# THE LORD'S DAY ~ December 11, 2016 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

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

"A voice cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level and the rough places a plain.

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'"

~ Isaiah 40:3-5

#### Pastor's Welcome and Announcements

The Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ Brings True Rejoicing, Even Under the Cross. Sometimes life requires the astonishing patience of Job. Like him, we are to rejoice in the midst of affliction, be grounded in repentance under the cross of Christ and hope relentlessly in His resurrection, that we might see "the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful" (James 5:11). Therefore, in the promise of the Gospel, "be patient" and "establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand" (James 5:8). Like John the Baptist, whatever your own kind of prison or suffering may be, call upon Jesus and receive the strength of His Word from those He sends to you. For as "the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up" (Matthew 11:5), so is the Good News of Jesus preached to you also. He comes and restores the fortunes of Zion, His holy Church, so that "sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (Isaiah 35:10).

Prelude

"Joy Has Dawned" (Bulletin Insert)

Prayer of Invocation and Praise

\*Call to Worship

I John 4:14, 16

\*Hvmn Medlev"

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (C258) "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" (C259)

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

# \*Confession of Faith

"In Christ Alone" (1)

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:* People:

So what has Christ secured for you?

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.

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Isaiah 35:1~10

New Testament Scripture Reading

James 5:7~11

Children's Devotional

**Operation Christmas Child** 

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn

*"Jesus Messiah"* (2)

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

Isaiah 40:3~5

"Handel's Messiah (3): The Harbinger (B)"
2016 Advent Series
Rev. Cory D. Colravy

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation
Reading of the Law

Luke 22:14~23 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 Special Offering Hymn of Meditation Psalm 103:8, 10-12 Covenant Mercy Ministry "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

# THIS WEEK, December 11 ~ 17, 2016

Today •Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.

•Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 ~ 10:25 a.m.

•Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday • 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.

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•Carol Sing, 6:30 p.m.

#### Announcements

♦ In Our Nursery Today: Morning Worship ~ Heather Steele, Claire Zechman

♦ Nursery Next Week: Sunday School ~ Raquel Clark

Morning Worship ~ Johanna Richards, Anna Richards

*WIC Tuesday Morning Bible Study:* Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m. No more meetings until January 3, 2017.

Budget Summary:

Weekly Operational Budget Requirement
Tithes/Offerings, December 4, 2016
FYTD Tithes/Offerings Received
FYTD Operational Budget Expenses
Mortgage Balance
\$ 5,262.84
\$ 9,629.00
\$ 87,599.66
FYTD Operational Budget Expenses
\$ 107,694.61

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AM Sermon Notes The Lord's Day, Sunday, December 11, 2016

"Handel's Messiah (3): The Harbinger (B)"
Isaiah 40:3-5
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Prayer List, Sunday, December 11, 2016

#### PRAY DAILY FOR OUR PASTOR AND STAFF

Rev. Cory D. Colravy, Pastor
Mrs. Glenda L. Delmar, CCS Principal
Mrs. Martha A. Middleton, Executive Administrator
Ms. Roseanne S. Culpepper, CCS Office Manager
Mr. Bryan M. Walker, CCS Bookkeeper
Mr. Art Stroh, Youth Director
Mr. Jonah Cleveland, Assistant Youth Director
Mr. Jeff Delmar, Music Leader

#### PRAY FOR UNSPOKEN REQUESTS

#### PRAY FOR OUR NATION AND OUR LEADERS

#### PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND OUR MISSIONARIES

Sunday	Gracie Welch* Hank Denny*
Monday	Stephanie Pike Swanson% MTW
Tuesday	Stephen Armstrong*
Wednesday	Archie Parrish% Serve International
Thursday	Andrew Bahati* Bryan Walker*
Friday	Chaplain's Ministry% MNA
Saturday	Kristie Delmar*
(*Happy Birthday, #Happy Anniversary, %Missionary)	

#### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY AT HOME AND ABROAD

Currently Deployed Overseas: Randy Miller (Joyce Post's grandson)

Currently Serving at Home: Shawn Rost (Warren & Judy Kline's son-in-law), Ben Hollo, Ian Harris, Seth Armstrong, Ezra Swanson

#### PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

*Cancer:* Phil Khalife (Sonja Seidler's brother), Lee Broughton (friend of Martha Middleton, breast cancer), Charlene Elliott (CCS parent, blood cancer), Ryan Colravy (Pastor Colravy's nephew, chemotherapy & radiation), Charlotte Bass (4 year old friend of Mara Frazier, Aplastic Anemia), Larry Treston (Wendy Russell's father), Wayne Bingham, Dorothy Buckner (Janice Chilton's mother)

\*\*Illness:\* Brian Schreiber (Fred & Carrie Hayes Schreiber's son, blood disease), Fran Coyne (friend of the Steele's, aortic valve stenosis), Johnny Langham (Jack & Jan Langham's son), Naomi (brain tumor surgery, step-daughter of James Thompson's friend Jeremy Williams), Charlie Saunders (O'Lear family member), Linda Hopkins' family member (amyloidosis), David Hill (heart blockage), Cheryl Gaudiano, Roger Leete (CIDP), Gloria Hawkins (Glenda Delmar's mother, stroke), Derrick Jensen (family friend of Raquel Clark, ALS), Rich Simpson (hip replacement), Michael Kline (mini-strokes), Hope Park (Anna Denny's friend, needing heart transplant), \*\*Warren Kline\*\*

*Special Need:* Virginia Palmer, David & Toni Hill (Rusty & Chris Hill's parents), Tom Bingham family, Richard Post family, Dawn Welch family, Dell Simpson, Terrie Cleveland family, Esme Bahati

Expectant Mothers: Kristie Delmar

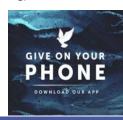
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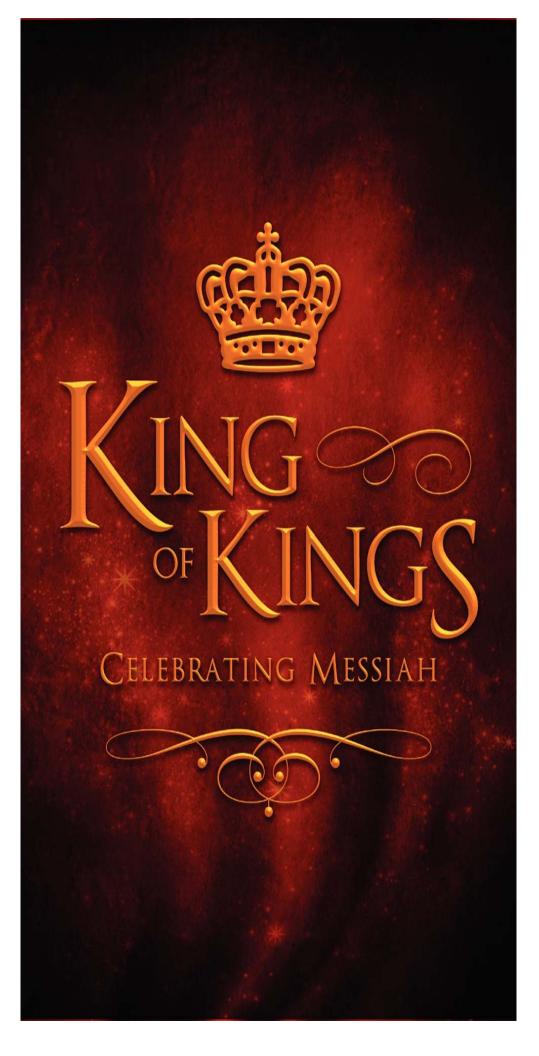


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<sup>\*</sup>Names in italics are new to the list this week.