

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP • 10 AM



WAITING *for the*
Light
ADVENT 2025

NOVEMBER 30

A Distant Hope

Isaiah 64:1-9



A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Christopher A. Henry
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Dawn Waddell
Triangle

Christy Crockett, Kevin Gardner, Jamie Johnson,
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Handbells

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PROCESSION

Element Bearers
Caleb and Jack Chance

Ewer Bearer
Tom Woo

Acolytes and Advent Candles
Andrew Bolton
Prose VanVeelen

TODAY'S BAPTISMS

Arthur Bennett McCutcheon
Parents: Meredith and Tom McCutcheon
Birthdate: March 5, 2024

Elder: Robert Bennett
Youth Deacon: Kathryn Carrel
Bible Presenter: Gabe Srouer

WELCOME FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Following today's *Word with Children*, children ages 4 through grade 5 may remain with their families or depart for *Sunday Mornings for Children*. If departing, please assure your child is wearing a nametag. Carol Choir pick up will be in Room 355 at 11:15 AM. Pick up for other sections of *Sunday Mornings for Children* will be in the third-floor hallway at the same time. 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.

November 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We Come Together as God's People

Prelude

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 and 660
Dr. John Allegar, organ

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Welcome

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

Choral Call to Worship

Drop Down From Up Above
Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Michelle Louer, conductor

Justine Koontz

Drop down from up above
And let the skies pour down thy righteousness.
And let the earth be opened,
And from within comes forth the Savior.

Text: Isaiah 45:8 (adapted by the composer)

*** Opening Sentences**

Rev. Gracie H. Payne

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.

*** Prayer of Adoration**



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2. O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3. O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 4. O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its
 5. O come, De - sire of na - tions bind all peo - ples

cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 by thine ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 in one heart and mind; bid en - vy, strife, and dis - cord

here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
 night, and death's dark sha - dows put to flight.
 cease; fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.

Re-joice! Re-joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Andrew Bolton and Prose VanVeelen

One: We light this candle as a symbol
 of the hope we have in the promise of God's kingdom.
 We wait for the coming of hope into our world.
 We await the birth of the Christ Child,
 the coming of God into our lives in a new way.

**All: We wait filled with hope,
 knowing your light will shine in the darkness.**

One: Lord, we wait. Come soon and fill us with your life. Amen.

Christ, be our Light!

Bernadette Farrell



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

How many times, Lord Jesus, have you come to us unwelcomed?
How often have you visited yet we have been too busy to notice,
spoken yet we have been too full of ourselves?
Change all our insensitive habits and help us to do better during this Advent.
Make us so sensitive to your immediate comings
in the ups and downs of each ordinary day
that we shall be well prepared to welcome you this year.
For your love's sake, hear our prayer. (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

* Response of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

French Carol



* Passing the Peace of Christ

* Hymn #6

Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

We Experience God's Word

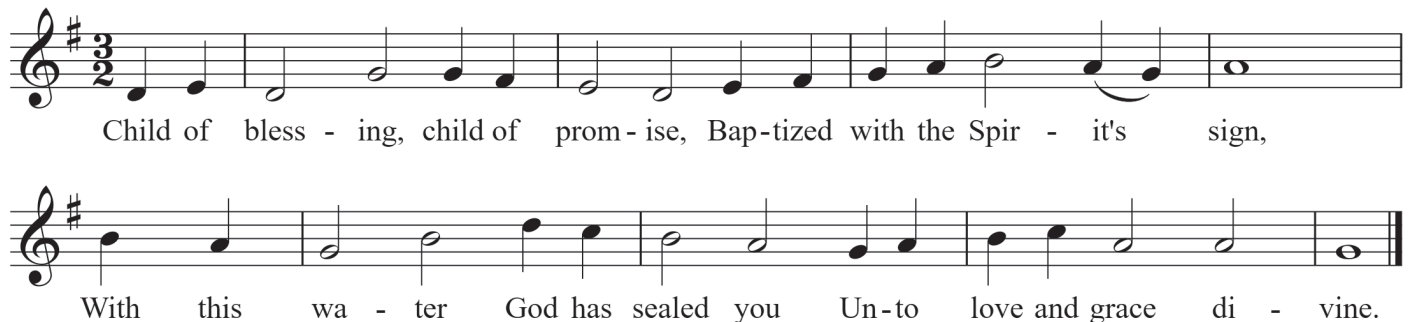
The Word with Children

Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn of Response #498

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM



Prayer for Illumination

Robert Bennett

First Scripture Lesson

Romans 5:1-5

(p. 1027)

Anthem

Advent Procession on "Savior of the Nations, Come" arr. John Samuel McIntyre
Sanctuary Choir and Handbell Ensemble Members (b. 1955)

Savior of the nations, come; show the glory of the Son!
Ev'ry people, stand in awe; praise the perfect Son of God.

