

Welcome to



SECOND PRES

Difficult Moments

Rev. Trey Haddon

Sunday, December 22, 2024

9:00 AM

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PRELUDE

The Huron Carol arr. Dan Forrest

Dr. Dennis Gotkowski

WELCOME & LIFE TOGETHER

Jamie Kaiser

CHORAL INTROIT

While We Are Waiting, Come Don Cason

Chapel Choir

CALL to WORSHIP

Deacon Bryce Jones

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
behold, the dwelling place of God is with humanity.
God will dwell with them, and they will be God's people,
and God will be with them, as their God.
God will wipe away every tear from their eyes,
and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning,
nor crying, nor pain anymore,
for the former things have passed away.
God promises to make all things new.

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION

God of this Advent season, we desire to enjoy the festivities around us, the celebration of family and friends, the joy of Christmas cheer. Yet we are reminded of the hard times, the loss, the pain, and the suffering this world shares at an overwhelming rate.

Be with us, offering us your peace that surpasses all understanding, so we may share that peace with the world.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Even on the hardest day,
we are reminded of these words:

**Jesus lived to teach us,
was crucified, died for us,
and was resurrected to redeem the world.**

Thanks be to God, Jesus will come again! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Congregational Singing

*ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

The Cross Family

*PASSING of the PEACE

Jamie Kaiser

*SONG of the DAY

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers *(see insert)*

Congregational Singing

FOUNDATIONS

Jamie Kaiser

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 31:1-5, 21-24 p. 505-506

Kathy Frank

WORD IN SONG

Walk in the Light Andre Thomas

Chapel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-5 p. 91

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MESSAGE

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***HYMN**This Little Light of Mine *(see insert)*

Congregational Singing

OFFERING

Offertory Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen arr. Johannes Brahms

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*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Ending with the Lord's Prayer

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***HYMN**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates No. 8

Congregational Singing

BENEDICTION

Rev. Trey Haddon

POSTLUDE

Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella arr. Mark Hayes & Douglas E. Wagner

Dr. Dennis Gotkowski

**Please stand*

UPCOMING at SECONDPRES

ADVENT ACE CLASS

The last Advent Adult Christian Education Class led by Rev. Trey Haddon will be held today, December 22, after service in F100A. We invite any who would like to attend.

GIFT OF LIFE HOLIDAY BLOOD DRIVE

Second Pres is again one of the sponsors for the upcoming American Red Cross "Gift of Life Holiday Blood Drive." This is an annual community event and we encourage your participation.

**Double Tree by Hilton - Ballroom
10 Brickyard Drive, Bloomington
Friday, December 27, 2024
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

You will also get a gift - an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved T-shirt when you give blood, while supplies last.

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org.

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass for more information. In addition, Karen LaVoie will be available for signups on Sunday, December 22 before and after the 9:00 am service.

WEEKLY AT SECOND PRES

EVERY SUNDAY

- 8:45 am: Sunday Morning Brunch
- 9:00 am: Worship Service
- 10:15 am: ACE (Adult Christian Education)
- 10:15 am: High School Brunch
- 3:00 pm: Lego League Robotics (*Grades 4-8*)

EVERY TUESDAY

- 7:00 pm: Scouts Troops 903 and 9903
- 6-8:00 pm: First Tech Challenge (FTC) Robotics (*Grades 7-12*)

EVERY WEDNESDAY

- 6-7:30 pm: K-5th KidsMin (90 min.)
- 6-7:30 pm: 6-8th YOUthMin (90 min.)
- 6:30-8:00 pm: Chapel Choir Rehearsal

EVERY THURSDAY

- 11:30 am: Thursday Prayer Lunch

REVERSE ADVENT

This week's suggested items for Reverse Advent are:

- Peanut Butter
- Applesauce Cups
- Hot Chocolate Packets

While our Reverse Advent may be coming to an end, we are always in need of donations for our Food and Clothing Pantries. We encourage you to continue to donate throughout the season and into the New Year. Thank you for the many blessings your help has brought.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Join us Tuesday, December 24, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary to celebrate Advent. This family-friendly service welcomes all. If you can't attend in person, watch at secondpres.com/livestream. **Note: No service on Christmas Day, December 25.**

PRAYER GUIDE

Each week members of the congregation are made aware of who may need our prayers. If you would like to be a part of the list of recipients for the Prayer Guide, please email info@secondpres.com.

UPCOMING AT SECOND PRES:

- 12/24: Christmas Eve Service - 4 pm
- 12/25: Church closed through January 2
- 12/29: Worship Service - 9 am
- 1/8: KidsMin & YouthMin Resume - 6:00 pm
- 1/26: Annual Meeting - 9 am

BIBLE STUDIES

EVERY TUESDAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Men's Bible Study (Wylie)

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

- 11:30 am: Bible Study (Jones)

EVERY WEDNESDAY

- 6-7:45 p.m.: The Gathering Bible Study (Jennings)

For more information on Bible studies
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Before the service begins, please check in using your pew pad (located in each pew) or via the Second Pres church app.