

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP • 10 AM

# Faces at the Manger



DECEMBER 8 • CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSIC SUNDAY  
Anna and Simeon: The Long Road to Peace

*Luke 2:25-38*



A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Christopher A. Henry  
*Senior Pastor*

Rev. Sara B. Dorrien-Christians  
*Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministries*

Rev. Michael M. Samson  
*Associate Pastor for Engagement*

Carter Klaus  
*Liturgist*

Cherub Choir  
Carol Baker, *Director*  
Tom Ristine, *Accompanist*

Carol Choir  
Patrick Pauloski, *Director*  
Danny Fisher, *Accompanist*

Sanctuary Choir

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

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

**PROCESSION**

**Acolytes**  
Andrew Bolton  
Marco Elia

**Element Bearers**  
Betsy Dykstra  
Debbie Wacker

**Ewer Bearer**  
Ken Keene

**Advent Candles**  
Elise Klaus  
Kendall Klaus

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**WELCOME FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**

Following today's *Word with Children*, children ages 4 through grade 8 may remain with their families or depart for Children's Choir. If departing, please assure your child is wearing a green nametag. Children's Choir pickup will be on the first floor in room 112 and the choir room. Childcare is available on the second floor for infants through age 3.

**VISUAL AND HEARING ASSISTANCE**

Please speak to an usher if you need a large print bulletin, large print hymnal, or an assistive listening device.

# December 8, 2024

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### We Come Together as God's People

**Prelude**

*Variations on 'Comfort, Comfort You My People'*  
Dr. John Allegar, organ

Georg Böhm  
(1661-1733)

**Welcome**

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

**Choral Call to Worship**

*African Noel*  
Children's Choirs

Liberian Folk Tune

Sing noel, Sing we all noel.

**\* Opening Sentences**

Rev. Sara B. Dorrien-Christians

One: In this season of Advent, we watch and wait and pray  
for the coming of light into the world.

**All: We long for the day when the things of darkness shall be no more.**

One: Lord, light up the past that we might learn from it with thankfulness.

**All: Light up the present that we might live in it with love.**

One: Light up the future, that we might prepare for it with hope.

**\* Prayer of Adoration**

**\* Processional Hymn #12**

*People, Look East*

BESANÇON (French Carol)

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Elise and Kendall Klaus

**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 year long. Amen.**

## Invitation to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

O God of all our days and seasons, in this time of expectation,  
we find it difficult to watch and wait for your appearing in our lives.  
We long for joy and compassion to be born in us,  
and yet we do not take time to ponder what it means that you came among us in Jesus,  
to live life as we must, and to show us what a fully human life looks like.  
Forgive us. By your Spirit, make us let go of that which is not essential,  
that we might meet the Christ who is coming to claim and transform us.  
In Jesus' name we pray. (Silent Prayer)

### Assurance of God's Grace

#### \* Response of Praise

VENI EMMANUEL



#### \* Passing the Peace of Christ

#### \* Hymn #23

*Angels We Have Heard on High* (v. 1-2)

GLORIA (French Carol)

## We Experience God's Word

### Children's Anthem

*Dance and Sing for the Lord Will Be With Us*

Ancient Hebrew Folk Melody  
arr. Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

Dance and sing, for the Lord will be with us. Glory, hallelujah.  
Peace and justice soon will be with us. Glory, hallelujah.  
Clap your hands and sing: Glory, hallelujah.  
Joyful voices ring. Glory, hallelujah.

Soon a Son will come through Jesse. His delight shall be the Lord.  
He shall reign with truth and justice. Come, O Savior, come.

Wolf and lamb shall rest together, calf and lion shall join as friends.  
Peace shall come to all the nations. Come, O Savior, come.

## The Word with Children

### Prayer for Illumination

Carter Klaus

### First Scripture Lesson

Colossians 1:15-20

(p. 1072)

### Anthem

*Antiphon and Song of Simeon*  
Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Michelle Louer, conductor

Frank Felice  
(b. 1961)

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;  
that awake we may watch with Christ,  
and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;  
that awake we may watch with Christ,  
and asleep we may rest in peace. Amen.