Not of human seed or worth, but from God's own mystic breath,
Fruit in Mary's womb begun when God breathed the Word, his Son.

Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child of the virgin undefiled!
Mighty God and man in one, eager now his race to run!

Savior of the nations, come; show the glory of the Son!
Ev'ry people, stand in awe; praise the perfect Son of God.

Savior of the nations, come!

Text: attr. St. Ambrose, 4th C; tr. William Reynolds, 19th C and Martin Seltz, 20th C

Second Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9

(p. 680)

Sermon

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

A Distant Hope

*"O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence— "*

(Isaiah 64:1)

Moment of Silent Meditation

We Give Thanks to God

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Thomas P. Markey

**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

Führ mich, Kind, nach Bethlehem!
Kristin Shaffer, soprano

Hugo Wolf
(1860-1903)

*Führ mich, Kind, nach Bethlehem!
Dich, mein Gott, dich will ich sehn.
Wem geläng' es, wem,
Ohne dich zu dir zu gehn!*

Lead me, child, to Bethlehem!
Thee, my God, Thee will I see.
Whoever managed to come to Thee,
Without Thy help!

*Rüttle mich, dass ich erwache,
Rufe mich, so will ich schreiten;
Gieb die Hand mir, mich zu leiten,
Dass ich auf den Weg mich mache.
Dass ich schaue Bethlehem,
Dorten meinen Gott zu sehn.
Wem geläng' es, wem,
Ohne dich zu dir zu gehn!*

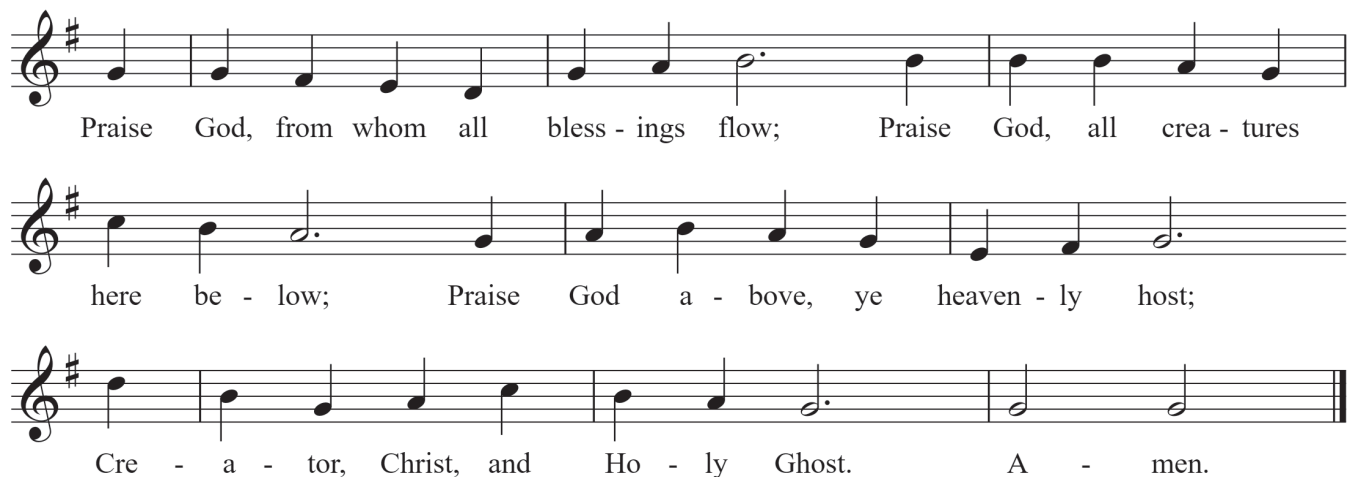
Shake me awake,
Call me, and I shall come;
Stretch forth Thy hand to guide me,
That I might set out.
That I might gaze on Bethlehem,
There to see my God.
Whoever managed to come to Thee,
Without Thy help!

