



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

The Lord's Day
December 17, 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)

Prelude In the Bleak Midwinter

Chiming of the Hour

Introit O Come Emmanuel

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Jamie Lambert

Solo Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head
Heidi France, Mezzo Soprano

Jesus, Jesus, rest your head, you have got a manger bed.
All the evil folk on earth, sleep in feathers at their birth.
Jesus, Jesus, rest your head, you have got a manger bed.

Have you heard about our Jesus?
Have you heard about His fate?
How His mother came to stable, on that Christmas Eve so late?
Winds were blowing, cows were lowing, stars were glowing,
glowing, glowing.

Call to Worship, Invocation, and Lord's Prayer

Christ Is Risen. *He Is Risen Indeed.*

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 203

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Prayer of Intercession

Rev. Jamie Lambert

Offertory Anthem

Rocking
Men's Choir

Little Jesus, sweetly sleep, do not stir;
We will lend a coat of fur,
We will rock you, rock you, rock you,
We will rock you, rock you, rock you:
See the fur to keep you warm,
Snugly round your tiny form.

Mary's little baby, sleep, sweetly sleep,
Sleep in comfort, slumber deep;
We will rock you, rock you, rock you,
We will rock you, rock you, rock you:
We will serve you, Son of Man,
Darling, darling, little Lamb.

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 215

While by the Sheep We Watched at Night

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:6

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

Sermon

The Power in a Name
Rev. Adam Peeler

Hymn

The First Noel

*The first Noel, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.*

*They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.*

*And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.*

*This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.*

*Then entered in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.*

*Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.*

Benediction

Postlude

The First Noel
Traditional English Carol
Arranged by Anna Laura Page, 2003

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE | 5:30 PM

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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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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 208

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit...

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 211

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:2-3

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

Sermon

Gospel Application
Rev. Jamie Lambert

Responsive Reading

Westminster Shorter Catechism 92

What is a sacrament?

A sacrament is a holy ordinance instituted by Christ; wherein, by sensible signs, Christ, and the benefits of the new covenant are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.

The Lord's Supper

Hymn 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Benediction

Prayer for the Persecuted Church from Voice of the Martyrs

Pray for Mauritania: Pray that Christian leaders will remain above reproach for the sake of the gospel.

Missionary of the Month

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

Congregational Meeting

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

Christmas Eve Service

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

No Sunday School December 24th & 31st

We will not have Sunday School on December 24th and 31st. Sunday School will resume on January 7th.

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.

Women's Wellness Ministry

Beginning in January the 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.

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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