Text: The Book of Common Prayer

### Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:25-38

(p. 934)

### Sermon

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

## **Anna and Simeon: The Long Road to Peace**

*"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation..."*  
(Luke 2:29-30)

### Moment of Silent Meditation

## We Give Thanks to God

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Michael M. Samson

**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.**

### Invitation to Discipleship and Generosity

#### Offertory

*Gott soll allein mein Herze haben* (from *Cantata 169*)  
Dr. Mitzi Westra, alto

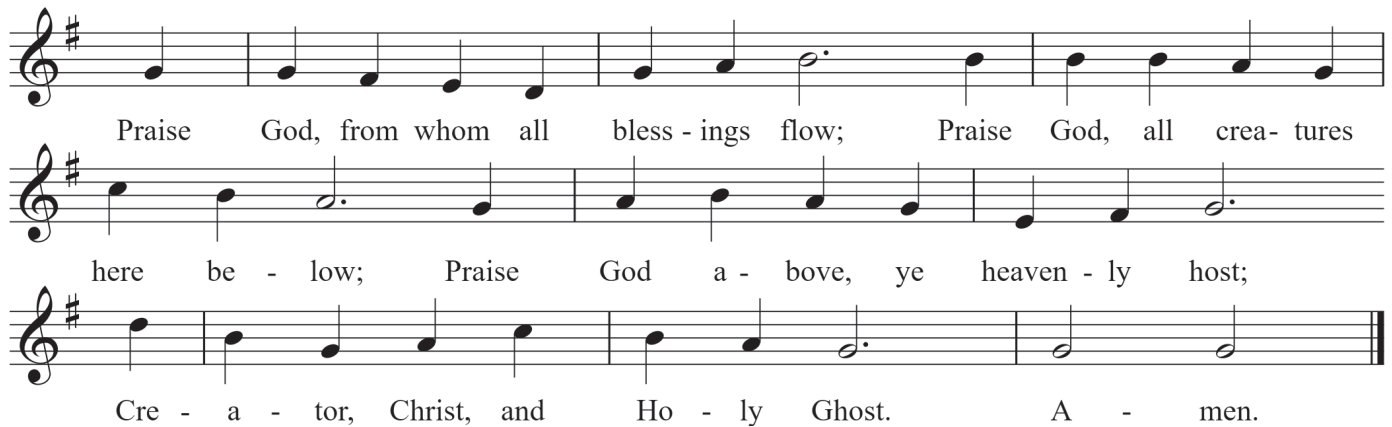
J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

*Gott soll allein mein Herze haben.  
Zwar merk ich an der Welt,  
Die ihren Kot unschätzbar hält,  
Weil sie so freundlich mit mir tut,  
Sie wollte gern allein  
Das Liebste meiner Seele sein.  
Doch nein; Gott soll allein mein Herze haben:  
Ich find in ihm das höchste Gut.  
Wir sehen zwar auf Erden hier und dar  
Ein Bächlein der Zufriedenheit,  
Das von des Höchsten Güte quillet;  
Gott aber ist der Quell, mit Strömen angefüllet,  
Da schöpf ich, was mich allezeit  
Kann sattsam und wahrhaftig laben:  
Gott soll allein mein Herze haben.*

God alone shall have my heart.  
Indeed I observe of the world,  
Which holds its dirt as priceless,  
Since it treats me with such friendliness,  
That it would like to be  
The only beloved of my soul.  
But no; God alone shall have my heart:  
I find in him the highest good.  
We see indeed here and there on earth  
A little brook of peacefulness,  
Which springs from the goodness of the Highest;  
God however is the source, overflowing with streams,  
There I create what forever  
Can nourish me truly and satisfyingly:  
God alone shall have my heart.

