

The Lord's Day, November 30, 2014  
"The Wonder of God's Promise"  
Matthew 1:1  
Rev. Cory Colravy

## Covenant Presbyterian Church

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### 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. Scott Perry, Music Leader

### PRAY FOR UNSPOKEN REQUESTS

### PRAY FOR OUR NATION AND OUR LEADERS

### PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND OUR MISSIONARIES

Sunday ..... Panama City Rescue Mission% Thurman Chambers, Director  
Monday ..... Dell Simpson\* Robyn Perry\*  
Tuesday ..... Tim Carper% RUF, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL  
Wednesday ..... Danella Tremblay\*  
Thursday ..... Cliff Wilcox% Circle PCA church plant, Pace, FL  
Friday ..... Stephanie Pike% MTW  
Saturday ..... Archie Parrish% Serve International  
(\*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), Brian Neal, Ben Hollo

### PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

*Cancer:* Phil Khalife (Sonja Seidler's brother), Dawn Colravy (thyroid), Tracy Becker (wife of Concord PC Pastor, John Becker, double mastectomy), Alan Wise (Mara Frazier's family member, prostate cancer), Lee Broughton (friend of Martha Middleton, breast cancer), John Dudinski (Middleton's friend, skin cancer & chemotherapy), *Gerald Skipper (Jan Langham's brother-in-law)*

*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), Robert Corr (Claire Phillips' brother, Parkinson's disease), Joy Thomas (Dawn Welch's mother, COPD), Carola Bickford (Barbie Shold's friend, knee surgery), Tyson Wellcome (Rocky Welch's cousin, facial injury & reconstructive surgery), Cheryl Gaudiano, Naomi (brain tumor surgery, step-daughter of James Thompson's friend Jeremy Williams), Ryan Colravy (Pastor Colravy's nephew, (chemotherapy & radiation), Helen Newman (Dawn Colravy's mother, MRSA infection)

*Special Need:* Virginia Palmer, David & Toni Hill (Rusty Hill's parents), Melody Barton Lane family, Tom Bingham family, Richard Post family, Randy Tucker (Patty Ann Bruner's son, stroke recovery), Andrew & Lauren Walker Bahati (Andrew's immigration Visa)

*Expectant Mothers:* Anna Denny, Abby Stokes Wann (former member), Kristie Delmar

*\*Names in italics are new to the list this week.*





# The Lord's Day, November 30, 2014

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

## 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.

*"It was not suddenly and unannounced that Jesus came into the world.  
He came into a world that had been prepared for him.  
The whole Old Testament is the story of a special preparation. . . .  
Only when all was ready, only in the fullness of his time, did Jesus come."  
~ Phillips Brooks*

### Pastor's Welcome and Announcements

*A cry room for small children with televised worship  
is available in the Fellowship Hall during the service.*

### Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope

 Isaiah 2:1-5

We remember from Scripture today from Isaiah 2, Romans 13, and Matthew 21 (or 24) that the Lord Jesus entered Jerusalem "humble, and mounted on a donkey," riding on "a beast of burden" (Matthew 21:5), as He Himself bears the sins of the world in His body. Now He comes by the ministry of the Gospel to save us from sin, death, the devil, and hell. Therefore, we sing, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Matthew 21:9). For we are called "to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob," His holy Church, "that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths" (Isaiah 2:3). By His Word, we "walk in the light of the Lord" (Isaiah 2:5). That is to live in love, which "does no wrong to a neighbor" (Romans 13:10) and to "cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light," for "salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed" (Romans 13:11,12). Hence, the entire Christian life is a time to wake and watch, "for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming" (Matthew 24:42).

**Prelude** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (T221)

**Prayer of Invocation and Praise**

**\*Call to Worship** Isaiah 9:1-7

**\*Hymn Medley of Praise** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (C258, vv. 1, 3)  
"Angels, from the Realms of Glory" (C259, vv. 1, 2, 5)

**\*Confession of Faith** Heidelberg Catechism Questions 122-123

**Leader:** *What does the first request of the Lord's Prayer mean?*  
**People:** Hallowed be thy name means, help us to really know you, to bless, worship, and praise you for all your works and for all that shines forth from them: your almighty power, wisdom, kindness, justice, mercy, and truth. And it means, help us to direct all our living ~ what we think, say, and do so that your name will never be blasphemed because of us but always honored and praised.

**Leader:** *What does the second request of the Lord's Prayer mean?*  
**People:** Thy kingdom come means, Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to you. Keep your church strong, and add to it. Destroy the devil's work; destroy every force which revolts against you and every conspiracy against your Word. Do this until your kingdom is so complete and perfect that in it you are all in all.

