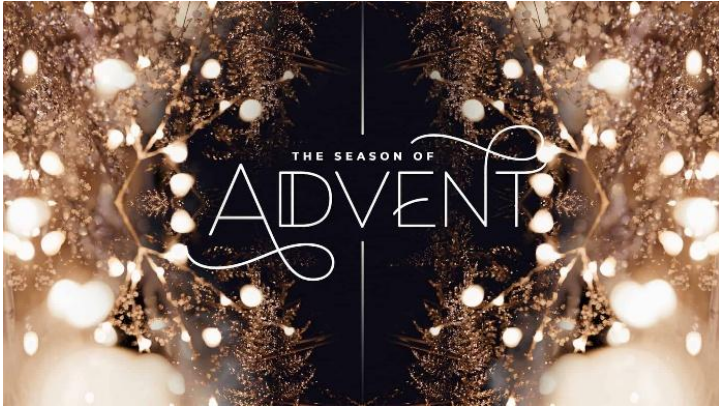


COVENANT  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Waiting for Love*

The Lord's Day  
December 21, 2025

Verse of the Year

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Philippians 4:7**

# MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE | 11:00 AM

(Minister | Congregation)

## Chiming of the Hour

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.*

## Private Confession of Sin

### Congregational Confession of Sin

*Holy God, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us true repentance and cause us to hate our sins. Have mercy on us and forgive us because of the complete and finished work of Jesus. Lead us in the way everlasting. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

## Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 43:25

I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

## 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** Christmas Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)  
See handout

**Pastoral Prayer** Elder Todd DeBert

**Offertory**

**Offertory Response** O Come, All Ye Faithful

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him born the King of angels:  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.*

**Offertory Prayer**

**Hymn** Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth  
See handout

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 43:1-8  
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This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon** Waiting for Love  
Rev. Jamie Lambert

## **Responsive Reading**

Westminster Larger Catechism 96

What is the Lord's Supper?

*The Lord's supper is a sacrament,  
wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine  
according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth;  
and the worthy receivers are,  
not after a corporal and carnal manner,  
but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood,  
with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment  
and growth in grace.*

## **The Words of Institution**

### **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

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

## **Hymn 221**

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

## **Benediction**

### **Congregational Response**

Away in a Manger

*Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.*

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## **Welcome Visitors**

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Be sure to stop by the Visitors' Table in the foyer to pick up your free gift and learn more about our church.

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## **Missionary of the Month for December**

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Matt and Bethany Mahla - Reformed University Fellowship.

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## **Prayer for the Persecuted Church from Voice of the Martyrs**

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Pray for Burundi: Pray that Christian converts from Islam will be strengthened through fellowship with the body of Christ.

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## **Children in Worship**

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Worship is for the whole family, and children are welcome in our services! Children's books and resources are available in the foyer, along with a training room. Nursery is provided for ages 0-3.

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## **Christmas Season Series at Covenant**

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Nov. 30 - Genesis 3 - Waiting for Hope

Dec. 07 - Genesis 22:1-9 - Waiting for Peace

Dec. 14 - Job 6:1-11 - Waiting for Joy

Dec. 21 - Isaiah 43:1-8 - Waiting for Love

Dec. 28 - Revelation 21:1-18 - Waiting...

Christmas Eve Services 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 24 - Matthew 1:18-25 Waiting for Immanuel

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## **Tuesday Ladies Bible Study – Christmas break 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

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This bible study will take a break on the December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Wednesday Morning Men’s Bible Study**

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Join us for Men’s Bible Study every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact Pastor Jamie Lambert at [jamie@covenantpres.net](mailto:jamie@covenantpres.net)

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## **Sunday Evening Small Group**

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You are invited to our Small Group every Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m. We meet at the Covenant House. If you have any questions, please reach out to your shepherd.

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## **Church Center App**

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Download the Church Center app to join Covenant from your phone. Use it to connect with groups, reach your shepherd, give tithes and offerings, and see church info and events. Share it with visitors! Scan the QR code to connect automatically. For questions, contact Michel van der Hoek.



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## Library News and Catalog Access

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Our church library has just added two interesting books: *Whom Shall I Fear?*, a devotional book from *The Voice of the Martyrs*, and a 3-in-1 reader by Grace Livingston Hill which includes *The City of Fire*, *The Time of the Singing of Birds*, and *The Gold Shoe* (tasteful Christian romances). Scan the QR code to go straight to our collection. Type in the title, author, or subject on the line. Please use our fine collections of books and resources. Contact Anita Davis at 770-597-7654 for help.



## **Welcome!**

We are so glad you are here with us today. Whether you are visiting for the first time or returning, we want you to know you are valued and loved. If you have any questions, need prayer, or simply want to talk, we invite you to speak with one of our pastors after the service. They would love to meet you and hear your story.

## **We Believe:**

The Bible is the Word of God and is the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

God is the Creator and sovereign ruler of the universe.

Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only Savior from sin.

Salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

The Holy Spirit enables us to begin and continue to live the Christian life.

**For more information, check us out online at**

[www.covenantpres.net](http://www.covenantpres.net)

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

[office@covenantpres.net](mailto:office@covenantpres.net)

**We would love to have you join us each Sunday for morning and evening worship.**

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