

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP • 10 AM

Faces at the Manger



DECEMBER 22

Joseph: The Eyes of Love

Matthew 1:18-25



A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

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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.

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord of extravagant love,
again and again you offer yourself to us in the gift of Jesus Christ.
As we prepare our celebration of your greatest gift to us,
we confess that we are distracted, even anxious.
We worry we won't get everything done,
as if your coming somehow depended on us.
We rush from here to there,
instead of sensing your presence in moments of quiet reflection,
or time spent with those dearest to us, or in songs sung with joy.
Trappings of the season divert us from your presence.
Forgive us, focus us, prepare our hearts for the wonder of Emmanuel,
God with us and for us.
We pray in Jesus' name. (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

* Response of Praise

VENI EMMANUEL



* Passing the Peace of Christ

* Hymn #30

Born in the Night, Mary's Child

MARY'S CHILD

We Experience God's Word

The Word with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Quinn Miller

First Scripture Lesson

Colossians 1:15-20

(p. 1072)

Anthem

His Light In Us

Kim André Arnesen

(b. 1980)

God's distant call
flares in the night,
so long expected, so longed for;
and all my life,
Christ called my name,
and now at last, I'll answer Him.

Refrain:

*Renewed, his hope,
his light in us,
incarnate, fragile,
our Lord appears.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Eternal,
so perfect,
his cry of changeless love.*

This root, this stem, this flowering Love,
this mustard seed, it grows to the greatest tree,
the birds of souls have nested there.
The light of the night
now blazes at dawn!

You've led me here,
O little child,
your being singing with God's life.
The kingdom sings,
it choirs with earth,
all creation lives Christ's peace.

Refrain

Text: Euan Tait (b. 1968)

Alive, awake, His call is here:
it is the crying of the Child;
I know Christ's call,
its hidden flame,
it makes my spirit flare with hope!
Refrain

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25

(p. 877)

Sermon

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

Joseph: The Eyes of Love

*"When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him;
he took her as his wife..."*

(Matthew 1:24)

Moment of Silent Meditation

We Give Thanks to God

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Gracie H. Payne

**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

The First Mercy
Kristin Shaffer, soprano

Peter Warlock
(1894-1930)

Ox and ass at Bethlehem
On a night, ye know of them.
We were only creatures small,
Hid by shadows on the wall.

We were swallow, moth and mouse;
The Child was born in our house,
And the bright eyes of us three
Peeped at His nativity.

Hands of peace upon that place
Hushed our beings for a space
Quiet feet and folded wing,
Nor a sound of any thing.

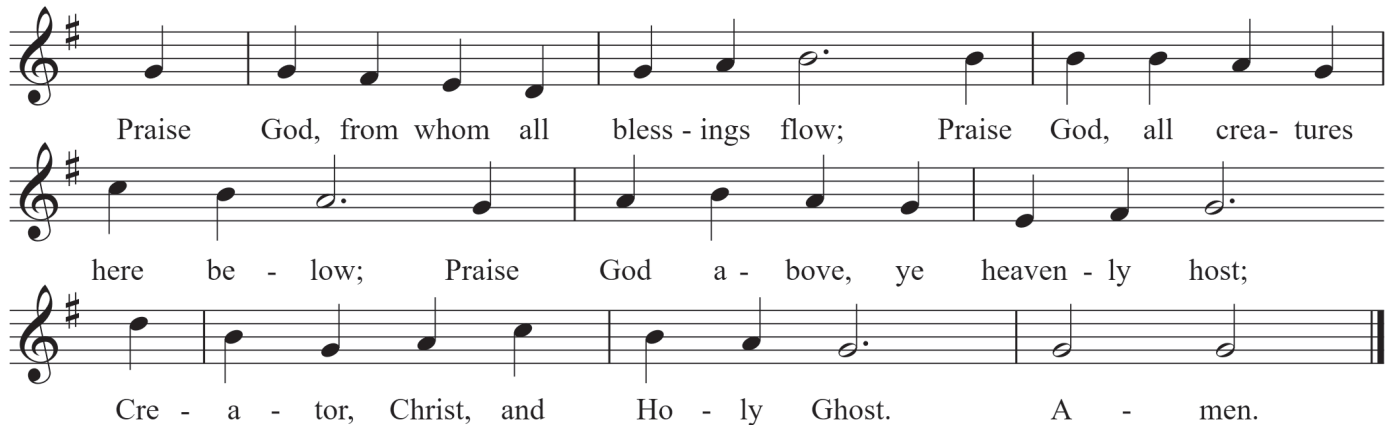
With a moving star we crept
Closer when the Baby slept;
Men who guarded where He lay
Moved to frighten us away.

