

# THE LORD'S DAY

November 29, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Of the Father's Love Begotten Prudentius/Southbridge

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 34

Leader: Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

**People: Let us glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.**

Leader: Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

**People: Let us extol the LORD at all times; may his praise be always on our lips.**

INVOCATION

\*HYMN 208 O Come, All Ye Faithful

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**UNISON: Heavenly Father, our offenses are many in your sight, and our sins testify against us. Our transgressions are always with us, and we acknowledge our iniquities: rebellion and treachery against you, turning our backs on you, stirring up oppression and revolt, uttering lies that our hearts have conceived. We cannot save ourselves from our sin or its consequences, and so we cry out to you for deliverance. Forgive us, we pray, and renew our hearts so that we will think, speak, and act in faithfulness to you. We ask this in the name of the One who died for our rebellion, your Son and our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 59:20-21

LEADER: "The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins," declares the LORD. "As for me, this is my covenant with them," says the LORD. "My Spirit, who is on you, and my words that I have put in your mouth will not depart from your mouth, or from the mouths of your children, or from the mouths of their descendants from this time on and forever," says the LORD.

\*GLORIA PATRI 735

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 59 (p. 527)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY He Was There All the Time Paxton/DeCou

\*DOXOLOGY 733

NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 2:5-3:6 (p. 846)

\*HYMN 194 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

SERMON THE LONG-AWAITED SON OF DAVID  
Matthew 1 (p. 681)  
John Rohrman

\*HYMN 196 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE The Holly and the Ivy Anderson

*\*Congregation standing*

*Welcome to all worshiping with us today.  
We trust the Lord will strengthen and encourage you  
through our fellowship together.*

*If you are a visitor, please complete a welcome card on the table  
outside the sanctuary.*

Serving this morning:

Worship Leaders — John Muhlfeld, Wayne Shaw

Musicians — Abigail Clement, Helen Ro

Audio/Visual Technicians — Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Greg Fisher

## O Come, All Ye Faithful

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Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about. Luke 2:15

1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant,  
 2. God of God, Light of Light;  
 3. Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion,  
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap-py morn-ing;

O come ye, O come ye to Beth-le-hem; come and be-hold him  
 lo, he ab-hors not the Vir-gin's womb: ver-y God, be-  
 sing, all ye cit-i-zens of heav'n a-bove; glo-ry to God  
 Je-sus, to thee be all glo-ry giv'n; Word of the Fa-ther,

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 born the King of an-gels;  
 got-ten, not cre-a-ted;  
 in the high-est; O come, let us a-dore him, O come, let  
 late in flesh ap-pear-ing;

us a-dore him, O come, let us a-dore him, Christ the Lord.

Latin hymn  
 Attr. to John Francis Wade, 1751  
 Tr. by Frederick Oakley, 1841; alt.

ADESTE FIDELES 6.6.10.5.6.ref.  
 John Francis Wade's Cantus Diversi, 1751

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## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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"The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,"  
 declares the LORD. Is. 59:20

1. O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, and ran-som cap-tive  
 2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on  
 3. O come, thou Rod of Jes-se, free thine own from Sa-tan's  
 4. O come, thou Day-spring from on high, and cheer us by thy  
 5. O come, thou Key of Da-vid, come and o-pea wide our

Is-ra-el, that mourns in lone-ly ex-ile here,  
 Si-nai's height, in an-cient times didst give the law  
 • tyr-an-ny; from depths of hell thy peo-ple save,  
 draw-ing nigh; dis-perse the gloom-y clouds of night,  
 heav'n-ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

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 un-til the Son of God ap-pear.  
 in cloud and maj-es-ty and awe.  
 • and give them vic-t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-  
 and death's dark shad-ows put to flight.  
 and close the path to mis-er-y.

man-u-el shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el.

Latin antiphon, 12th cent.

Latin hymn, 7-10  
 Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1961

VENI EMANUEL, L. M. ref.

Plainsong, 13th cent.  
 Arr. by Thomas Helmore, 1856

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## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Waiting for the consolation of Israel. Luke 2:25

1. Come, thou long-ex-pect-ed Je-sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap-pear;  
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad-ness, he whose glo-ries knew no end;  
 4. Born thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re-lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
 come, thou prom-ised Rod of Jes-se, of thy birth we long to hear!  
 by his life he brings us glad-ness, our Re-deem-er, Shep-herd, Friend,  
 born to reign in us for-ev-er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.

Is-ra-el's strength and con-so-la-tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
 O'er the hills the an-gels sing-ing news, glad tid-ings of a birth;  
 Leav-ing rich-es with-out num-ber, born with-in a cat-tle stall;  
 By thine own e-ter-nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a-lone;

dear De-sire of ev-'ry na-tion, joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.  
 "Go to him, your prais-es bring-ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."  
 this the ev-er-last-ing won-der, Christ was born the Lord of all.  
 by thine all-suf-fi-cient mer-it, raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

St. 1-4, Charles Wesley, 1744  
 St. 2-3, Mark E. Hunt, 1978  
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 Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1856

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lighting the first candle of Advent this morning and reading from God's word is Byron Childs.

