SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP • 10 AM

The Long Way Home:

Living Toward God's Promises

ADVENT SEASON WITH SECOND

NOVEMBER 29

The Promise of Light

Isaiah 9:2-7

A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

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Soloist

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PROCESSION

Ewer Bearer
Kay Phelps

Acolytes
Naomi Pedersen
Mallorie Swift

Advent Candles
Kathryn Carrel

TODAY'S BAPTISMS

Louise Christine Hayes
Parents: Keegan and Kelsey Hayes
Birthdate: July 28, 2026

Walker West Woodard
Parents: Megan and T.J. Woodard
Birthdate: August 27, 2025

Elder: Jessie Wild Sneller
Youth Deacon: Kathryn Carrel
Bible Presenter: Hattie Sneller

WELCOME FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Our Sunday Children's programming is on pause for the holiday weekend. Join us next week for *Children's Chapel* during the 10 AM service. Following today's *Word with Children*, children will be asked to return to their parents or caregivers.
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 29, 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We Come Together as God's People

Prelude — *Hymn to the Light* — Hans-André Stamm (b. 1958)

Antiphon No. 1 on the Magnificat — Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)
Dr. John Allegar, organ

Welcome — Rev. Christopher A. Henry

Choral Call to Worship — *Matin* (morning) *Responsory* — G.P. Palestrina (c.1525-94) adapted Stephen Cleobury (1948-2019)
Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Michelle Louer, conductor

I look from afar:
and lo, I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth.
Go ye out to meet him and say:
Tell us, art thou he that should to reign over thy people Israel?
High and low, rich and poor, one with another,
Go ye out to meet him and say:
Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep:
Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.
All glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

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and lo, I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth.
Go ye out to meet him and say:
Tell us, art thou he that should to reign over thy people Israel?

Text: Aspiciens a longe (Responsory 1 of Advent Sunday, from the Breviarium Sarisburiense)

* **Opening Sentences** — Rev. Karen L. Lang

One: Something is stirring, even in the waiting.

All: We feel it before we can name it.

One: A door left open. A light not yet lit.

All: We come ready to hope again.

*** Prayer of Adoration**

*** Processional Hymn** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (page 4) HYFRYDOL

Lighting of the Advent Candle Kathryn Carrel

One: We light this candle of hope against the dark.

All: It is small. But the dark has never once put out a candle.

One: We light it for everyone still waiting.
Everyone tired of waiting.
Everyone who has nearly stopped waiting at all.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, and find us here, still watching, still ready.

One: Let your light be greater than our darkness.

All: Come soon. Amen.

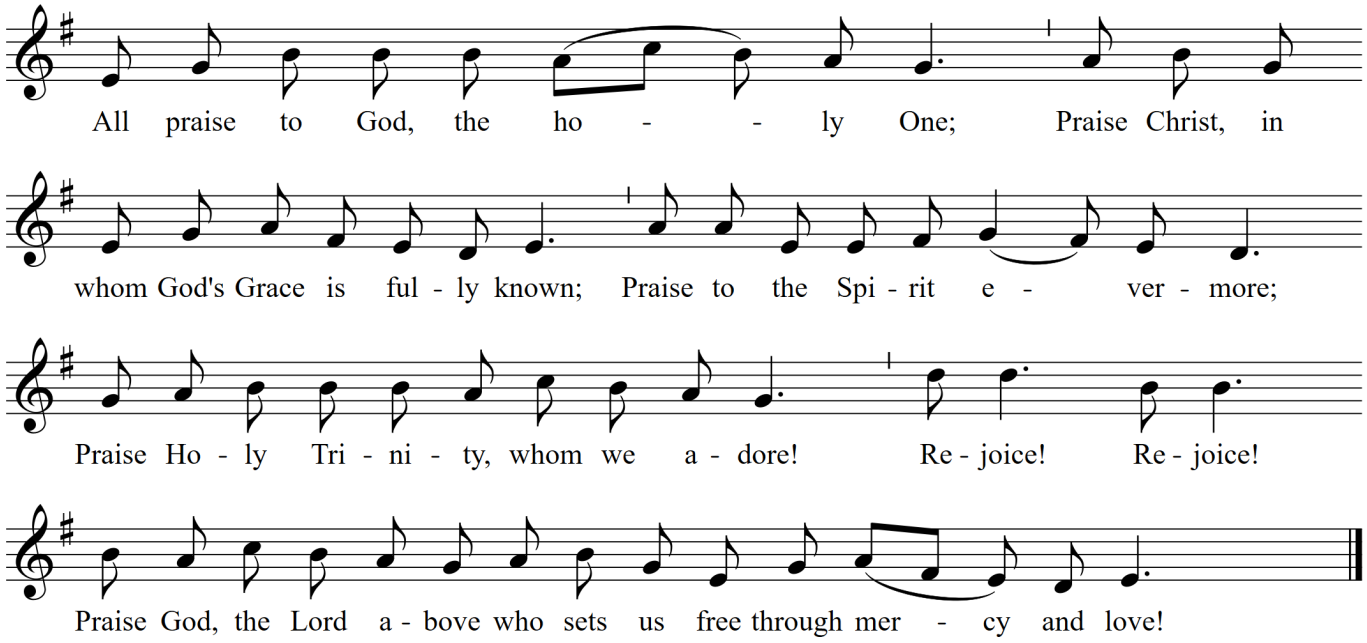
Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of the coming dawn,
we confess that we have grown comfortable in the dark.
We do not always long for your light,
and we are slow to walk in it.
We let despair have the last word
and forget the promise that a light has shined.
Wake us, O God.
Turn our eyes toward the horizon of your hope,
and prepare us to receive the One who is coming.
For your love's sake, hear our prayer. (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

