



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

The Lord's Day
December 3, 2023

Verse of the Year

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE | 11:00 AM

(Minister | Congregation)

Chiming of the Hour

Introit O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Jamie Lambert

Christ Is Risen. *He Is Risen Indeed.*

Call to Worship, Invocation, and Lord's Prayer

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.

Hymn 194 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Prayer of Intercession Jim Coleman

Offertory Anthem Angel's Carol
John Rutter

Have you heard the sound of the angel voices
Ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear?
Have you seen the star shining out so brightly
As a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here?
Have you heard the news that they bring from heaven
To the humble shepherds who have waited long?

Gloria in excelsis deo!

Hear the angels sing their joyful song.

He is come in peace in the winter's stillness,
Like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night;
He is come in joy like the sun at morning
Filling all the world with radiance and with light.

He is come in love as the child of Mary;
In a simple stable we have seen his birth;

Gloria in excelsis deo!

Hear the angels singing 'Peace on Earth'.

He will bring new light to a world and darkness,

Like a bright star shining in the sky's above;

He will bring new hope to the waiting nations

When he comes to reign in purity and love.

Let the earth rejoice at the Savior's coming;

Let the heavens answer with the joyful morn:

Gloria in excelsis deo!

Hear the angels singing 'Christ is born'.

Offertory Response

What Child Is This, 3rd Stanza

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;

come, peasant, king, to own him;

the King of kings salvation brings,

let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise the song on high,

the virgin sings her lullaby;

joy, joy, for Christ is born,

the babe, the son of Mary.

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Jamie Lambert

Hymn 225

Once in Royal David's City

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:25-30

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Come To Jesus

Rev. Jamie Lambert

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Rev. Jamie Lambert

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The outer ring is wine. The inner rings are grape juice.

Hymn 196

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Benediction

Postlude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
with In Dulce Jubilo
Arranged by Susan Caudill, 1998

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE | 5:30 PM

(Minister | Congregation)

Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:2, 6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light
shone.

*For unto us a child is born, to us a Son is given;
and the government shall be on his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Invocation

Matthew 6:9-13

*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.*

Hymn 194

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Reading of the Law

Exodus 20

- I. You shall have no other gods before Me.
- II. *You shall not make for yourself an idol.
You shall not worship them or serve them.*
- III. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- IV. *Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.*
- V. Honor your father and your mother.
- VI. *You shall not murder.*
- VII. You shall not commit adultery.
- VIII. *You shall not steal.*
- IX. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- X. *You shall not covet.*

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:3-10

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 208

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:4-14

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Gospel Confidence
Rev. Jamie Lambert

Responsive Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves,
which is yours in Christ Jesus,

*who, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.*

*And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.*

*Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.*

Hymn 213

What Child Is This

Benediction

Prayer for the Persecuted Church from Voice of the Martyrs

Pray for Central African Republic: Pray for a bold witness among Muslims.

Missionary of the Month

Alex & Maggie Halbert - Mission to the Word (MTW)

Deacon's Offering

We receive a special benevolence offering following our morning communion service. Please write "deacon's offering" on your cash envelope or in your check's memo line. The offering for this, Sunday, December 3rd, will go to Real Life Center.

Save the Date: Christmas Party

Everyone is invited to our Christmas Party on Wednesday, Dec. 13th, from 4:30-6:00 pm in the Stillman Center! There will be food, fun activities, and fellowship for all ages! For more information, contact Mary Clark: mary@covenantpres.net or Marcus Dorsey: marcus@covenantpres.net

Christmas Eve Service

Our Christmas Eve Service will be at 5:00 PM. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Women's Wellness Ministry

Ladies of Covenant, you are invited to join our Women's Wellness Ministry! Every second and fourth Tuesday, from 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm, the ladies will meet in the Stillman Center to stretch, dance, and fellowship.

Children in Worship

Worship is for the whole family, so we encourage you to have your children in our services! We have children's books and other resources in the foyer. We also have a training room available. Nursery is available for 0-3 year olds.

Update on Search Committee for Associate Pastor

Please continue to pray for our search committee and our next Associate Pastor. If you have any suggestions of men for this position, please reach out to Pastor Jamie or one of our elders. Because of the sensitive nature of this kind of search, we will not be able to give you the names of those men that we are considering. We plan to keep you updated as much as possible.

Bible Studies and Prayer Groups

Faith Circle Women's Bible Study meets at the church on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. All ladies are welcome to join us. Contact Pat Brannon with questions:

peb1126@gmail.com

First and Third Wed. Women's Zoom Bible Study. 3:00 p.m. Studying Galatians 5:22-23, The Fruit of the Spirit. Laurel De Bert laurelqb@gmail.com

Wed. 9:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Studying Acts. Contact Jamie Lambert: jamie@covenantpres.net

New Adults Sunday School Class

Beginning next Sunday, December 10th Michel van der Hoek will teach a 6-part class on Reformation Principles and Profiles, a Ligonier video lecture series by Stephen Nichols about the “five solas” illustrated by the lives of several Reformation-era people (Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli, Lady Jane Grey, and John Calvin). Both Sunday school classes will be combined for this study.

Sunday School Classes and Teachers

Adults - Michel van der Hoek

Youth - Marcus Dorsey

Older Elementary - Stan James

Younger Elementary - Betsy van der Hoek

Pre-K - Nance Dorsey

You Are Invited!

We are a means-of-grace church. By that, we are saying that we believe God uses certain means to enable Christians to receive the benefits of redemption. Our confessions and catechisms state that there are three principal ordinary means of grace and they are the Word of God, the sacraments, and prayer, and these are elements of public worship. Everything that occurs between the Call To Worship and the Benediction is the most important activity the church does all week. In harmony with that proposition, we are committed to the singing of historic, traditional hymns and psalms and we typically preach through books of the Bible. We would love to have you join us each Sunday for morning and evening worship.

For more information, check us out online at

www.covenantpres.net

Please don't hesitate to email us with any questions at

office@covenantpres.net

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready, from now on, to live for him.

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