

December 7, 2025

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP From Isaiah 55:6,7

People: and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

*HYMN 196 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Unison: Our Father, we confess that despite the many preparations we make during the Christmas season, we often fail to prepare our hearts. We concern ourselves with many things, while often neglecting to engage in adoration, confession, a renewed focus on your grace, and practical steps toward growing in godliness. Forgive us, we pray. Prepare our hearts to bask in the grace of Jesus Christ, that we might rejoice to live for His glory. For we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Leader: Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

POSTLUDE Savior of the Nations, Come Wagner

***Children may proceed to Jr. Church (age 5–grade 1: Room 112; grades 2–3: Room 110)*

Kindly silence all electronic devices
Activity bags for young children are available in the narthex
Please see an usher if you would like to utilize an assisted listening device

*If you are a visitor, please complete the attendance register in full.
Upon exiting the main lobby doors,
please accept a gift of welcome bread.*


Serving this morning:
Worship Leaders – Rob Barbadoro, Juan Estevez
Musician – Covenant Musicians, Helen Ro
Audio/Visual Technicians – Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk,
Greg Fisher

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Waiting for the consolation of Israel. Luke 2:25



1. Come, thou long-ex-pect-ed Je-sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap-pear;
3. Come to earth to taste our sad-ness, he whose glo-ries knew no end;
4. Born thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re-lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
come, thou prom-ised Rod of Jes-se, of thy birth we long to hear!
by his life he brings us glad-ness, our Re-deem-er, Shep-herd, Friend.
born to reign in us for-ev-er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.



Is-rael's strength and con-so-la-tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
O'er the hills the an-gels sing-ing news, glad tid-ings of a birth:
Leav-ing rich-es with-out num-ber, born with-in a cat-tle stall;
By thine own e-ter-nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a-lone;



dear De-sire of ev-'ry na-tion, joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.
"Go to him, your prais-es bring-ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
this the ev-er-last-ing won-der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
by thine all-suf-fi-cient mer-it, raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

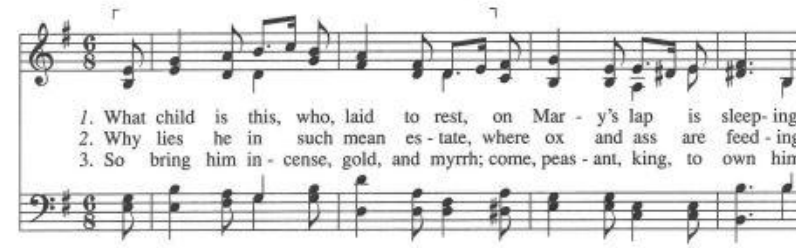
St. 1, 4, Charles Wesley, 1744
St. 2-3, Mark E. Hunt, 1978
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Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

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What Child Is This

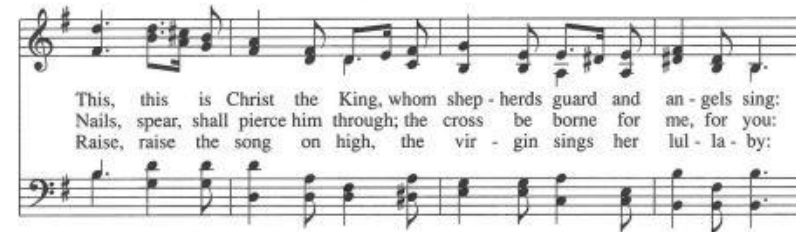
Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? Matt. 2:2



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2. Why lies he in such mean es-tate, where ox and ass are feed-ing?
3. So bring him in-cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him;



Whom an-gels greet with an-thems sweet, while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si-lent Word is plead-ing.
the King of kings sal-va-tion brings, let lov-ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing:
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir-gin sings her lul-la-by:



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar-y.
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar-y.
joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar-y.

Traditional English carol
Adapted by William C. Dix, ca. 1865

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English melody, 16th cent.