*Von der Sünde schwerem Kranken
Bin ich träg und dumpf beklommen.
Willst du nicht zu Hülfe kommen,
Muss ich straucheln, muss ich schwanken.
Leite mich nach Bethlehem,
Dich, mein Gott, dich will ich sehn.
Wem geläng' es, wem,
Ohne dich zu dir zu gehn!*

I am sorely oppressed and weighed down
With the grievous sickness of sin.
If Thou wilt not come to my aid,
I must stumble and falter.
Lead me to Bethlehem,
Thee, my God, Thee will I see.
Whoever managed to come to Thee,
Without Thy help!

* Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



* Prayer of Dedication

We Go Forth to Serve

* Closing Hymn #2

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Benediction

Rejoice, Rejoice!

arr. David Willcocks

Postlude

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, Op. 67, No. 41

Max Reger
(1873-1916)

At the conclusion of worship, we invite you to join us in McFarland Hall for coffee, donuts, & community.

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:

Judy Buffington
Beverly Miller

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/Commitment



Let's keep the light burning brightly!

We're making progress toward our 2026 Commitment Campaign goal—thank you to all who have already pledged! Everyone's help is appreciated and makes a difference. To make your 2026 commitment visit Secondchurch.org/Commitment

Questions? Call the Office of Stewardship and Endowment, 317-253-6461, ext. 359.



GIVING TUESDAY

BENEFITING CHRISTMAS FOR OUR NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORS

This Tuesday, December 2, is Giving Tuesday, and we're raising funds for Christmas with Our Northside Neighbors. Contributions to Giving Tuesday/CNN made on our website or via check or other means will be used to purchase clothes, food, gifts, household items, and more for our Food Pantry families in need.

Scan the QR code to make a Giving Tuesday gift today, or wait to surprise us on December 2!

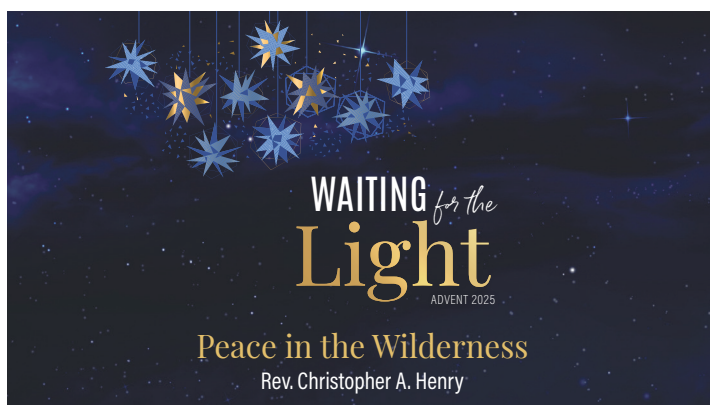


VISITING TODAY?

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!



NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 CHILDREN'S ADVENT MUSIC SUNDAY



8:15 AM • Chapel Worship

9 AM • Sunday School for All Ages

10 AM • Sanctuary Worship

11:15 AM • Service of Wholeness and Communion • Milner Chapel

For more details visit

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UPCOMING EVENTS SecondChurch.org/Events



Middlers Gathering

December 2 • 7 – 8:30 PM • Luciana's on North Meridian

Women at Second Holiday Luncheon

December 4 • 11:30 AM – 1:15 PM • McFarland Hall

Children's Advent Music Sunday

December 7 • During 10 AM Worship • Sanctuary

Welcome Table

December 7 • 11:15 AM • Parlor

Third Grade "The Lord's Prayer" Milestone

December 7 and 14 • 4 PM • Rooms 305 & 355

Fifth Grade Service Project

December 7 and 14 • 4 PM • Youth Suite East

CNN Family Food Shopping Night

December 9 • 6 – 7:30 PM • Youth Suite & Multipurpose Room

Men's Pop Up Social

December 10 • 5:30 PM • Turner's in the Stutz Building

Youth Christmas Party

December 10 • 6:30 – 8:30 PM • Youth Suite

Indianapolis Children's Choir: Holiday Memories

December 12-14 • Full Details at icchoir.org/events

Christmas Music Sunday

December 14 • 9 & 11 AM • Sanctuary