

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP • 10 AM



WAITING *for the*
Light
ADVENT 2025

DECEMBER 7

Peace in the Wilderness

Luke 3:1-14



A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Christopher A. Henry
Senior Pastor

Rev. Audrey F. Thorne
Lake Fellow in Parish Ministry

Rev. Thomas P. Markey
Associate Pastor of Youth and Families

Quinn Sundheimer
Liturgist

Sanctuary Choir

Dr. Michelle Louer
Director of Music and Fine Arts

Dr. John Allegar
*Organist and Assistant Director
of Music and Fine Arts*

Carol and Cherub Choirs

Patrick Pauloski
*Director of Children's and Youth Music
& Second Chamber Players*

Carol Baker
Cherub Choir Director & Coordinator of Fine Arts

Tom Ristine
Cherub Choir accompanist

Danny Fisher
Carol Choir accompanist

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SECOND CHAMBER PLAYERS

Carol Helmling, flute
Mark Blessing, oboe
Sara Hook, clarinet
Jim Young, bass clarinet
Cindy Colter, alto saxophone
Jenny Dayton, alto saxophone
Sophia McCormick, horn
Marc Keehmer, trumpet
Marvin VanVoorhis, trumpet
Dennis Wagner, flugelhorn
Jeff Reese, euphonium
Lee Wygant, bass trombone
Doug Mairet, tuba
Matthew Samson, tuba
Laila Rasmusson, marimba
Kevin Ratliff, percussion
Cameron Ratliff, percussion
Dick Simon, keyboard
Kari Reid, violin
Will Colter, viola
Meaghan Ratliff, cello
Pete Ritz, bass

PROCESSION

Element Bearers
Sundheimer Family

Ewer Bearer
Kathy Hallett

Acolytes and Advent Candles
Quinn Sundheimer
Marco Elia

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. Pick up for all children will be in the third-floor hallway after the service. 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.

December 7, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We Come Together as God's People

Prelude

Fugal Flourish on PERSONENT HODIE
Dr. John Allegar, organ

Philip Moore
(b. 1943)

Gaudete
Second Chamber Players; Patrick Pauloski, conductor

arr. Patrick L. Pauloski
(b. 1993)

Welcome

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

Children's Choir Call to Worship

Sing Out My Soul
Carol and Cherub Choirs; Danny Fisher, piano; Tom Ristine, guitar

Jacques Berthier
(1923-1994)

Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glorify the Lord who sets us free.
Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glorify the Lord God!

Text: adapted from Luke 1:46-47

* Opening Sentences

Rev. Audrey F. Thorne

One: This is the season of holy waiting.

All: We wait for the time when the desert will bloom abundantly.

One: We watch for the day when all God's people will come together with singing.

All: We wait while the dawning light appears on the horizon.

One: Come let us walk in the light of God!

* Prayer of Adoration

* Processional Hymn #13

Prepare the Way

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Quinn Sundheimer and Marco Elia

One: We light this candle as a symbol of the peace we find in the presence of God.
We wait and we work for days of peace in all the earth.
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: We wait anticipating your peace, believing that one day it will fill our world.

All: 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

**Gracious and Eternal God, our prayer this week is simple:
train our eyes to see what you see,
our hearts to love what you love,
our desire to want what you want.
With your help, we will draw closer to the dreams
you have always held for us:
dreams you have never forgotten,
dreams you will never abandon. (Silent Prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

* Response of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

French Carol

Glo - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o;

Glo - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o.

* **Passing the Peace of Christ**

* **Hymn #25**

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

We Experience God's Word

Children's Choirs Anthem

Night of Silence

Daniel Kantor

Carol Choir, Cherub Choir, and Second Chamber Players

Cold are the people, Winter of life,
We tremble in shadows this cold endless night,
Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping,
Flowers that will echo the sunrise,
Fire of hope is our only warmth,
Weary, its flame will be dying soon.

Voice in the distance, Call in the night,
On wind you enfold us You speak of the light,
Gentle on the ear you whisper softly,
Rumors of a dawn so embracing,
Breathless love awaits darkened souls,
Soon will we know of the morning.