THE NICENE CREED



We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

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JESUS CHRIST:

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 98:4

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re-ceive her

2. Joy to the earth! The Sav-ior reigns: let men their songs em-

3. No more let sins and sor-rows grow, nor thorns in-fest the

4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na-tions

King; let ev-ery heart pre-pare him room,

play; while fields and hills, and plains

ground; he comes to make his bless-ings flow

prove the glo-ries of his right-teous-ness

and heav'n and na-ture sing, and heav'n and na-ture

re-peat the sound-ing joy, re-peat the sound-ing

far as the curse is found, far as the curse is

and won-ders of his love, and won-ders of his

and heav'n and na-ture sing,

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na-ture sing.

joy, re-peat, re-peat the sound-ing joy.

found, far as, far as the curse is found.

love, and won-ders, won-ders of his love.

heav'n and na-ture sing,

Based on Psalm 98

Isaac Watts, 1719

ANTIOCH C.M.rep.

George Frederick Handel, 1742

Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1836

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lighting the second Advent candle this morning and reading from God’s Word is the Little family.

Please stop by the table in the narthex today to pick up one or more pre-addressed, stamped Christmas cards to send to our missionaries as a reminder that we are praying for them this Christmas season.

All women are invited to take two envelopes containing names of Covenant sisters from the narthex Christmas tree and then pray for them throughout the busy Advent season. More information may be found in the latest *Covenant Update*.

Our annual Christmas breakfast will take place on Sunday, December 21 at 9:00 a.m. Please sign up in the narthex to bring a “family size” breakfast dish, fruit salad, or pastry as we celebrate our Lord’s birth together.

Everyone is invited to an evening of Christmas caroling and fellowship on Sunday, December 21. Please meet at the church at 4:30 p.m. to carpool to the homes of various members, followed by refreshments back at Covenant around 6:30 p.m. If you are able to join us, please let Juan Estevez know for planning purposes.

Please join us for our Christmas Eve Service on December 24 at 7:00 p.m. Invitation postcards may be found in the narthex.

Our youth group progressive dinner is scheduled for Sunday, January 25 between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. We are seeking volunteers to open their homes (or host at the church) for one portion of the evening's meal. Volunteers can choose to host the appetizer, dinner, or dessert course. To volunteer or learn more, please contact Juan Estevez at jestevez@covpreschurch.org by Friday, December 26.

In the unlikely event that a worship service needs to be canceled due to inclement weather, Covenant’s website will reflect that information on the front page. As always, please use your judgment in deciding whether or not it is safe to travel from your particular location.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 12/7	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:00	a.m.	Fellowship & Refreshments in the far narthex
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45	a.m.	Adult Choir Practice
	11:45	a.m.	Adult Bell Choir Practice
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group
Monday 12/8			
Tuesday 12/9	11:30	a.m.	Senior Fellowship Lunch at Plumsteadville Inn
	7:00	p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
Wednesday 12/10	7:00	p.m.	Deacons’ Meeting
Thursday 12/11			
Friday 12/12			
Saturday 12/13	7:30	a.m.	Men’s Breakfast at Henning’s Market
Sunday 12/14	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45	a.m.	Adult Choir Practice
	11:45	a.m.	Adult Bell Choir Practice
	11:45	a.m.	Sonflower Girls Committee Meeting
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group Christmas Party

For a complete listing of events at Covenant, or for more information on ministries, please visit www.covpreschurch.org

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CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS
FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Health Related

Lynn Khuzenaar
Barbara Kolbe

Expecting

Sade Lemoine (Due Apr 10)
Steph Balmer (Due June 21)

