



## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8:30 & 11:00 am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Dec. 13, 2009

3rd Sunday of Advent

- Covenant Church welcomes children in worship. There is a nursery for infants through age two in Room 101 of the Educational wing of the church. Worship bags full of quiet activities for children to use during our services are available inside the cart that holds our name tags.
- Hearing devices and large print bulletins, bibles and hymn books are available on the credenza in the Narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

### SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

*“Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid...”* Isaiah 12: 2a

### THE GATHERING

\*GREETINGS and PASSING OF THE PEACE Karen Ware Jackson

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

PRELUDE “Chorale Prelude on *In dulci jubilo*”

J. S. Bach

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

8:30 Cathy Levy, Judy Oeder; 11:00 Karen Hjelm, Peggy Hicks  
(Candle lighters represent the Mission and Social Concerns Commission)

During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Prince of Peace.

**God gives strength to God’s people, and blesses us with peace.**

In the midst of conflict, we look to the One who brings harmony.

**God gives strength to God’s people, and blesses us with peace.**

In the midst of confusion, we look to the One who brings clarity.

**God gives strength to God’s people, and blesses us with peace.**

In the midst of division, we look to the One who brings unity.

**God gives strength to God’s people, and blesses us with peace.**

In the midst of separation, we look to the One who restores the broken.

**God gives strength to God’s people, and blesses us with peace.**

Today we light three candles. The first candle reminds us of our hope in knowing Jesus as our Wonderful Counselor. The second candle reminds us of our joy in proclaiming Christ as our Mighty God. We light the third candle to remind us that Jesus is our Prince of Peace. In a world filled with conflict, tension, and discord, we look for the peace that comes through Christ alone.

*\*All who can comfortably do so, please stand.*

“God With Us, Emmanuel” Joel Raney

Won-der-ful Coun-sel-or, Al-might-y God,  
 Ev-er-las-ing Fa-ther, the Prince of Peace, Em-man-u-el,  
 Em-man-u-el, God with us, Em-man-u-el.

**LET US WORSHIP GOD**

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 2 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Hyfrydol

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: “Our Father who art in heaven...” (Hymnal p. 16. We say debts and debtors.)

FELLOWSHIP MOMENTS Tracy Keenan

- Prayer request cards will be collected at this point.
- Please sign the fellowship pad and pass it to your neighbor.

**COVENANT IN MISSION** “Christmas Joy Offering”  
 8:30 Carrie Mellen; 11:00 Suzie Shoemaker

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 12:1-6 OT Page 641

CANTATA (See Insert) “Laud to the Nativity” Ottorino Respighi

**RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD**

11:00 RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES

Offertory “Chorale Prelude on *In dulci jubilo*” J. S. Bach

\*Offertory Response Lasst uns erfreuen  
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise God the Father, God the Son, Praise God the Spirit, Three in One. Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia.

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 59 “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” Christmas

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Amen” Danish

POSTLUDE “Chorale Prelude on *In dulci jubilo*” J. S. Bach  
 (You are invited to stay and listen)

**HYMN NOTES**

Although “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” appears in the Advent section, Wesley wrote it for Christmas. Note the names given for Jesus: strength, consolation, hope, dear desire and joy. Also note the use of the word “Born” three times to begin lines of poetry in one of the stanzas. The hymn's ultimate emphasis is on the kingship of Jesus, closing with a prayer that Christ alone will rule in our hearts. “Hyfrydol,” composed by Rowland Hugh Prichard in 1831, is one of many fine Welsh tunes which have made their mark on hymnody. The melody uses only the first five notes of the scale until on the first beat of the third measure from the end it rises to the sixth note of the scale. This means that the entire hymn is written in a very comfortable singing range. Prichard was a gifted song leader and tune writer from Bala, Wales. This tune was written before he turned twenty and was included in a collection of his tunes in 1844. He worked as an assistant to the loom tender in the Welsh Flannel Manufacturing Company's mill. “Hyfrydol” is set to three different texts in our hymnal.

“The Supplement to the New Version of Psalms by Dr. Brady and Mr. Tate” of 1700 contained 16 hymns to be added to the New Version psalter of 1696, including “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks,” a paraphrase of the nativity story in Luke 2:8-14. Unlike many settings of the period, Tate's version turns prose into poetry while keeping close to the text of scripture. The lines are understandable and singable, and the finished product a shining jewel.

**TODAY’S MUSIC**

Ottorino Respighi was an Italian composer who was born in Bologna in 1879. He died in Rome in 1936. He studied violin and composition and traveled to St. Petersburg where he played first viola in the Imperial Opera and took lessons in composition and orchestration from Rimsky-Korsakov, which proved a decisive influence in Respighi’s coloristic orchestrations. Respighi enjoyed a career as a concert violinist, making frequent tours of Europe and two tours of the United States. He was also a professor of composition and teacher of advanced violin students at the conservatory in Rome. His style of composition is a highly successful blend of songful melodies with full and rich harmonies. He is best remembered for two famous orchestral compositions, the tone poems “The Pines of Rome” and “The Fountains of Rome.” The original text of this work was in Italian; the English translation is from a variety of sources. The intent of the translation was to convey the sense of the original, while maintaining good vowel sounds as Respighi intended. The English translation does not always scan perfectly, but the meaning of the words is clear.

**PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP**

**Ushers:** 8:30 Terri Hayes, Mike Hayes, Carolyn Bordelon, Al Bordelon  
 11:00 Cheryl Buchanan, Jim Buchanan, Lynn Elliott, Jay McLean  
**Greeters:** 8:30 Maggie Broekema, Nancy Cowman, Bob Cowman  
 11:00 Gail Brown, Betsy Campbell, Dick Campbell, Mona Connolly

**TODAY AT COVENANT**

The white poinsettia in front of the manger is given in celebration of the coming of the Christ Child.

**Adults**

- The Forum: “Charlemagne’s Christmas” with Professor Jeff Jaynes
- Wired Word: Connecting Life & Faith, Room 120
- New Sunday Morning Bible Study, Room 121
- Parents share their lives and faith, Room 102

**Youth** - “The Gospel According to Joan of Arcadia,” Karen’s office

**Treasure Finders** - Children three years through fifth grade gather in Room 104

**Christmas Ham Sale!**

Support youth mission and order Honey Baked goodies. Last day to order hams is Mon., Dec. 14! Pick-up Wed., Dec. 23, 9-11am. Write checks to “Covenant.”

**Spirituality Center Sunday Mornings 8am-1pm, Chapel**

A Spirituality Center is open during the season of Advent. Let this season of waiting for Christ to come be a season of learning to welcome him when he does.

**New Members Classes**

**9:45 am, Chapel**

If you are interested in membership or simply curious to learn more about Covenant Presbyterian Church, come to the class during the Education Hour. Contact Tracy, tracykeenan@covenantpcusa.org.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study**

**9:45 am, Room 121**

We’ll pray, read the Gospel according to Luke, talk and listen. Come to a community Bible study where we find the meaning of God’s Word for our lives. Lay leaders (Marsha Martin, Steve St. Martin, Nancy Ludowise, Martin Spencer, Mike Martin, Cora Kuyvenhoven) will guide the discussion, but everyone teaches and learns.

**Flower Dedications**

See Anna Jo Beeson at the hall table to sign up for Christmas poinsettia dedications (\$8) as well as 2010 worship service flower dedications (\$36). Please have your dedication information ready.

**Second Sunday Praise Service**

**6 pm, Sanctuary**

**Middle School and High School Youth**

**6 pm, Fellowship Hall**

**Sunday Evening Bible Study**

**7 pm, Room 120**

**Covenant Music Discernment Group:**

Our music program is extremely important: It infuses our worship, lifts our hearts, and speaks to the deepest parts of our souls. Weldon Adams, our beloved Minister of Music for these past 41 years, will be retiring next September, and we need to plan for this transition with great care. We are looking for folks of various ages and backgrounds who are committed to meeting every Sunday morning from Jan. 10 - Feb. 21 (seven weeks) from 9:45-10:45 to pray for God's guidance, explore the possibilities, and finally provide some direction for Covenant's search for staff person to direct our music ministries. Would you be interested in being a part of a prayerful group seeking to understand God's call to Covenant in terms of the future of our music program? Please contact Tracy (tracykeenan@covenantpcusa.org).

**Flower Vases Needed**

The deacons are collecting vases to use to distribute unclaimed chancel flowers to members who are shut ins or hospitalized. Place your donations in the plastic bin outside the pastoral offices next to the deacon filing cabinets.

**Covenant Cookbooks**

Buy a special Christmas gift for friends, family, holiday hosts or yourself: Covenant’s cookbook (\$15), *Piping Hot*, has 747 recipes and lots of Covenant tidbits. Call Roberta Adams, 876-2376.

**THIS WEEK**

**The Longest Night**

**Wed., Dec. 16, 7 pm**

If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,” even the darkness is not dark to you. . . Psalm 139:11 The Longest Night service is designed for those feeling not so very merry this Christmas, or whose joy is interspersed with pockets of pain during these holidays. The nights can be very long when we wait for God to be made visible. Join us and we’ll face the darkness together.

**All-Youth Christmas Lock-In Fri., Dec. 18, 5pm—Sat., Dec. 19, 9 am**

We’ll take an extra-special secret field trip (different from last year!), play games, eat junk food, and even worship a little bit! If you can’t take a whole

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night off from studying for finals, join us Friday night until 11pm!

**Connecting With God: Men & Our Relationships. Sat., Dec. 19, 8 am, Lounge**  
December theme is *Men As Friends: Do men really need friends?* What is a friend and how many do you have? We will turn our attention to David and Jonathan to name the building blocks of friendship. If you wish to read ahead, you may study 1 Samuel 18:1-5 and 20:1-12, 35-42.