But the Babe, awakened, laid
Love on things that were afraid;
With so sweet a gesture He
Called us to His company.

Text: Bruce Blunt (1899-1957)

*** 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 #11**

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

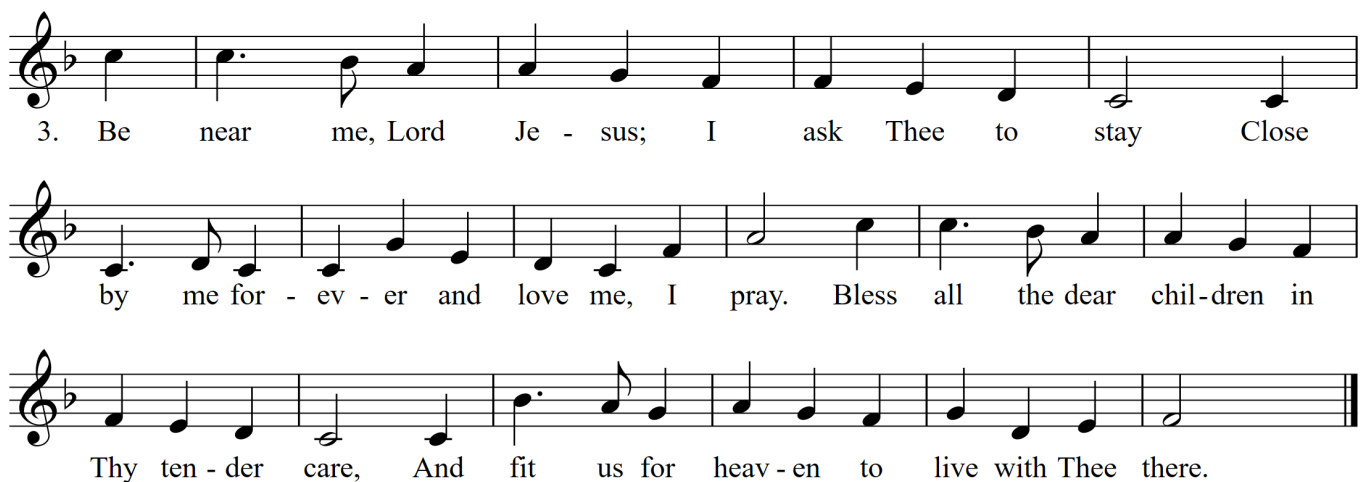
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*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Congregational Benediction**

Be Near Me, Lord Jesus

MUELLER



3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay Close
by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in
Thy ten - der care, And fit us for heav - en to live with Thee there.

Postlude

Magnificat VI: "Gloria" (Finale)

Marcel Dupré
(1886-1971)

THE POWER OF PRAYER

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

Betty Johns

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 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

GIVING

SecondChurch.org/Give



We are grateful to you, the congregation, for helping us reach 90% 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

VISITING TODAY?

Thank you for worshiping 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!



THIS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24



NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29



NO 8:15 AM Chapel Worship

NO 9 AM Sunday School

10 AM • Sanctuary Worship

NO 11:15 AM Service of Wholeness and Communion

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UPCOMING EVENTS
SecondChurch.org/Events



December 24 • Christmas Eve Services

4 PM • Child-Led Service of Lessons and Carols

7 & 9 PM • Service of Lessons and Carols

Sanctuary Choir, Festival Brass & Percussion, and Organ
11 PM • Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion
Sanctuary Choir Section Leaders, flute, harp, and strings