*** Response of Praise** VENI EMMANUEL



*** Passing the Peace of Christ**

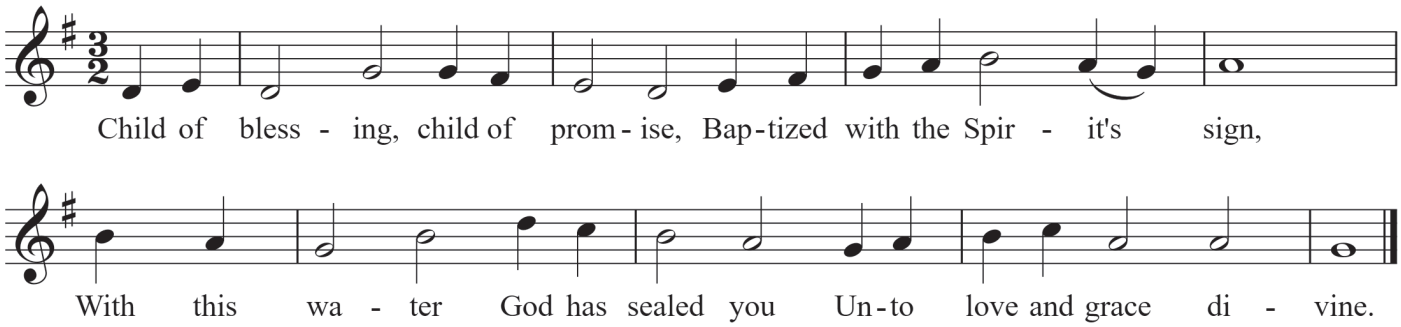
*** Hymn** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* (page 5) TRURO

We Experience God's Word

The Word with Children

Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn of Response *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* KINGDOM



Prayer for Illumination Jessie Wild Sneller

First Scripture Lesson John 1:1-9 (p. 966)

Anthem *The Word Was God* Rosephanye Powell
(b. 1962)

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him;
And without him was not anything made that was made.

Text: John 1:1-3

Second Scripture Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7 (p. 624)

Sermon Rev. Christopher A. Henry

The Promise of Light

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined."
(Isaiah 9:2)

