



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

The Lord's Day
December 10, 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.

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.

Hymn 214

Angels We Have Heard on High

Prayer of Intercession

Michel van der Hoek

Offertory Anthem

On December Five and Twenty

Christ was born, Christ was born.

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'Tis a day we will remember, blessed morn.

There was Mary, father Joseph, baby Jesus in the hay,

O come and sing His glory as we tell the Christmas story,

Christ was born, Christ was born.

On December five and twenty hail Him King.

'Tis a day that we remember, hail Him King.

Shepherds heard the angels singing, chimes of heaven there

were ringing O come and sing His glory as we tell the

Christmas story Hail Him King! Hail Him King.

On December five and twenty, Christ was born.

On December five and twenty, glorious morn!

Bringing peace to ev'ry nation, bringing joy and great salvation

O come and sing His glo-ry as we tell the Christ-mas sto-ry,

Christ was born, Christ was born, Christ was 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 229

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Scripture Reading

Genesis 3:14-19

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

Sermon

First Advent Promised

Rev. Jamie Lambert

Hymn 218

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Benediction

Postlude

Ding Dong! Merrily On High

Traditional Carol

Arranged by Gordon Young, 1993

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE | 5:30 PM

(Minister | Congregation)

Call to Worship

Luke 2:13-14

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

Invocation

Matthew 6:9-13

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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

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 223

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:12-4:1

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Sermon

Gospel Imitation
Rev. Jamie Lambert

Responsive Reading

Westminster Shorter Catechism 91

How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?

*The sacraments become effectual means of salvation,
not from any virtue in them,
or in him that administers them;
but only by the blessing of Christ,
and the working of his Spirit
in them that by faith receive them.*

The Lord's Supper

Hymn 208

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Benediction

Prayer for the Persecuted Church from Voice of the Martyrs

Pray for Uganda: Pray that God will hinder the spread of Islam in the country.

Missionary of the Month

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

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.

Covenant Women's Caucus - Today December 10th

How can the re-designed Covenant Women's Ministry best serve you? This is a question that the Women's Ministry Team has been asking ourselves throughout the year, and now we are asking you to share your thoughts. Plan to stay just 10 minutes immediately following the morning service today, December 10, 2023, for a fast-paced session that will help guide our decisions for the Women's Ministry for 2024. There's no catch - there is an opportunity to contribute.

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called for a congregational meeting, next Sunday, December 17th, following the morning worship service for the purpose of voting to call the new Associate Pastor.

Save the Date: Christmas Party

Everyone is invited to our Christmas Party this 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.

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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

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

Notes

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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