



Covenant Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2011 ~ 8:00 pm

- 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.
- Prayer request cards are collected during Fellowship Moments.
- Please silence your cell phone.

~ ~ CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP ~ ~

Arrive early to enjoy the prelude as preparation for worship.

PRELUDE

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”	Kenneth Kosche
“Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”	Kenneth Kosche
“Shepherds, Hasten!”	Eleanor Whitsett
“Andante for Two Flutes”	G. P. Telemann
“Sonata in C”	H. Purcell (1659-1695)
I. Allegro Moderato	
II. Adagio Espressivo	
III. Allegro Vivace	

- *CHRISTMAS GREETINGS and PASSING OF THE PEACE Jim Mehler
 Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING CAROLS

NO. 41 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”	<i>ADESTE FIDELES</i>
“Awake, Awake, & Greet the New Morn” (see insert)	<i>REJOICE, REJOICE</i>
NO. 23 “Angels We Have Heard on High”	<i>GLORIA</i>
<i>*All who can comfortably do so, please stand.</i>	

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CHRISTMAS AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Christians, what do you believe about Christ, the Son of God?

All: **We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
Born of the virgin Mary
Suffered under Pontius Pilate
Was crucified, died, and was buried,
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven
He is seated at the right hand of the Father
And He will come
To judge the living and the dead.**

from the Apostles’ Creed

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The O’Connell family

MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

During Advent we anticipate our coming Savior.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

We’ve anticipated the One who is called Wonderful Counselor.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

We’ve anticipated the One who is called Mighty God.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

We’ve anticipated the One who is called Prince of Peace.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

We’ve anticipated the One who is called Everlasting Holy One.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Tonight our waiting is over as we celebrate the One who is Emmanuel,
our God, who is with us.

Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

Joel Raney

Ev-er-last-ing Fa-ther, Prince of Peace,
Won-der-ful Coun-se-lor, Al-might-y God.
Em-man-u-el, Em-man-u-el, God with
us, Em-man-u-el.

WELCOME AND FELLOWSHIP MOMENTS

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-14 NT Pg. 58

MEDITATION “Angel Song” Tracy Keenan

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S TABLE

Eucharistic Prayer

Leader: Let us pray. The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Music for Distribution of Elements

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

G. Holst

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

REGENT SQUARE

“Silent Night”

STILLE NACHT

arrangements by Phillip Perkins

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Leader: Let us pray.

**In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because
we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much
of us, expect much of us, enable much of us, encourage many through us.
So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citi-
zens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS FOR THE DEACONS’ OFFERINGS Jim Mehler

Offertory Anthem

“People Look East”

BESANCON

*Offertory Response

Doxology

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Tracy Keenan & Karen Ware Jackson

*In the silence please take the candle you were given when you entered. As a
light is brought to your row, turn your unlit candle on its side to receive the
flame. When your candle is lit, hold it upright to pass on the light to your
neighbor. Adults are encouraged to hold candles with children under age
six. Once all candles have been lit, we will stand to sing “Silent Night.”
When the lights are turned on, please carefully extinguish your candle.
After the Benediction, please take your candles to the boxes at the door.*

CAROL

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

STILLE NACHT

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.

Silent night, holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight

Glories stream from heaven afar

Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!

Christ, the Savior is born

Christ, the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night

Son of God, love’s pure light

Radiant beams from Thy holy face

With the dawn of redeeming grace

Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth

Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night

Wondrous star, lend thy light

With the angels let us sing

Alleluia to our King

Christ, the Savior is born

Christ, the Savior is born.

CLOSING CAROL

“Joy to the World”

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;

let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare Him room,

And heaven and nature sing,

and heaven and nature sing,

And heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,

and makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness,

And wonders of His love,

and wonders of His love,

And wonders of His love.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Leader: ...Know this, and go,

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

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

W. Boyce (1711-1779)

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Ushers: Jay Armstrong, Tim Scott, Dana Rudmose, Rob Radcliff

Greeters: Gail Griffin, Terri Hayes, Becky Miller

Musicians: Jeff Korak, *Trumpet*; Rudy Vazquez, *Flute*, Nancy Niemi, *Flute*;

Katie Wynkoop, *Organ/Piano*; Nancy Davidson, *Organ*

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2011 POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

Adam, Jon, Amanda, Hannah, and Maggie, in memory and honor of their grandparents.

Adams, Roberta and Weldon, in memory of Pat Baker, Mary Frink, Judi Dale, Pat Cole, Pam Richards, Don Dinger, Carolyn Burnett, Mary Lou Nichols, Irv Tingley, Alex and Joan Lemmon, Doris Wallar, Janet Schneider, and Judy Lyons.