Due to the rising number of COVID cases in our area, the church officers recommend that members consider participating in our worship service via livestream, pavilion, or car for the next few weeks. With that in mind, the nursery will not be staffed with volunteers. We also ask that any in attendance exit the building immediately after the worship service to enjoy conversations outside. The risk remains elevated, especially for our senior members, and we wish to limit the spread of infection within our community as well as the stress placed on local healthcare providers. Thank you for your prayers and understanding!

There will be a special holiday meal collection at the church on Saturday, December 5 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Henry Schultz will receive frozen turkeys, hams, or other roasts as well as any items you wish to donate to the clients of Manna on Main Street in Lansdale.

There will be a Senior's Fellowship meeting via Zoom on December 8 at 10:00 a.m. Following the Zoom meeting, those who are interested are invited to a luncheon at the Plumsteadville Inn located at 5902 Easton Rd, Pipersville, PA 18947 at 12:15 p.m. Please RSVP for the luncheon to Jim & Diana Lowery by December 3. There is no plan to meet at the church. All those going are responsible to meet at the restaurant.

## CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

### *Health Related*

*Winnie Bikle*

*Ethel Castor*

*Peg Hasson*

*Herb McCarter*

*Fred Putnam*

*Sally Tomlinson*

### *Expecting*

*Asheley Benoit*

*Brianne Heffron*

### *Grieving*

*Nagy Family*

*Stager Family*

*Fisher Family*

### *Missions*

Bryan Stoudt is currently serving in Arizona with the Western Division of Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA). He and his wife, Sharon, are also working with the Paraclete Mission Group as they mentor young couples who are preparing for marriage. Due to COVID, most healthcare campuses in Arizona will probably remain closed through the 2020-21 academic year. Ministry for the Stoudts has remained largely virtual, with campus Bible studies and meetings with couples and local professionals over Zoom. The Stoudts have a lot of praying, strategic thinking and fundraising to do so the ministry has the resources it needs to thrive. Part of that strategy involves finding believers God has already placed there to accomplish His vision for healthcare students and professionals. And that is beginning to happen as a seasoned physician recently connected them with 10 local Christian physicians.

Thankfully, God also continues to bring along divine appointments for Bryan and Sharon to help some couples as they struggle with marriage and dating issues.

Please pray for the following:

-that God continues to help the Stoudts discover the local

professionals they need to meet with and serve

-that God would provide quality friends for their children as isolation due to COVID has been difficult for them

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday 11/29</b>	8:30	a.m.	Adult Sunday School (virtual)
	9:00	a.m.	Gr. 3-6 Sunday School (virtual)
	9:00	a.m.	Sr High Sunday School (virtual)
	9:15	a.m.	Communicant's Class (virtual)
	9:30	a.m.	Age 3-Gr.2 Sun School (virtual)
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service

### **Monday 11/30**

<b>Tuesday 12/1</b>	7:15	p.m.	Men's Bible Study (far narthex)
	7:30	p.m.	Women's Bible Study (virtual)

### **Wednesday 12/2**

<b>Thursday 12/3</b>	7:00	p.m.	Session Meeting (virtual)
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### **Friday 12/4**

<b>Saturday 12/5</b>	9:00	a.m.	Holiday Food Drive (to 11:00)
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**For a complete listing of events at Covenant, or for more information on ministries, please visit [www.covpreschurch.org](http://www.covpreschurch.org)**



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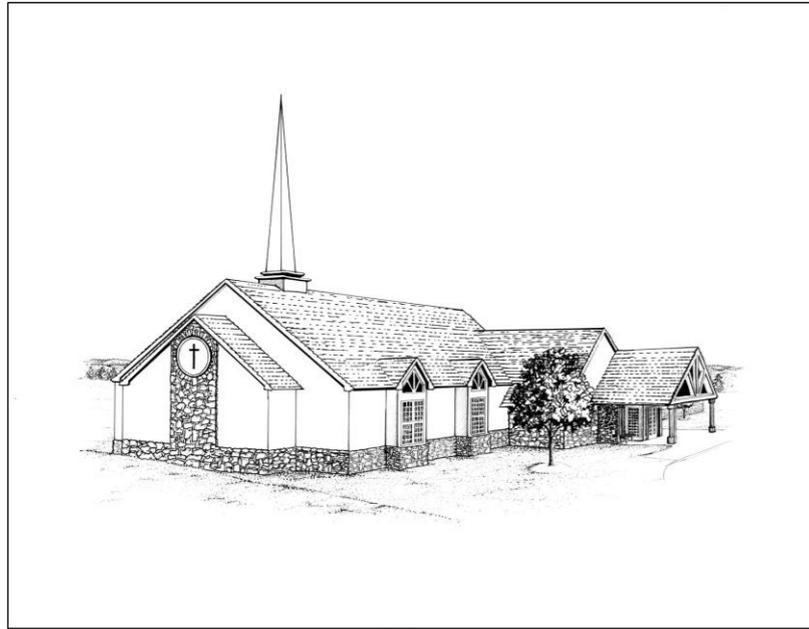
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and advance the kingdom of Christ,  
all to the glory and worship of God forever.*