Spirit among us, Shine like the star,
Your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar,
Shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely,
Rising in the warmth of your Son's love,
Star unknowing of night and day,
Spirit we wait for your loving Son.

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace.

The Word with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Quinn Sundheimer

First Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 12:2-6

(p. 628)

Anthem

Seek Him that Maketh the Seven Stars
Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Michelle Louer, conductor

Jonathan Dove
(b. 1959)

Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion
and turneth the shadow of death into the morning.
Alleluia, yea, the darkness shineth as the day, the night is light about me.
Amen.

Text: Amos 5:8; Psalm 139

Peace in the Wilderness

"Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?'"

(Luke 3:12)

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

This Christmastide (Jessye's Carol)

Donald Fraser

Caitlin Stewart and Kristin Shaffer, sopranos; Caleb Crawford and Mitzi Westra, altos

Green and silver, red and gold
and the story born of old –
truth and love and hope abide
this Christmastide, this Christmastide.

Children sing of hope and joy
at the birth of one small boy –
truth and love and hope abide
this Christmastide, this Christmastide.

Holly, ivy, mistletoe,
and the gently falling snow –
truth and love and hope abide
this Christmastide, this Christmastide.

Let the bells ring out and clear;
ring out now for all to hear –
truth and love and hope abide
this Christmastide, this Christmastide.

From a simple ox's stall
came the greatest gift of all –
truth and love and hope abide
this Christmastide, this Christmastide.

Text: Jane McCulloch

*** Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures
here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;
Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*** Prayer of Dedication**

We Go Forth to Serve

*** Closing Hymn #10**

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

WINCHESTER NEW

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Choral Benediction**

Send Forth Thy Light

Mily Balakirev
(1837-1910)

Send forth Thy light, send forth Thy truth,
and let them lead me to Thy holy hill,
even unto Thy holy hill.

Text: Psalm 43:3

Postlude

Toccata on VENI EMMANUEL

Andrew Carter
(b. 1939)

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:

Betty Lofton
Nila Willhoite

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.



OCTOBER FINANCIAL UPDATE

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| Budgeted Income | \$4,182,085 |
| Actual Income | \$4,079,520 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | (\$102,565) |

VISITING TODAY?

Thank you for worshipping 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!



Memorial Flower Fund

Poinsettias

Open through
Sunday, December 7



TODAY

Welcome Table

December 7 • 11:15 AM • Parlor

Danny Fisher Piano Recital

December 7 • 11:30 AM • Sanctuary

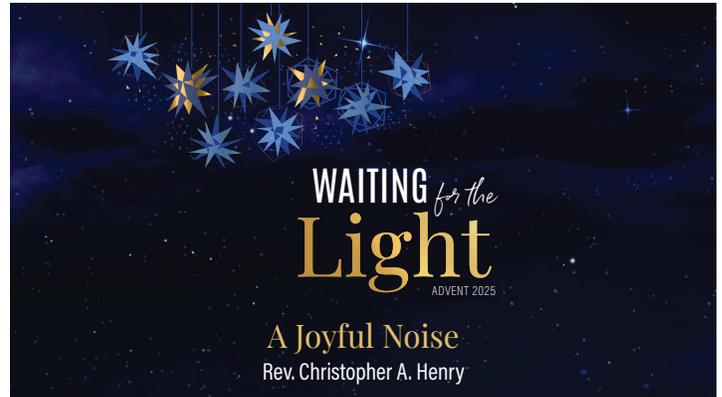
Third Grade "The Lord's Prayer" Milestone

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

Fifth Grade Service Project

December 7 and 14 • 4 PM • Youth Suite East

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 CHRISTMAS MUSIC SUNDAY



NO 8:15 AM • Chapel Worship

NO 9 AM • Sunday School

9 & 11 AM • Sanctuary Worship

NO 11:15 AM • Service of Wholeness and Communion

For more details visit

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SecondChurch.org/Events



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

Men's Monthly Fellowship

December 16 • 6 – 8 PM • The Roost in Nora

Advent Service of Lament and Hope

December 17 • 7:30 PM • Chapel