Annis, Jerry and Dianne, in memory of loved ones.

Arnold Family, in honor of Drew J. Arnold.

Atkinson, Betty, in loving memory of Hersh.

Brown, Gail and Paul, in celebration of the season.

Campbell, Bernie and Sue, in memory of their parents.

Campbell, Bernie and Sue, in honor of all of their family.

Crook, Betty and Bob, in honor and memory of loved ones.

Davidson, Alan and Louise, in celebration of families.

Davidson, Bob and Nancy, thanks to God for their grandchildren, Nina and Christopher; their parents, Nicole and David Spry.

DuBois Family, in memory of Ben and Middie Netts, Petie, Bob, Elizabeth, Mom-mom, Buddy, Vera, Bob and Ray.

Elliott, Lynn and Bob, in loving memory of their parents.

Gabel, Linda, in honor of nephews, Matt and Eric.

Ginther, Hazel, Vicki, Gary, Heather and Eva, remembering with love, husband, father, and grandfather, "Giny" Ginther.

Greggor Family, in memory of Dave and Mary Jane Greggor.

Griffin, John and Gail, to all we love.

Gross, Bob, Janet and Charlotte, in memory of loved ones.

Grossman, Dorothy, in loving memory of Don.

Hamilton, Joan, in memory of loved ones.

Harder, Donna and John, in celebration of their children and grandchildren.

Hayes Family, in celebration of family.

Hicks, Peggy and Emily, in memory of their loved ones.

Huntley, Reid, to Mom and Dad.

Johnson, Nancy and De, in memory of her parents Charles and Dorothy Cottingham.

King, Steve and Crystal, in memory of Crystal's mother, Jean Losch.

Kinnison Family, with thanks to the members of Covenant for their love and support.

Lyons Family, in memory of Marian Lyons.

Lyons family, in memory of Judy Lyons.

Mancini Family, Joy of the Season.

Marshall, Barbara, in memory of Bill.

McConnaughey, Carolyn and George, in celebration of four family birthdays in January.

McLean, Jay and Jude, in honor of our children and grandchildren.

Miller, Bill and son Rev. Curtis Miller, in memory of Eleanor Jane Miller.

Miller, Gayle and Rusty and Family, for everyone who can't be home for Christmas.

Petro, John and Carol, in celebration of Christmas.

Richmond, Liz, in memory of her parents, Marian and Bill Morris.

Richmond, Liz, in loving memory of Jim.

Richmond, Liz, in memory of Alice Richmond.

Sanford, Marion and Joan, in memory of Joan's sister, Ruth Gladden Brown, and Marion's sister, Irene Sanford Smith.

Sebastian, Betsy and Dan, Merry Christmas! Remember to ring the bells that still ring.

Shoemaker, Suzie, in memory of Dennis and other loved ones.

Sickles, Sandy and Trent, in memory of our parents.

Spencer Family, in memory of Ena Kuyvenhoven.

Spencer Family, in honor of Joan Spencer.

Swartz Family.

Tannehill, Bob and Betsy, in honor of their children, Dan and grandchildren.

Tannehill, Bob and Betsy, in memory of their parents.

Teske Family, to the Glory of God.

Tullett, Sandy and Bob, in memory of their loved ones.

Van Aman, Debbie, Scott, Charlie and Jack, in honor of Bernie and Sue Campbell, and Mike and Linda Van Aman.

Van Aman, Debbie, Scott, Charlie and Jack, in honor of Phyllis and Dick Behenke.

Winslow, Nan and Chuck, in memory of Charlie Winslow and Betty and George Shaw.

Zilles Family, in memory of Carolyn Leatherman.

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Tracy Keenan, Senior Pastor

Karen Ware Jackson, Associate Pastor

Katie Kinnison, Director of Christian Ed.

Rob Rucker, Music Director

Jim Mehler, Parish Associate

Holiday Worship Services

- Christmas, 10am - Join tomorrow's "Come As You Are" worship service
- New Year's Eve, 5-7pm - Elders will share Christmas stories. Open time for silent reflection and communion
- New Year's Day, 10am - Sunday Service and Communion. "One voice" musical sermon.

NOTE: The Church Office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year EXCEPT Thurs., Dec. 29 when it will be open 9am-4pm.

Regular Worship Service Schedule:

Sunday mornings: 8:30am and 11:00am (resumes Jan. 8)

Wednesday evenings *Gathering*: 6:00pm

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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.