



\*CAROL NO. 31 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” *MENDELSSOHN*  
(You may be seated.)

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you became one of us, took on our weak flesh, that you might truly know us and love us. Yet, we cannot do the same. We forget you in the faces of the irritated store clerk, or the careless driver, or the woman shivering in the cold waiting for the bus. You seem distant. Help us to remember that you aren’t, that you are close, so close, as near as a heartbeat, as near as a breath.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

*We encourage children to stay with us in worship. We try to keep the worship experience engaging and participatory for all ages. At the same time, some little ones are too restless to remain in the Sanctuary for the full hour so, with their grown-ups’ permission, they may go to Room 112 for Wiggle Worship at this time.*

FELLOWSHIP MOMENTS Sign the fellowship pad & pass it to your neighbor.

#### 🌀🌀 PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD 🌀🌀

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:1-5 OT Page 1

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SERMON *(see insert)* “One Voice: A Musical Sermon” Written by Tracy Keenan

#### 🌀🌀 RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD 🌀🌀

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S TABLE (See inside back cover of hymnal)

#### PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem “Psalm VIII” Craig Courtney

\*Prayer of Dedication

CAROL NO. 27 “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” *TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM*

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Leader: ...Know this, and go,

**All: In Christ’s love and peace and power.**

#### POSTLUDE

Affirmation of Faith: “THE COMING OF GOD” from Ann Weems, *Kneeling in Bethlehem* (Philadelphia, PA: The Westminster Press, 1980). Reproduced by permission.

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#### PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

**Ushers:** Frank Croft, Mike Davis, Bob Tullett, Sandy Tullett

**Greeters:** Jeff DuBois, Jo Elin DuBois, Hazel Ginther, Karen Hjelm

**Musicians:** Sanctuary Choir; Rodolfo Vazquez, *Flute*; Cora Kuyvenhoven, *Cello*; Scott Henning, *Tenor*; Kate Heffernan, *Soprano*; Katie Wynkoop, *Organ*

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#### TODAY AT COVENANT

The flowers by the chancel are given by Ann and Doug Taske to the glory of God.

#### No Education Hour - Happy New Year!

**Youth 6pm, Donato’s, Northwest**

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#### THIS WEEK January 2-7

**Joy Gym Starts Again Fri., Jan. 6, 9:30-11:00am**

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#### NEXT WEEK January 8-14

**Treasure Finders’ Epiphany Party Sun., Jan. 8, 9:45am Fellowship Hall**

This is one more opportunity for our children to celebrate the joy of Christmas as we revel in the wonder of the magi. Bring your friends.

**Youth Fellowship Wed., Jan. 4, 7-8pm**

Students grades 5 and up: play games, hang out, short time of prayer and study.

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#### LOOKING AHEAD January 15+

**Spiritual Cinema Mon., Jan. 16, 6:30 pm, Lounge**

Watch a film and share your reactions. *Children of Heaven*: Two children concoct an elaborate scheme to cover up the loss of a pair of shoes in this family comedy-drama from Iran.

**Chili and Chocolate Sat., Jan. 21, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall**

Bring food to share (chili, something chocolatey, a salad, bread. . .). We’ll supply the drinks, and we’ll eat, talk, and watch the children play.

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#### OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS

##### Habitat for Humanity

A group of churches, of which Covenant is one, completed its twentieth Habitat house. It is a beautiful two story, four bedroom dwelling for a family with three children. If you have a few hours now and then and are interested in volunteering on the next house call Dave Fecht at 451-9770.

**Food Pantry Delivery Volunteers Needed** - If you have 1-1/2 to 2 hours a month we need your help. You would not be locked into a certain date or time. If you, a spouse, or friend can help call Lou Ann Doub, 488-391, or Gerlinde Lott, 486-8607.

**Covenant Collections:** There is shelving at the end of the coat racks in the hall for various groups’ collections such as Compass items, CPW eye glasses and cell phones, youth and SOS toiletries, and more. Bins are labeled.

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#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Stan Erikson is at Riverside Hospital.

George Anderson	Marge Arnold	Bob Bartels	Dan Belville
Cindy (Tullett friend)	Marie Bernays	Ellis Clouse	Tom Dale
Kitty Ewing	Marianne Ewing	Phyllis Flaig	Jerry Francis
Mary Jane Francis	Manette Friske	Mildred Furney	Maria Huntley
Louise Knox	Sharon Kuntz	Becky Liebling	Birdine Lint
Evan Lockhart	MaryAnna MacQueen	Bill Marsh	Sandy McCloud
Dan Morton	Bob Murchake	Elizabeth Remnant	Judy Sechler
Ruth Stoyak	Sally Tate	Whitney Von Voigt	Marvin White
Steve White	Maggie Woodcock		

Compiled last week. 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.

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#### PASTORAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Tracy Keenan, Senior Pastor  
Karen Ware Jackson, Associate Pastor  
Katie Kinnison, Director of Christian Education  
Rob Rucker, Music Director  
Jim Mehler, Parish Associate