**New Testament Epistle Reading** Romans 13:8-14

**Advent Hymn of Devotion** (C245) "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 21:1-13

**Hymn of Confession** "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" (T247)

**Confession of Sin**  
**Leader:** *God blesses those who realize their need for Him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is given to them.*

**People:** But we have been proud in spirit, inflated with pride in our own self-sufficiency. We have forgotten how needy we are.

**Leader:** *God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*  
**People:** But we have not mourned over our sins as we ought, instead we have insulated ourselves from those around us, from their pain, needs, loneliness, and suffering. We have even hardened ourselves so that we are unaware that our own lives cause grief to the Lord.

**Leader:** *Lord, please show us your mercy.*  
**People:** Lord, have mercy upon us in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** Micah 7:18-19

**Children's Devotional**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offertory Hymn Medley** "Thou Who Wast Rich" (T230)

**Prayer of Illumination** Psalm 19:7

**Sermon** Matthew 1:1

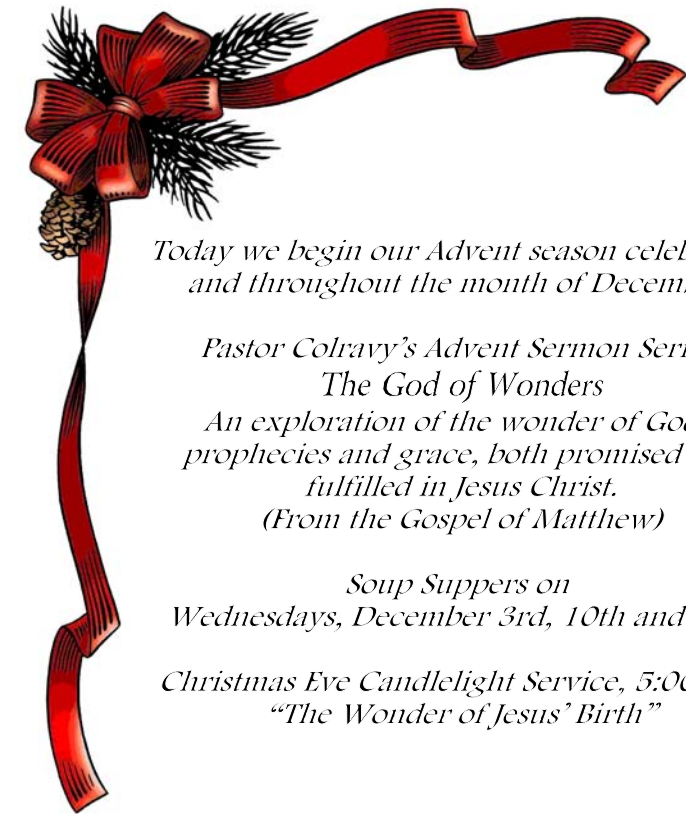
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**\*Hymn of Response** "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" (T223)

**\*Charge and Benediction** II Peter 3:18

**\*Hymn of Benediction** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (T201, v. 4)

**\*Postlude**



Today we begin our Advent season celebration and throughout the month of December.

*Pastor Colravy's Advent Sermon Series:  
The God of Wonders  
An exploration of the wonder of God's prophecies and grace, both promised and fulfilled in Jesus Christ.  
(From the Gospel of Matthew)*

*Soup Suppers on  
Wednesdays, December 3rd, 10th and 17th  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:00 p.m.  
"The Wonder of Jesus' Birth"*

### THIS WEEK, November 30 - December 6, 2014

- Today •Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.  
•Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 - 10:25 a.m.  
•Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday •WIC Bible Study, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday •Praise Team Rehearsal, 4:45 p.m., Sanctuary  
•Advent Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m.  
•Youth Group Islam & Christianity study, 6:00 p.m.  
•Children's Pilgrim's Progress study, 6:30 p.m.  
•Adult Apostles' Creed study, 6:30 p.m.

#### Announcements

- ◆ **In Our Nursery Today** Sunday School ~ Roseanne Culpepper
- ◆ **Nursery Next Week:** Sunday School ~ Gracie Welch  
Morning Worship ~ Emily Delmar, Chris Goehring
- ◆ **WIC Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. Now studying a video series "The Parables of Jesus" by Dr. R. C. Sproul. Call the church office for nursery reservations by Monday afternoon.
- ◆ **Budget Receipts, November 23, 2014**

Tithes/Offerings	\$ 6,335.36
Operation Christmas Child	35.00
Poinsettias	130.00
CPC Fall Bazaar	38.50
Mortgage Balance	\$239,271.37