Moment of Silent Meditation

We Give Thanks to God

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Michael M. Samson

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

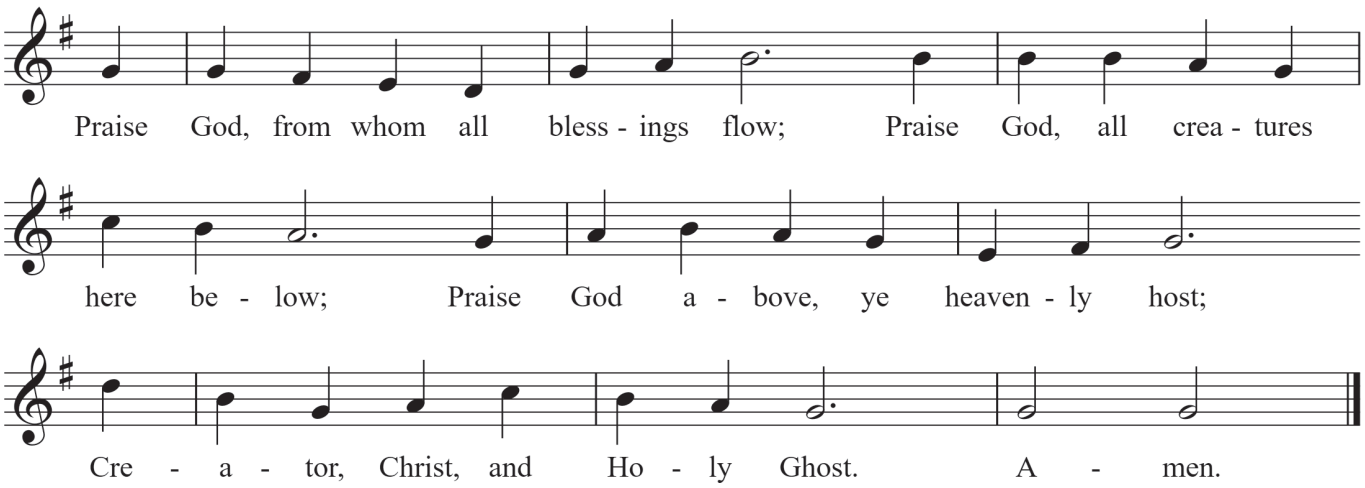
Offertory *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* arr. Patrick M. Liebergen
Caitlin Stewart, soprano (b. 1949)

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.
It came a Flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind.
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, She bore to us a Savior,
when half-spent was the night.

Text: 15th century German carol; trans. Theodore Baker (1851-1934)

*** Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH



*** Prayer of Dedication**

We Go Forth to Serve

*** Closing Hymn** *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?* (page 6) VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Choral Benediction** *Amen* Danish

Postlude *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland,* BWV 661 (Savior of the Nations, Come) J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

WELCOME NEW BABY

The red rose in front of the pulpit is in honor of:

Margaret Claire Skelly
Birthdate: November 17, 2026
Parents: Leah and Connor Skelly

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

Don Marsh
Phil Burroughs

Member service details, if available, can be accessed by visiting **SecondChurch.org/Funerals** or calling the Front Desk at 317-253-6461.

How might we pray for you this week? Please visit **SecondChurch.org/Prayer** to fill out a Prayer Request Form. Together, we lift up our joys with thanksgiving and invite Christ's tender care, guidance, and healing in our lives and in God's world.

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please contact:
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NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

The Long Way Home:

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The Promise of Peace

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

8:15 AM ▪ Chapel Worship

9 AM ▪ Sunday School for all ages

10 AM ▪ Sanctuary Worship

11:15 AM ▪ Service of Wholeness & Communion ▪ Milner Chapel

11:15 AM – 12:30 PM ▪ Second Treasures Thrift Store Open

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Second Treasures Stock the Racks
December 1 ▪ 6 - 8 PM ▪ Library

A Season of Joy, Music, & Grace:
Women's Christmas Luncheon
December 3 ▪ 11 AM - 1 PM ▪ McFarland Hall

Children & Family Ministries Advent Party
December 4 ▪ 5:30 - 7:30 PM ▪ McFarland Hall & Room 356

Youth Great Wolf Lodge Trip
December 4 - 6 ▪ Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, OH

CNN Protein Drop-Off Day
December 6 ▪ 8 - 10:30 AM ▪ East Drive

Young Adult Sunday Brunch
December 6 ▪ 11:30 AM
Another Broken Egg Cafe at 96th & Meridian

Children & Family Ministries
CNN Food Shopping Night
December 8 ▪ 6 - 7:30 PM ▪ Youth Suite

Youth Christmas Party
December 9 ▪ 6:30 - 8:30 PM ▪ Youth Suite

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& Volunteer Registration

ONLINE AND SUNDAYS IN MCFARLAND HALL

