



Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2021

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

Prelude

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand American melody, arr. Don Hustad
When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known arr. Wilbur Held

Introit O Morning Star! How Fair and Bright J. S. Bach
*O Morning Star! how fair and bright, thou beamest forth in truth and
Light! O Sovereign meek and lowly; Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son, my
Lord and Bridegroom, Thou hast won my heart to serve Thee solely! Holy!
Holy! Thou art glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing, rule and might
o'er all possessing.*

****Call to Worship** (responsively)

Leader: I was glad when they said to me:

People: Let us go into the house of the LORD.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the LORD:

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made:

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

****Hymn** Come Sing, O Church, in Joy #305

Prayer of Confession (unison)

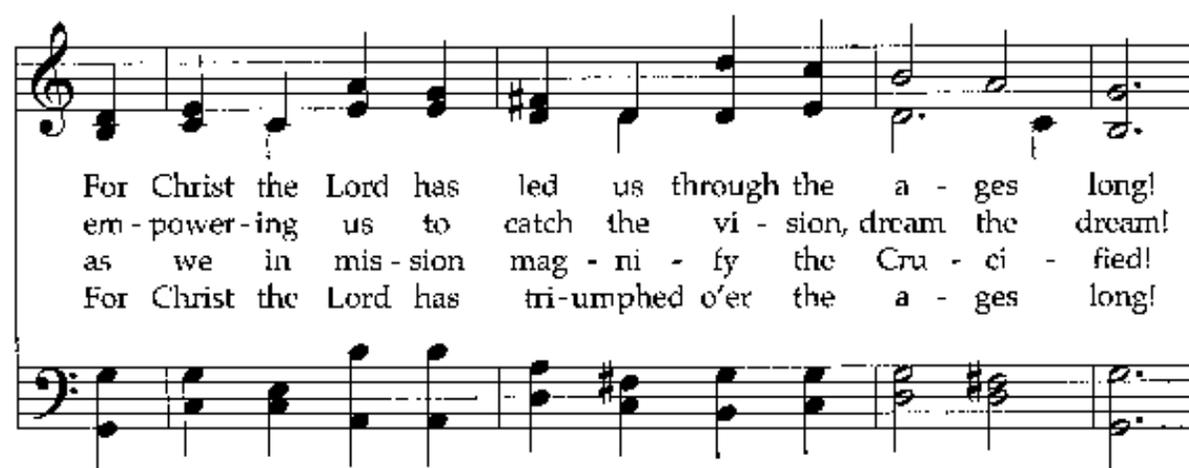
Gracious God, as a new year begins, we express our lament for sins of omission and commission. We have neglected the ministry of your Word. We have refused the illumination of your Spirit. We have constructed idols of our own making. Clinging to our limited thoughts, we fail to seek your face and reject your wisdom. We ask for your pardon, your mercy and your forgiveness. We ask for a fresh slate to begin the new year. We ask for the grace of a new beginning.

THE CHURCH

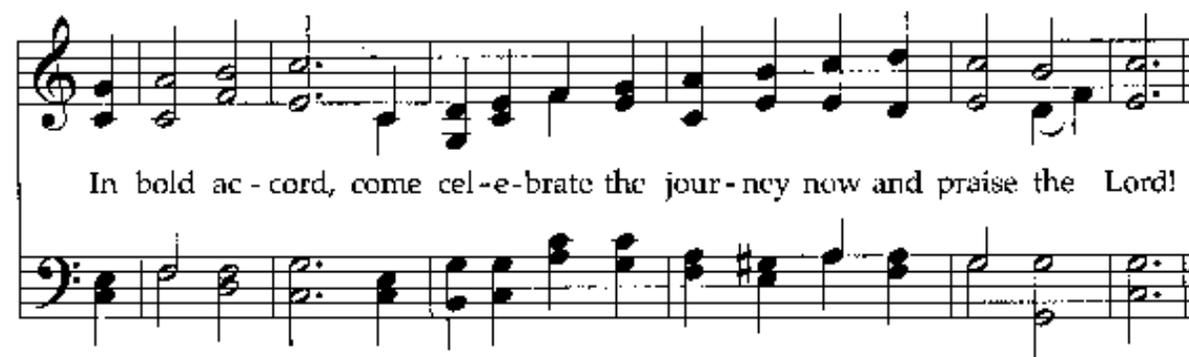
305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon (responsively)

Leader: Through God's mercy, we have been granted God's favor in Jesus Christ.