**\* Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures  
here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;  
Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**We Go Forth to Serve**

**\* Closing Hymn #3**

*Comfort, Comfort You My People*

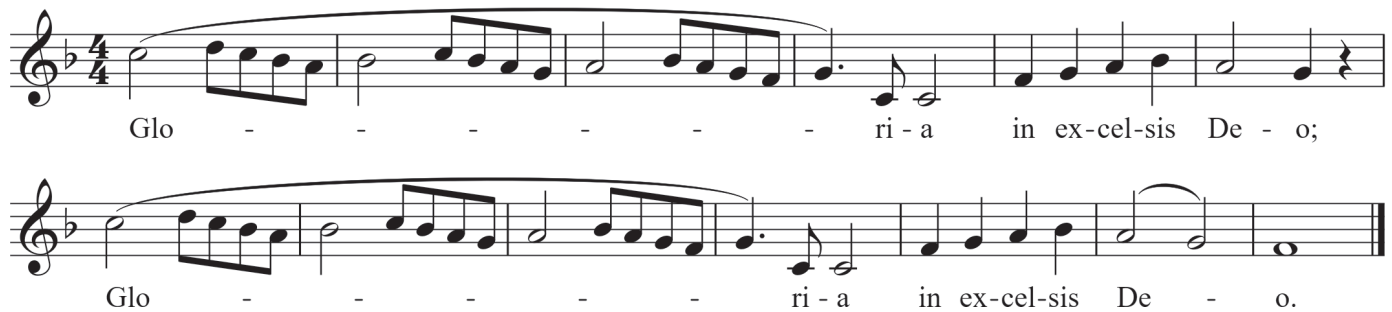
PSALM 42

**\* Charge and Benediction**

**\* Congregational Benediction**

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

GLORIA (French Carol)



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**Postlude**

*Variation No. 11 on 'Comfort, Comfort You My People'*

Georg Böhm



## THE POWER OF PRAYER

We remember in prayer these members who have died, and their loved ones. The white roses in front of the lectern are in memory of:

Mary Lou Hurst  
Bob Lowe

Would you like one of our pastors to pray with you today? We invite you to come to Milner Chapel immediately following the 10 AM worship service for a short time of communion and prayer. You may also visit [SecondChurch.org/Prayer](https://SecondChurch.org/Prayer) to fill out a Prayer Request Form.

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please contact:

**Ashley McNamara**, *Coordinator of Pastoral Care*  
[AMcNamara@SecondChurch.org](mailto:AMcNamara@SecondChurch.org)

**GIVING**  
[SecondChurch.org/Give](https://SecondChurch.org/Give)



We are grateful to you, the congregation, for helping us reach 70% of our Commitment Campaign goal. Thank you! **We still need everyone** to participate to reach our \$3.9M goal.

If you have not yet submitted your pledge, it can be made online by using the QR code below, a commitment card from the pew racks, or by contacting Nancy Frick.

**Imagine what we can do together  
for God and our community!**



If you have questions about making a pledge, please contact:

**Elder Nancy A. Frick**, *Director of Stewardship and Endowment*  
317-253-6461, ext. 359 or [NFrick@SecondChurch.org](mailto:NFrick@SecondChurch.org)

## VISITING TODAY?

Thank you for worshipping with Second!  
Our Hospitality Team would love to connect and welcome you more fully into the life of Second. Scan this QR code and let us know you were here!



**NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

**Christmas Music  
Sunday**



**REMINDER: SERVICE TIMES ARE 9 & 11 AM.**

### **NO 8:15 AM Chapel Worship**

9:30 AM • Koinonia & Pregame

10 AM • Children & Youth Sunday School

9 & 11 AM • Sanctuary Worship

### **NO 11:15 AM Service of Wholeness and Communion**

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Watch Sunday worship all week long at

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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



### **CNN Family Food Shopping Night with CFM**

December 10 • 5:30 PM • Youth Suite

### **Youth Ugly Christmas Sweater Party**

December 11 • 6:30 PM • Youth Suite

### **Young Adult Christmas Party**

December 13 • 6-8 PM • Room 112

### **Christmas Music Sunday**

December 15 • 9 & 11 AM • Sanctuary

### **Second Act Holiday Brunch**

December 15 • 12:30-1:45 PM • Meridian Hills Country Club

### **Men's Monthly Fellowship**

December 17 • 6-8 PM • The Roost in Nora

### **South Africa Book Club**

December 17 • 7-8:15 PM • Zoom

### **Emerging Adults Christmas Party**

December 20 • 6:30-8:30 PM • The Roost in Nora

### **December 24 - Christmas Eve Services**

4 PM • Child-Led Service of Lessons and Carols

7 & 9 PM • Service of Lessons and Carols

11 PM • Service of Lessons and Carols  
with Holy Communion