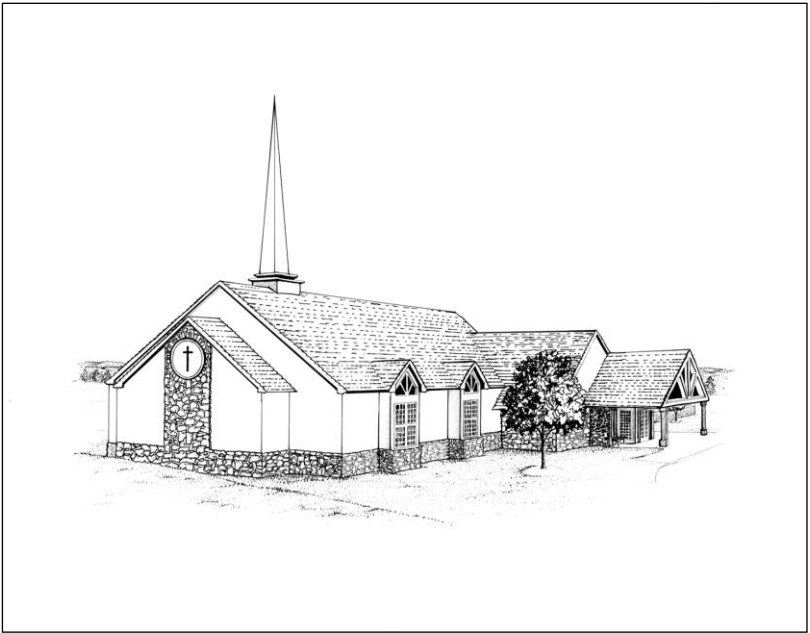
Missions

The Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf (CCCD), where Covenant has sent several mission teams over the past two decades, exists to reach, teach and nurture the deaf of Jamaica, all in the name of Christ. They are thankful that none of their students or staff were injured in the recent hurricane, though some lost everything they owned. Several volunteers and employees from the CCCD U.S. office have been down to bring chainsaws, food and other needed items to Jamaica and lend a hand in the cleanup effort. The four CCCD campuses sustained the following levels of damage: -Montego Bay Centre for Adult Deaf Education saw extensive destruction and must be rebuilt before it can operate again -Knockpatrick received moderate damage to outdoor structures, including the water catchment system, and power is still out -Jamaica Deaf Village had mild damage, including a power pole that had to be rebuilt, window and door seals that were broken and downed trees -Kingston sustained mild damages and was able to reopen They are praising the Lord that Kingston school could open so quickly. Some families lost everything they owned, so being able to house students on campus is incredibly helpful. Please pray for patience and endurance as the rebuilding process continues on the other campuses.

SUNDAY MORNING
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Dec 7	Dec 14	Dec 21	Dec 28
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Nancy Hillman	C. Rutkowski	Christmas Breakfast	Abigail English
Heart Hiders Room 110	A. McMillan	Diane Lowery Mary Slemmer	Christmas Breakfast	L. Barbadoro
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Ella Clement	Sarah Walsh	George & Cathy Schmidt	Kelly Little
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Caroline Smith Lydia Moyer	Jill Buhay Abbie Riggall	Pam Taylor D. Rutkowski	M. Medendorp Jasmine Muhlfeld
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Sarah Keating Janie Keating	Nicole Yates Emry Evans	Danielle Moyer Jesse Moyer	Laura Wambold Maggie Wambold
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	L. Barbadoro	L. Barbadoro	A. McMillan	A. McMillan
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Steve Rutkowski	Steve Rutkowski	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman
Welcome Bread Bakers	Glenda Childs	Sarah Keating	Nancy Hillman	Debbie Schultz
Greeters	Glenda Childs Katelyn Reist	Jim & Diana Lowery	Rick & Martha Moody	Larry & Pat Stoner
Ushers	Steve Rutkowski George Schmidt Charlie Burger Sam Kleeman Jim Lowery Bill Propsner D. Rutkowski	Byron Childs Andy Ford D. Dietterich Ed Gottschalk Dan Hillman Bob Kenderdine Ed Wilson	Dan Benoit Rick Castor Brandon Jones Kris Malysz Jeremy Riggall Henry Schultz Jim Taylor	Tom Buhay Mark Kleeman Jake Barbadoro Noah Keating Jack Kane John Kane Bob McClurken Shahil Patel

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*The mission of Covenant Presbyterian Church
is to help people know Christ,
grow together in the grace of Christ,
and advance the kingdom of Christ,
all to the glory and worship of God forever.*