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Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

A great company of the heavenly host [was] praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:13, 14

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!  
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,

with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.  
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

REFRAIN  
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

Charles Wesley, 1739, 1753; alt.

MEHNELSSOHN 7.7.7.7.D.ref.  
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1840  
Arr. by William H. Cummings, 1856

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God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Luke 2:10

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may,  
2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther, a bless - ed an - gel came;  
3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "let noth - ing you af - fright;  
4. The shep - herds at those tid - ings re - joic - ed much in mind,

re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day,  
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:  
this day is born a Sav - ior of a pure vir - gin bright,  
and left their flocks a - feed - ing, in tem - pest, storm, and wind:

to save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray;  
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name,  
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might."  
and went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, the Son of God to find.

REFRAIN  
O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy,

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English carol, 18th cent.

GOD REST YOU MERRY 8.6.8.6.8.6.ref.  
English melody, 18th cent.

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Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. Is. 11:1

1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der  
2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I  
3. The shep - herds heard the sto - ry, pro - claimed by  
4. This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness  
5. O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our

stem hath sprung, of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing,  
have in mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it,  
an - gels bright, how Christ, the Lord of glo - ry,  
fills the air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor  
hu - man woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry,

as men of old have sung. It came, a flow'r - et bright,  
the vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right  
was born on earth this night. To Beth - le - hem they sped  
the dark - ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God;  
who dost our weak - ness know, bring us at length, we pray,

a - mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.  
she bore to men a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.  
and in the man - ger found him, as an - gel her - alds said.  
from sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
to the bright courts of heav - en and to the end - less day.

German hymn, ca. 1500  
St. 1-2 tr. by Theodore Baker, 1894  
St. 3-4 tr. by Harriett F. Spaeth, 1875  
St. 5 tr. by John C. Mattes, 1914

ES IST EIN ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN 7.6.7.6.6.7.6.  
German melody, 15th cent.  
Arr. by Michael Praetorius, 1609; alt.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lighting the third candle of Advent this morning and reading from God's word are Dan and Kristi Wile.

The Women's Ministry is collecting gift cards to Walmart, Giant, and Uber in amounts of \$10-\$25 for the North Care Women's Clinic. The clinic serves women navigating unplanned pregnancies. Gift cards may be mailed or dropped off at the church office until December 20, when they will be delivered to the Clinic. Please contact Adrienne Rohrman for more information.

Please join us for our online Christmas Eve service. Recorded from the homes of various members as well as the church, the service will feature a rich assortment of Scripture readings, musical selections, and reflections that rejoice in the birth of our glorious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Please watch *Covenant Update* and the church website for a link to the service which will be available December 24.

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday 12/13</b>	8:30	a.m.	Adult Sunday School (virtual)
	9:00	a.m.	Gr. 3-6 Sunday School (virtual)
	8:45	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
	2:30	p.m.	Trailblazers Hike (Green Lane)
<b>Monday 12/14</b>			
<b>Tuesday 12/15</b>			
	7:15	p.m.	Men's Bible Study (far narthex)
<b>Wednesday 12/16</b>			
<b>Thursday 12/17</b>			
	7:00	p.m.	Missions Com Meeting (virtual)
	7:00	p.m.	Women's Min Meeting (virtual)
<b>Friday 12/18</b>			
<b>Saturday 12/19</b>			
	9:00	a.m.	Women in Prayer (pavilion)
<b>Sunday 12/20</b>			
	8:30	a.m.	Adult Sunday School (virtual)
	9:00	a.m.	Gr. 3-6 Sunday School (virtual)
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	2:00	p.m.	Youth Group and Sonflower Girls Deliveries

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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## CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

### *Health Related*

*Winnie Bikle*

*Ethel Castor*

*Deanna Ditter*

*Peg Hasson*

*Herb McCarter*

*Sally Tomlinson*

### *Expecting*

*Ashely Benoit*

*Brianne Heffren*

### *Grieving*

*Fisher Family*

*Nagy Family*

*Stager Family*

### *Missions*

Flavien and Inyange serve in sensitive countries where they focus on mentoring other missionaries and indigenous church planting. Flavien is thankful that things are beginning to open up in one country, enabling the church leaders to organize a denominational general assembly for this month. Among the many items on the assembly's agenda is the proposal that Flavien helped to put together for the re-design of the seminary program.

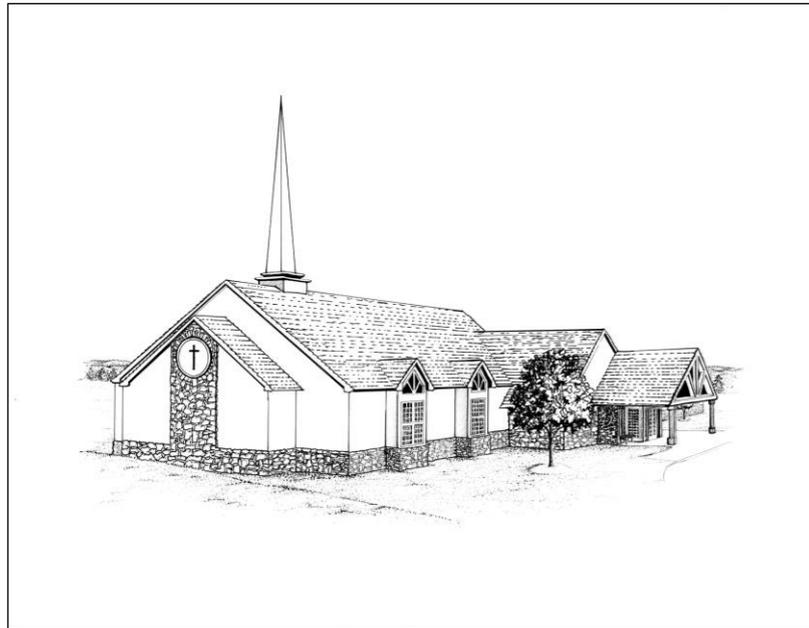
Flavien is also pleased that his visit to the Greystone Theological Institute near Pittsburgh went very well. He feels that the potential for collaboration and mutual benefit between their ministries is significant, especially as they both share many principles, values and purposes. For much of September and October, Flavien was able to spend time working on his French translation of the Westminster Larger Catechism. By God's grace, the project has greatly progressed, and he hopes to have the manuscript ready for the publisher by the end of the year.

On the home front, Flavien's family is dealing with some health issues. Their oldest daughter will be having surgery to correct a problem with breathing through her nose, and Flavien will need some dental work.

His mother, who was supposed to have surgery to prevent future cancer, is now on hold due to the pandemic.

Please pray for these health issues and for Flavien as he carries out all these ministry endeavors.

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is to help people know Christ,  
grow together in the grace of Christ,  
and advance the kingdom of Christ,  
all to the glory and worship of God forever.*