People: We have been baptized into the church of God's beloved Son.

Leader: We are forgiven, restored and renewed in God's image.

People: Alive together, in faith and community, we become a new creation.

Leader: Friends, hear the good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

****Gloria Patri**

#581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

****Passing of the Peace** (responsively)

Leader: The good news is to all those who are near and far away.

People: The good news is to all who are neighbors and strangers.

Leader: Because Christ loves us, we are members of the household of faith. We are one in the Spirit—we are family.

People: Because Christ calls us, we are citizens of the realm of God. We are living out God's precious kingdom.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lesson Mark 1:4-11

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”³ Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.”⁴ Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.”⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.⁶ When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷ altogether there were about twelve of them.

Sermon

“Deep Gifting”

Reverend Dr. David Neff, preaching

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

****Hymn**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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****Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

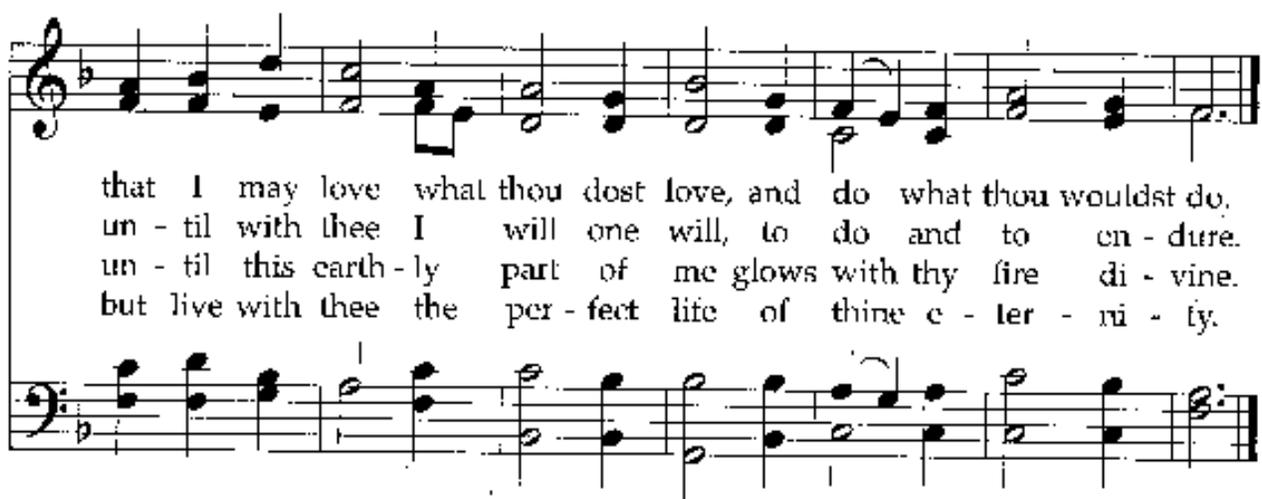
The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do,
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

The Meaning of Ordination
Constitutional Questions of Officers
Constitutional Questions of the Congregation
The Prayer and Laying On Of Hands
The Charge and Welcome to Shared Ministry

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem Come, Holy Spirit Chester Nordman
Come, Holy Spirit, like a dove descending, rest thou upon us while we meet to pray. Show us the Savior, all His love revealing; lead us to Him, the Life, the Truth, the Way. Come, Holy Spirit, every cloud dispelling; fill, oh fill us now with gladness, through the Master's name. Bring to our memory words that He hath spoken, then shall our tongues His wondrous grace proclaim. Come, Holy Spirit, sent from God the Father, Thou Friend and Teacher, Comforter and Guide. Our thoughts directing, keep us close to Jesus, and in our hearts forevermore abide. Amen.

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer ("debts")

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.

Prayer Response Spirit Divine Attend Our Prayers
Spirit divine attend our prayers, and make this house Thy home; Descend with all Thy gracious powers, Oh come, great Spirit, come.

