

# THE LORD'S DAY ~ December 10, 2017

Third Sunday in Advent

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

## Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church

to all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and need strength;  
to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
to all who will come,  
this church opens wide her doors  
and offers welcome  
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

### Preparation for Worship

### Advent Candle of Joy

*“And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, ‘Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.’ 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!”*  
~ Luke 2:8-14

### Pastor's Welcome and Announcements

*Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.*

### Prelude Special Music

Praise Team

*“Hallelujah”* (1)

### Prayer of Invocation and Praise

#### \*Call to Worship

I John 4:14, 16

#### \*Hymn Medley”

*“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”* (T223)  
*“Angels We Have Heard on High”* (T214)

\* For those who are able, please stand at these times.

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### \*Confession of Faith

“In Christ Alone” (2)

**Leader:** *Christian, in Whom is your hope found?*  
**People:** In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my Light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

**Leader:** *And in Whom is God's wrath satisfied for your sins?*  
**People:** In Christ alone who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
‘Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For every sin on Him was laid.  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

**Leader:** *Christian, how do you know God's wrath for your sins was satisfied in the death of Christ?*  
**People:** There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

**Leader:** *So what has Christ secured for you?*  
**People:** No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand.  
‘Til He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

### Children's Devotional

### Outreach Team Report

Zeke Zechman

### Pastoral Prayer

### Offertory Hymn

“Jesus Messiah” (3)

He became sin, who knew no sin; that we might become His Righteousness.  
He humbled himself, and carried the cross. Love so amazing, love so amazing.

*Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names; blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.  
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from Heaven, Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.*

His body the bread, His blood the wine, broken and poured out, all for love.  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn. Love so amazing, love so amazing.

*All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You;  
All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world.*

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Philippians 4:12-13

### Prayer of Illumination

Psalm 1:1-3

### Sermon

Ruth 2:1-23

*“The Gleaning, the Meeting, the Talking”*  
The Ruth Series  
Rev. Cory D. Colravy

### Celebration of the Lord's Supper

#### Invitation

Luke 22:14-23

#### Reading of the Law

Matthew 7:7-14

#### Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father,  
we confess to You this morning  
we have not loved You with  
all of our heart, and  
all of our mind, and  
all of our soul, and  
all of our strength.

Have mercy upon me, O God,  
according to Your unfailing love!

We have not loved one another,  
nor our neighbor as ourselves.

We have not treated others  
as we ourselves would want to be treated.

Blot out my transgressions.  
Holy Spirit, wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin,  
not in part but the whole!

We praise You that  
before the foundation of the world  
You set Your saving love upon us and  
predestined us to be conformed  
to the image of Your Son.

We praise You that nothing in all creation  
will be able to separate us  
from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord,  
not even our many sins.  
Amen.

#### Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:8, 10-12

#### Special Offering

Covenant Mercy Ministry

#### Hymn of Meditation

*“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”* (T221)

#### Distribution of Elements

(Please note that grape juice is in all the inner circles of cups  
and wine is only in the outer circle.)

#### \*Charge and Benediction

II Thessalonians 3:3

#### \*Hymn of Benediction

*“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”* (T203, v.1)

#### \*Postlude



“Ruth in Boaz's Field” by German painter Julius Schnorr (1828)



AM Sermon Notes  
*"The Gleaning, the Meeting, the Talking"*  
 The Ruth Series  
 Ruth 2:1-23  
 Rev. Cory D. Colravy

**THIS WEEK, December 10-16, 2017**

- Today •Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.  
 •Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 - 10:25 a.m.  
 •Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday •WIC Bible Study, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall  
 •Praise Team Rehearsal, 5:15 p.m.  
 •Advent Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m.  
 •Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.  
 •Kids' Quest, 6:30 p.m.

**Announcements**

- ❖ **In Our Nursery Today:** Morning Worship ~ Heather Steele, Claire Zechman
- ❖ **Nursery Next Week:** Sunday School ~ Natalie Smith  
 Morning Worship ~ Johanna Richards, Anna Richards

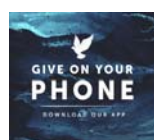
❖ **Budget Summary:**

Weekly Operational Budget Requirement	\$	5,550.00
Tithes/Offerings, December 3, 2017	\$	9,700.75
FYTD Tithes/Offerings Received	\$	98,657.69
FYTD Operational Budget Expenses	\$	99,659.15
Mortgage Balance	\$	189,383.37

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General Fund



Designated Fund

**COVENANT FAMILY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:**

- Grace Welch, December 11<sup>th</sup>
- Hank Denny, December 11<sup>th</sup>
- Andrew Bahati, December 15<sup>th</sup>
- Bryan Walker, December 15<sup>th</sup>

**Prayer Requests**

- Judy Kline, broken hip
- Bob Thomas (Dawn Welch's father, heart condition)

**CPC On-Line Prayer Room**

View the on-going prayer requests on the church website:  
[www.covenantpca.net/community/prayer room](http://www.covenantpca.net/community/prayer%20room)