**Carol Sing Sun., Dec. 20, 6 pm, Sanctuary**  
Are there carols you love to sing but have missed singing in church? Are there old favorite carols you haven't heard in years? Are there carols you can never sing often enough because Christmas comes only once a year? Then this is for you. We will gather in the front of the Sanctuary to sing carols and make the rafters ring with the joy of the season. No voice too small but may do service here. It doesn't matter if you can't carry a tune. See you there. (Bring some Christmas cookies to share – you will be a blessing to all!)

**December Spiritual Cinema Group Mon., Dec. 21, 6:30pm, Lounge**  
“Chocolat” revolves around a chocolate shop opened by a single mother in a small French village, with clashes with local culture and traditions. Bring a favorite chocolate item to share. A short discussion will follow the film.

**Adopt-A-Family – Christmas Ministry**  
Form groups to adopt a family and give wrapped new toys and clothing for children, and gifts for adults. The Salvation Army will identify needy families. Deacons contribute gift cards for Kroger's. Let us know if interested so we know how many families we can serve. Write checks to *Covenant* marked for Adopt-A-Family. Contact Jay McLean, 457-9177 (h), 209-7314 (c), or Ed Chung, 459-9011.

**Read the Bible on Katie's Blog Each Thursday**  
Go to [www.readwithkatie.blogspot.com](http://www.readwithkatie.blogspot.com) and read my reflection on a passage from the bible. New blogs are up by Thursday mornings each week.

**Honduras Mission Trip Rescheduled: Jan. 6-13**  
Donations are still needed. Contact Karen.

**Peanut Brittle (\$6) and Cashew Brittle (\$7.50) for Sale...from CPW.** Buy now before it is gone. Call Ruth Adams, 336-0194 or the church office.

**COMPASS needs full-size toiletries:** soap, shampoo, tooth brushes/paste, deodorant, razors. Place in the laundry baskets in the narthex for deacons to deliver.

**Open Shelter needs** plastic containers with lids for food for our homeless friends. Place in the Open Shelter kitchen cupboard. It's good for recycling.

**Cross-Stitch Art Exhibit Lounge**  
See beautiful angel art lovingly stitched by Frieda A. Bennett. The show is dedicated to her late husband, Cy, who supported her projects for the past 40 years.

**If you wish to receive updates about Covenant happenings add [covenant@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:covenant@covenantpcusa.org) to your email address book so that our messages don't end up in your spam folder.**

#### NEXT WEEK

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
DEC. 25 - FRI., JAN 1. IT WILL REOPEN MON., JAN 4.**

**No PiYo Classes on Dec. 21 or 28.**

#### LOOKING AHEAD

**Primetimers' Christmas Party Tues., Dec. 29, 6pm**  
Dick and Alice Ford will host the Primetimers' Christmas party at the Rittenhouse Square Party House, on Reed Rd. just south of Bethel Rd. Members are asked to bring a finger food and a gift of your choice. Call 451-1134.

**Martin Luther King Day Peace School Mon., Jan. 18**  
Join us on our quest for peace as we learn and play together! The youth and adults will be volunteering at this 'Vacation Bible School style' school for children and families.

**Martin Luther King Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Mon., Jan. 18**

#### IN SYMPATHY

They sympathies of the Covenant congregation go to the family of Dave Nowels who died Tuesday, Dec. 1 in Colorado.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Jan Ulry at Riverside.

Bob Bartels	Bob Basford	Dan Belville	Marie Bernays
Chuck Boyer	Katherine Davis	Charlene Evans	Susan Fromkes
Mildred Furney	Hazel Ginther	Mary Jane Greeger	Pauline Grehl
Blake Haxton	Jane Jackson	Birdine Lint	Evan Lockhart
Mary Marshall	Sandy McCloud	Marion Sanford	Jean Scherr
Judy Sechler	Richard Smathers	Phyllis Tate	Vera Tongue
Chuck Veverka	Whitney Von Voigt	Jean Ware	Linda Yohn

Compiled Tues., Dec. 8. For current information, check the list on the office bulletin board. Call the church, 451-6677, if you know of those who need prayers of concern or celebration. Hospitals do not automatically contact us, so we rely on you. Also pray for Covenant's mission workers; the list of their names is on the hall bulletin board.

#### PASTORAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Tracy Keenan, Senior Pastor  
Karen Ware Jackson, Associate Pastor  
Weldon Adams, Minister of Music  
Katie Kinnison, Director of Christian Education  
Jim Mehler, Parish Associate

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**Our Vision Statement**  
Covenant Presbyterian Church glorifies God and builds relationships with Christ and each other through:

- worship that inspires,
- nurture that embraces,
- education that challenges,
- fellowship that energizes,
- ministry that responds.



**Our Mission Statement**  
Covenant Presbyterian Church is a dynamic congregation

- led by Christ,
- active in the world,
- inspired by the word,
- open to the future.