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

The Commissioning of Leslie Deslauriers

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



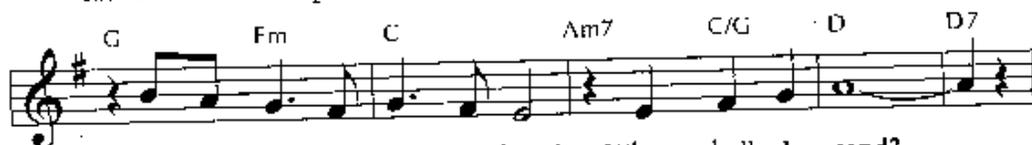
1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



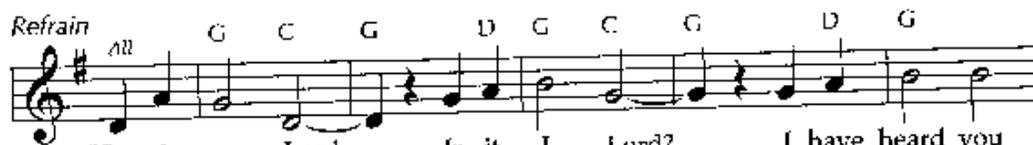
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

****The Charge and the Benediction**

****Benediction** May the Lord Go With You Anna Laura Page

May the Lord go with you as you leave this place. May the Lord go with you as you celebrate His grace. May you be surrounded by His love unbounded; may the Lord go with you as you leave this place. Amen.

Postlude

Procession of the Magi

Cyrus Mallard

Thanks to Those Assisting in Our Service

Liturgists Brian Louis and Leslie Deslauriers

OUR MISSION AND VISION

Mission Statement: We are a diverse and inclusive community bringing people to Christ through the power of service, education, hospitality and compassion.

Vision Statement: Second Presbyterian Church seeks to be a diverse, vibrant and passionate Christ-centered community of hospitality and outreach actively serving the South Loop, the city of Chicago, and the world. We accomplish this through inspirational worship in our historic sanctuary, educational ministry to all ages, and the power of compassionate service to our neighbors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship

Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church. All are welcome regardless of ethnicity, economic group or sexual orientation to share together in the joy and power of God's love in Jesus Christ.

Worship is live-streamed on our website www.2ndpresbyterian.org each Sunday morning. Join us at 10:55 a.m. for the worship. Copies of sermons and bulletins will be mailed and emailed to all who request them.

Today's worship service is our annual Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons. Being ordained and installed as Elders are Karen Ashley-Bowman and Lisa Armstrong. Being installed as an Elder is Ozzie Kinnard. Being ordained and installed as a Deacon are Margaret Robinson, Tracy Cargo and Sharon Singer. Being installed as a Deacon is Nate Battle.

Today is the last Sunday and last service of our outgoing Pastoral Assistant Leslie Deslauriers. She has been an incredible inspiration to Second Church for the last six years. We conclude the service with a prayer of commissioning as she continues her ministry as a chaplain at Rush University Hospital. Thank you Leslie for leading us in the way of Jesus Christ!

Next Sunday, our worship service will honor the life and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Neff's sermon is entitled "Reform or Revolution?" based on John 1: 35-42, the call of the first disciples. Please join us for our online worship service.

The Sunday morning Bible class welcomes you to join us. If you would like the curriculum, please contact the church office. The call in number is **(312) 248-0036**. No PIN required. All are welcome.

Today our guest tenor is Dennis Kalup.

The Circle of Prayer begins next Thursday at noon. For thirty minutes, we pray for one another, our family, our friends, our city and our world; concluding by 12:30 p.m. The call in number is **(312) 626-6799**; meeting **#811 8615 6150**; passcode **965 126**. All are welcome.

Per Capita Offering – Each year, Second Presbyterian Church pays a “per-capita” apportionment on each member of the church. This goes to support the mission and ministry of the larger church, including the Presbytery of Chicago, the Synod of Lincoln Trails and the General Assembly. Your gift of \$36 per person helps the church fund its annual obligation dues to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Please submit your per-capita offering and consider making a gift to help others in our congregation that may find it difficult to give.

We are still taking prayer requests but now you can submit them by clicking this link <https://forms.gle/72RzSMc9tAA7y5st8> so that we can pray with you and for you. All prayer requests will go to Pastor Neff and our Office Administrator Ashley. There is an option to mark whether or not your prayer is private.

The devotional booklet “These Days” for January-February-March is available in the church office. For your copy, please call the church office.

Bible Studies:

We will be using phone calls for bible studies and Zoom for other groups. For bible studies, use the number below.

New Conference Call number: **(312) 248-0036**. No PIN required.

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.**
- **Tuesday Galatians 1:30 p.m.**

Alpha to Omega Bible Discussion Group: will be led by Doug Walters until January will continue to be monthly on the second and fourth Thursdays starting with the New Testament with the first half of Matthew. New conference call number: **(312) 248-0036**. No PIN required. For more information, please contact Flea Parker at flea@golden2.net or (210) 861-6988.

