
ed. Ronald A. Nelson (b. 1929)

Meagan Brown, mezzo-soprano; Mark Blessing, oboe

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.  
Thou dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king;  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.  
O, by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Prayers of the People 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.**

## We Go Forth to Serve

\* Closing Hymn #13

*Prepare the Way*

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Congregational Benediction

*Gloria in excelsis Deo*

GLORIA

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Postlude

*Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'*

Andrew Carter  
(b. 1939)

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### NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

[SecondChurch.org/Advent](https://SecondChurch.org/Advent)

8:15, 9:30, & 11 a.m.

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

*"What Are You Waiting For?: A Wilderness Voice"*

10:35 a.m. Service of Wholeness and Communion

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