

# Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

9:00 a.m.

*Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.*

\*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

## Our Approach to God

Prelude *Pifa from Messiah* G. F. Handel

The Call to Worship & Lighting of the Advent Wreath – the Candle of Peace  
We gather as the people of God, responding to God's call to worship.

**We gather to give God all our praise and adoration.**

**We gather with expectant hearts.**

On the night of Jesus' birth, the glory of the Lord shone bright in the darkness as an angel proclaimed to the shepherds, "I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."

**We worship God, allowing our lives to be disrupted by this good news.**

**We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.**

[Lighting of the Advent candles.] His coming is good news of great joy!

**All glory and praise be to God!**

\*The Hymn of Praise *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* 8

\*The Call to Confession

In this season of Advent, let us prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior as we confess our sin to God.

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we praise you for the peace in the good news of Jesus' birth and the promise of his return. We confess how easily we lose your peace in our lives. We rush about to get things done,**

**getting irritable with those who slow us down. We place burdens on ourselves, worrying about the details and the outcomes. We share our concerns with you, yet we don't trust in you to handle them. We then wonder why we don't have your peace. Forgive us, Lord. [Silent confession.] Merciful God, fill us with your peace as we wait for your coming. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

This is the good news: that Jesus Christ came into this world to save sinners. In Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

\*The Response *Angels We Have Heard on High, chorus* 23  
**Glo . . . ria, in excelsis Deo; Glo . . . ria, in excelsis Deo.**

The Anthem *And the Glory of the Lord from Messiah* G. F. Handel  
First and Second Presbyterian Church Choirs

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Gospel Reading *Luke 1:26-38* page 1457

The Sermon *Disrupted by the Good News* Pastor Ruth Estell

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith *The Apostle's Creed (Traditional)* hymnal, page 14

\*The Hymn *To a Maid Engaged to Joseph, (verses 1,4,6)* 19

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory      *Glory to God from Messiah*      G. F. Handel

\*The Doxology      *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*, verse 4      22

**All creation, join in praising, God the Father, Spirit, Son. Evermore  
your voices raising to the eternal Three in One: Come and worship,  
come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!**

\*The Prayer of Dedication

\*The Hymn      *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*      31

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*The Congregational Response      *Go with Us, Lord*      535

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

\*Postlude      *Carol of the Advent*      R. Groom te Velde

\* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

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**Liturgist and Advent Wreath Lighters:** The Mulvaney Family

**Ushers:** Pete & Ginny Brucker, Anne Schmidt, and Larry Smith

**Greeter:** Anne Schmidt

**Fellowship Hour Host:** Heather Rousseau

**Musical Talent:** Thomas Heidenreich, Director of Music Ministry, the First and Second Presbyterian Church Choirs.

**Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area for refreshments and fellowship.**

### **For The Hearing Impaired**

The service audio is being broadcast on 96.7-FM throughout the building and parking lot. Feel free to bring your pocket size radio, with headphones or earbuds, and listen to the service at an audio level that is more comfortable for you.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**

# Peace

*Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.*

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## Poinsettias

If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone the order forms are in the gathering area. **The deadline to order is TODAY!** These beautiful poinsettias are \$10.00 each and have multiple large blossoms. Take your poinsettias home after the evening Christmas Eve service.



## Mission Committee Updates

**\*\*\*All Angel Tree gifts are due back at church Today, Sunday, December 8.\*\*\***

**Thank you to the congregation** for your support of the stocking collection for homeless veterans through the "I Support the 1%" Veterans Food Pantry!! With the generosity of the congregation, we have been able to spread holiday cheer to 41 veterans this Christmas with goodies and personal items.

**We delivered over 100 children's winter-wear items** Wednesday to both Arthur Eddy & Merrill Park Elementary schools in Saginaw. This included coats, snow pants, hats, gloves & scarves. Both schools were VERY appreciative & wanted to thank our church for thinking of them.

Nice Job Second Pres!

**Women of Florence Gilmore Circle** are invited on **Wednesday, December 11**, to Sullivan's Food and Spirits 5235 Gratiot Rd, Saginaw, MI 48638, at 9:30 a.m. If you plan to attend, please reach out to Carol Poole @989-793-7485.



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FORT MOORE, GA 31905



## Let's Go Caroling

Please join us for Christmas Caroling to our homebound friends **Saturday, December 14 at 3:30 pm**. We will meet at the church, get on a rented bus, and drive around bringing Christmas joy. We will return to church at 6:30 pm for food and fellowship, and finish the evening with a carol sing-along. Please bring a snack to share and your best holiday spirit!

We would also like to deliver a stack of Christmas cards to those we visit so that they have something to enjoy after we leave. You can help make this happen! Write the Christmas cards and drop them off in the basket in the fellowship area no later than Wednesday, December 11. An updated list of people is available next to the basket in the gathering area.

The Second Presbyterian Church Session has called a Special Congregational meeting for the purpose of Electing the new Elders and approving the Terms of Call for Pastor Ruth. **The meeting will be Sunday December 15, 2024 immediately following worship.**



## HANDEL'S MESSIAH: A SING-Along

You are invited to celebrate the Christmas season by attending the *Messiah* sing-along at First Presbyterian Church. Come and hear a combined community choir and soloists for a sing-along performance of selections from Handel's beloved *Messiah*. **The Prelude, and the two choir pieces from today are a preview of the Messiah sing-along concert at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 15 @ 4:00 p.m.** The evening will conclude with the Hallelujah Chorus. Invite your friends, singers or not. Plan to come, and hear

the Christmas story through song; you will certainly find yourself humming along at least occasionally!



**\*\*\*Book group will meet today in the church library @ 1:30 p.m.\*\*\***