RIM (Recreation and Interest Ministries) Committee

Money Smart - Course Listing: Complete Education Program

Wintrust knows what it's like to take small steps to accomplish a goal. Their Money Smart Curriculum, provided by the FDIC, is a great tool to help our communities reach their goals. Everyone has a personal or professional financial goal, and this licensed curriculum is set up to help you reach it. This training program is geared toward consumers, small business owners, and young adults, and this FREE program provides pretests, workbooks, PowerPoint presentations, and certificates of completion. They will be conducted at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. The modules will be mailed to us at the church so we can distribute them in advance. Please make note of the days below:

February 1, 2020 – MODULE 2: You Can Bank On It

February 8, 2020 – MODULE 5: Your Savings

February 23, 2020 – MODULE 6: Credit Reports and Scores

March 1, 2020 – MODULE 7: Borrowing Basics

Movie Group: On January 22nd, we will discuss *Black Narcissus*; a drama miniseries, based on the 1939 novel of the same name by Rumer Godden. Each person will watch the movie on their own and then we will gather on Zoom to discuss it. This event is brought to you by the RIM committee.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87830257932?pwd=alNtMUh6eFpNNllobWZ0WFIDRTNodz09>

Time: January 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Central Time (US and Canada)

Meeting ID: 878 3025 7932

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Book Group: Our next book of discussion is On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous a novel by Ocean Vuong. This will take place via Zoom on January 17th at 9:30 a.m. Please email Ann Belletire if you would like to join this very lively discussion group at annabelle620e@aol.com.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82595103879>

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Community Interests:

Coat Drive: Second Presbyterian Church is hosting its annual Winter Coat Drive until February 2021. Donations of warm clothes, socks, sweat shirts, hoodies, sweaters, coats, gloves, caps, scarves and mittens will be distributed to our neighbors in need. Donations are received Tuesdays through Fridays, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. We regret that we must decline clothing donations other than warm winter clothing.

Support Our Mission and Ministry

The work of the church is critical in this time of crisis. Our ministry continues to grow in creative and innovative ways. You may now give your offering on the Second Presbyterian Church website at www.2ndpresbyterian.org. Look for the “Donate” button and scroll down, following the prompts. Thank you for your faithful giving!

Connect with Us

Dr. Neff's sermons, poetry and reflections on ministry can be found in his blog: www.davidneff.me. To obtain copies of sermons for our Pastoral Assistant Leslie Deslauriers, please go to her blog lesliefollowsgodthroughchicago.blogspot.com

PRAYER REQUESTS (please pray for the following)

Ashley McLean – my grandparents; family and friends; Guy, Bella and JB; the pursuit of happiness; understanding and wisdom; the Baer family

Leslie Deslauriers – A. Williams; L. Williams; S. Williams; C. Hinton; Raiford Family; R. Hinton; the Baer family

Pastor Neff – the Presbyterian Synod of Cameroon; for all pastors, elders and churches living under persecution

Nate Battle – Sister Elaine

Bill Tyre – Cousin James Boyle, who is battling illness

The Session

Reverend Dr. David M. Neff, Pastor
Darlene Pollard, Clerk

2021

Dr. Cliff Crawford
Anthony Ochiabutor
Vicki Reynolds

2022

Darlene Pollard
Howard Tiffen
Amy Haack

2023

Lisa Armstrong
Karen Ashley-Bowman
Ozzie Kinnard

The Board of Deacons

Jane Tiffen, President
Jeremy Nichols, Secretary

2021

Denise Conway
Catherine Soberekon

2022

Jeremy Nichols
Francis Osazuwa
Jane Tiffen

2023

Nate Battle
Sharon Singer
Margaret Robinson

Church Staff

Reverend Dr. David M. Neff, Pastor
Leslie Deslauriers, Pastoral Assistant
Michael Shawgo, Music Director
Ashley McLean, Office Administrator
Marco Alberto, Sexton
Brian Louis, Seminarian

Second Presbyterian Quartet Choir

Sherry Watkins, soprano
Corinne Wallace-Crane, alto

John Concepcion, tenor
Vince Wallace, bass



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My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am
following your will does not mean that
I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please you does,
in fact please you.
And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right
road though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to
be lost and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will
never leave me to face my perils alone.

Thomas Merton
Thoughts In Solitude

