

## Benevolent Projects for Christmas 2017

- **Santa is a Senior Citizen** - For many years we have adopted a resident of Lisenby Retirement Home to receive a gift for Christmas. We will have gift suggestions at \$15.00 or less and they must be returned by **Sunday, December 17th**, wrapped and with the name of the recipient on the gift tag. Point of Contact: Mara Frazier, 625-4333



- **Rescue Mission Thanksgiving & Christmas Dinner** - For each \$1.93 raised, one person is served a meal. You can make a donation through the regular church offering marked for Rescue Mission Meals.



- **MNA Flood Buckets.** We are collecting items for the immediate need of the PCA's Mission to North America Disaster Response Flood Bucket Program. The specific items we'll be collecting through the end of December are listed below. You can drop off your contributions in the box provided in the Fellowship Hall. Point of Contact: Michele Devereaux, 850-215-3595.



- Synthetic Scouring Pads** (NO stainless steel or soap built in)
- Synthetic Sponges** (NO cellulose sponges due to mold issues)
- Re-usable Cleaning Wipes** (Handi-Wipe style--NO terry cloth)
- Clothes Line & 50 Clothes Pins**
- Dust Masks**
- Heavy Duty Latex Gloves & Leather Work Gloves**



CPC Sermon Page

AM Sermon Notes  
"Faith at the Threshing Floor"  
The Ruth Series  
Ruth 3:1-18  
Rev. Cory D. Colravy



## Advent Soup Suppers

Wednesday Nights:  
November 29th, December 6th, 13th and 20th  
Dinner at 5:30 pm  
Regular Activities begin at 6:30 pm

We need crockpots of soup, sandwiches and desserts.  
Please sign up on the bulletin board  
or contact Dawn Welch at 890-1657  
or Dawn Colravy at 890-9143

## Advent Reflections

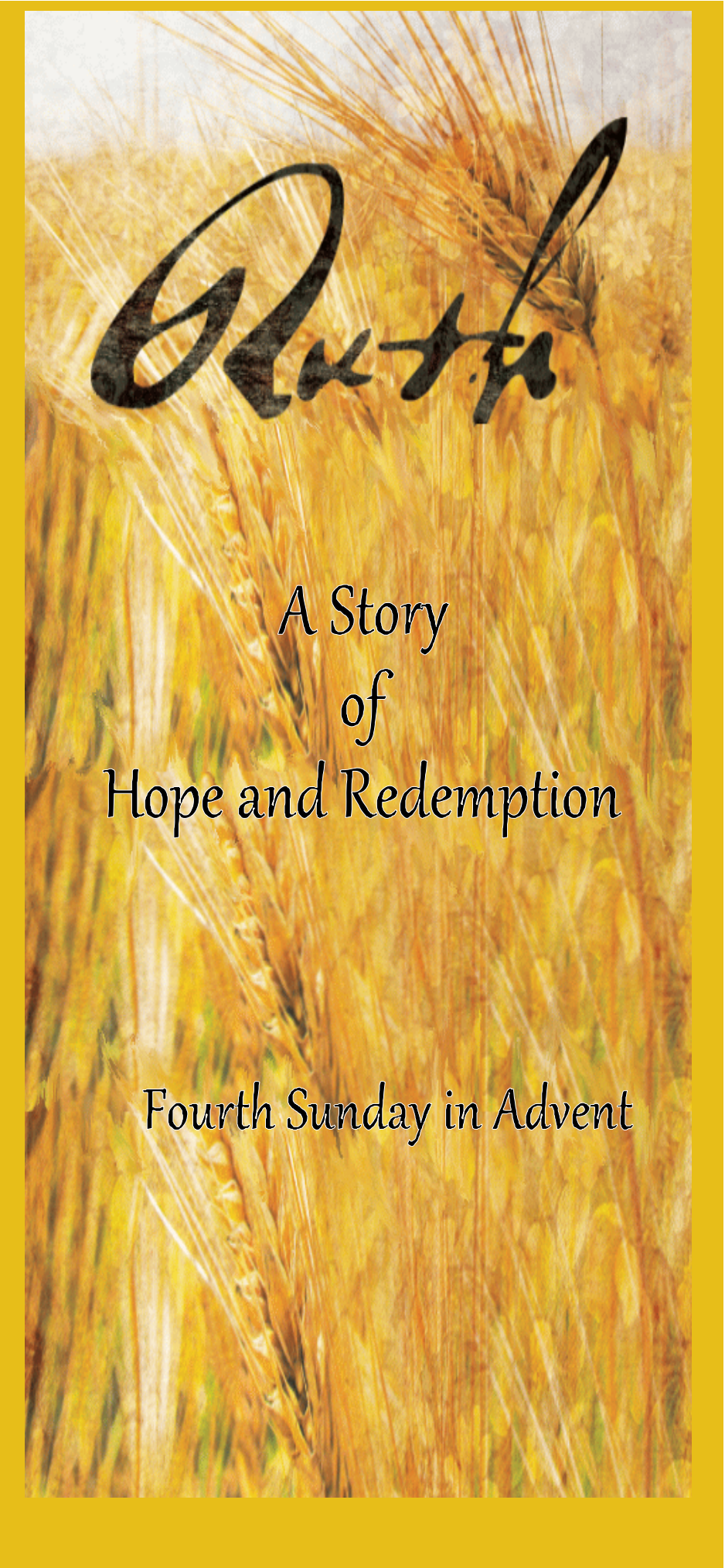
### Wednesday Nights at Covenant

**November 29<sup>th</sup>** Reflections on Mary's Song: The Magnificat (Luke 1)

**December 6<sup>th</sup>** Reflections on the Birth of Christ: the Angels, and the Shepherds (Luke 2)

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** Reflections on the Birth of Christ: Simeon, Anna, Joseph & Mary, and the Wise Men (Luke 2:, Matthew 2)

**December 20<sup>th</sup>** Reflections on the Incarnation: the Word Became Flesh (John 1)  
**Christmas Candlelight Service and Carol Sing**



# The Lord's Day, December 17, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.  
Fourth Sunday in Advent

*Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church*

**Preparation for Worship** Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

**Advent Candle of Love**

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,  
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."  
~ John 3:16*

**Pastor's Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (T193)

**Prayer of Invocation and Praise**

**\*Call to Worship** Luke 1:46-55

**\*Hymn Medley of Praise** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (T208)

*"It Came upon a Midnight Clear"* (T200 with refrain) (1)

*Glory to God in the highest! Glory to God evermore!  
Good news, great joy for all!  
Melody breaks through the silence: Christ the Savior is born!  
Jesus, the love song of God!*

**\*Confession of Faith** The Nicene Creed (T846)

**Hymn of Confession** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (T201)

**Confession of Sin**

Heavenly Father,  
we confess that in our hearts we have too often prayed like the Pharisee,  
"God, I thank you that I am not like other men."  
Father, forgive me.  
With the tax collector we bow our heads, and cry out to You,  
"God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Lord Jesus, Savior, Brother, Friend, and King,  
help me get my eyes off my selfish self, and fill me with Your joy,  
help me see the poor and needy all around, and fill me with Your love,  
help me get my eyes upon You crucified, and fill me with Your peace, and  
help me fix my eyes on resurrection glory and fill me with Your hope.

Holy Spirit, we praise You that He who began a good work in us  
will bring it unto completion at the Day of Christ Jesus!

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, make us all holy and happy in You.  
Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** I John 2:1-2

**Children's Devotional**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offertory Hymn** "The Lord Is My Salvation (with Simeon's Song)" (2)

The grace of God has reached for me; and pulled me from the raging sea.  
And I am safe on this solid ground: the Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls.  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun: the Lord is my salvation.

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.  
My debt is paid and the victory won: The Lord is my salvation.*

My hope is hidden in the Lord, He flow'rs each promise of His Word.  
When winter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my salvation.

*Simeon's Song:* O sovereign God you promised me. Now I can leave this world in peace.  
I've seen the Light You prepared for us, the Lord is our salvation.

And when I reach the final day, He will not leave me in the grave.  
But I will rise, Christ will call me home: The Lord is my salvation.

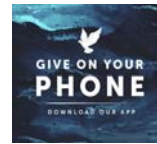
*Glory be to God, the Father, glory be to God, the Son,  
Glory be to God, the Spirit; the Lord is our salvation.*

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings** Proverbs 15:16

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**Prayer of Illumination** Psalm 119:136-137

**Sermon** Ruth 3:1-18

*"Faith at the Threshing Floor"*

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**\*Hymn of Response** "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" (T509)

**\*Charge and Benediction** I Corinthians 16:23-24

**\*Hymn of Benediction** "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" (T216)

**\*Postlude**



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

**THIS WEEK, December 17 - 23, 2017**

Today •Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.  
•Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 - 10:25 a.m.

Wednesday •Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.  
•CCS Christmas holiday begins  
•Praise Team Rehearsal, 5:15 p.m.  
•Advent Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m.  
•Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.  
•Christmas Carol Sing, 6:30 p.m.

Next Sunday •*Christmas Eve* ~ No Sunday School

### Announcements

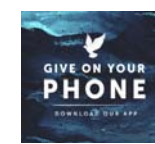
- ◆ **In Our Nursery Today:** Morning Worship ~ Johanna Richards, Anna Richards
- ◆ **Nursery Next Week:** Sunday School ~ No Sunday School on Christmas Eve  
Morning Worship ~ Ann Bingham, Danielle Griffin
- ◆ **WTC Bible Study:** Will not meet again until January 9, 2018
- ◆ **Budget Summary:**

Weekly Operational Budget Requirement	\$	5,550.00
Tithes/Offerings, December 10, 2017	\$	2,941.00
FYTD Tithes/Offerings Received	\$	101,594.69
FYTD Operational Budget Expenses	\$	101,936.26
Mortgage Balance	\$	189,383.37

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

Kristie Delmar, December 17<sup>th</sup>  
Elijah Sato, December 18<sup>th</sup>  
Mara Frazier, December 20<sup>th</sup>  
Rocky & Dawn Welch, December 19<sup>th</sup>

**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-room)



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