

THE LORD'S DAY

December 26, 2021

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Still, Still, Still Alexander

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 71

Leader: But as for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more.

People: My mouth will tell of your righteousness, of your salvation all day long, though I know not its measure.

Leader: I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, O Sovereign LORD; I will proclaim your righteousness, yours alone.

People: Since my youth, O God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

INVOCATION

*HYMN 221 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON: Our gracious heavenly Father, we confess that we refuse to submit to the lordship of Christ in all of life. We so often think of ourselves more highly than we ought. We acknowledge that we exalt ourselves while we put others down, even those closest and dearest to us. On the basis of Christ's active and passive obedience, may we receive your merciful pardon, and by your grace live with one another in a manner worthy of the Lord. For we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 98:2-3

Leader: The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 72 (responsive, hymnal p. 810)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS
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*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 2:1-11 (p. 980)

**HYMN 229 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

SERMON CHRISTMAS RESPONSES
Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 807)
Dr. Jim Rich

*HYMN 226 As with Gladness Men of Old

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE To God Be the Glory Doane/Larson

**Please stand if able*

***Children may proceed to Jr. Church (age 5-grade 1: Room 112; grades 2-3: Room 110)*

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

*If you are a visitor, please complete the attendance register in full.
Upon exiting the main lobby doors,
please accept a gift of "welcome bread."*

Serving this morning:
Worship Leaders — Bob McIntyre, John Muhlfield
Musicians — Handbell Choir, Ruth Clement, Helen Ro
Audio/Visual Technicians — Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk,
Greg Fisher, Jaron Riggall

Covenant Church Office: (215) 256-1007

Kindly silence all electronic devices

Activity bags for young children are available in the narthex

Please see an usher if you would like to utilize an assisted listening device

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 R. Spaeth, 1875
 St. 5 tr. by John C. Mattes, 1914

ES IST EIN ROS ENTSPRUNGEN 7.6.7.6.7.6.
 German melody, 15th cent.
 Arr. by Michael Praetorius, 1609; alt.

PSALM 72:1-19

Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.

He will judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.

The mountains will bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.

He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; he will crush the oppressor.

He will endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.

He will be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth.

In his days the righteous will flourish, prosperity will abound till the moon is no more.

He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

The desert tribes will bow before him and his enemies will lick the dust.

The kings of Tarshish and of distant

shores will bring tribute to him;

the kings of Sheba and Seba will present him gifts.

All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him.

For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.

He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death.

He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight.

Long may he live! May gold from Sheba be given him.

May people ever pray for him and bless him all day long.

Let grain abound throughout the land; on the tops of the hills may it sway.

Let its fruit flourish like Lebanon; let it thrive like the grass of the field.

May his name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun.

All nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed.

Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.

Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Amen and Amen.

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

She gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger. Luke 2:7

1. Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;
 2. An - gels sang a - bout his birth, wise men sought and found him;
 3. Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;

there he lay, the Un - de - filed, to the world a strang - er.
 heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth, glo - ry all a - round him.
 he is still the Un - de - filed, but no more a strang - er.

Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Sav - ior?
 Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, heard the an - gels sing - ing;
 Son of God of hum - ble birth, beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;

Ask the saved of all the race who have found his fa - vor.
 all the plains were lit that night, all the hills were ring - ing.
 praise his name in all the earth, hail the King of glo - ry!

Joseph Simpson Cook, 1919

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM 7.6.7.6.D.
 Piae Cantiones, 1582
 Arr. by Ernest MacMillan, 1930

As with Gladness Men of Old

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When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. Matt. 2:10

1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly cra-dle-bed,
 3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at that cra-dle rude and bare;
 4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;
 5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre-at-ed light;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be-fore him whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
 • so may we with ho-ly joy, pure, and free from sin's al-loy,
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;

so, most gra-cious God, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
 • all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.
 there for-ev-er may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our King.

William Chatterton Dix, 1860
Arr. 1961DIX, 7.7.7.7.7.
Conrad Koerner, 1938
Arr. by William H. Monk, 1961

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CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Health Related*Trudy Carpenter**Jim Day**Joan Keyt**Gloria Rich**Mary Lisa Vidunas***Expecting***Michelle Nederostek (due May 20)***Missions**

David Green is the former Mid-Atlantic Coordinator for Reformed University Fellowship. He and his wife Ruth are thankful that God is continuing to care for them and provide for their needs as they seek to identify their next calling. During this time, David has been actively serving in his church by teaching an adult Sunday School class about worship and working on several other projects. One of those projects was creating a devotional guide to help those who have trouble knowing how to use devotional times productively!

In the fall, David joined the Mid-Atlantic campus ministers for their training conference and taught on the subject of Knowing and Growing in Grace.

The Greens have recently been asked to help train campus ministers at an overseas location. Over the past year they have been considering numerous ministry positions, but this seems to be the best fit for their abilities, skills and experiences. They have engaged in a very extensive application process and hope to visit the location after Christmas to get a better sense of their suitability for this work.

The Greens would appreciate our prayers that God would make clear to them what His will is for their next ministry calling.

Grieving*Bikle Family**Hillman Family**McHale/Ford Family**Muench Family**Propsner Family**Sharadin (T&A) Family***ANNOUNCEMENTS**

New Adult Sunday School classes will begin on January 2 and continue through February 13. Class offerings include *The Life of Abraham*, led by Greg Fisher in the sanctuary, and *Healthy Mental Health*, led by Mark Boorse and Jess Fenchel in room 107. Classes for youth of all ages will continue as well and everyone is encouraged to join us.

The Senior Fellowship will begin the new year with a breakfast at the Franconia Heritage Restaurant on Tuesday, January 11 at 9:30 a.m. Come and enjoy delicious food and good fellowship around the breakfast table. Transportation is available if needed. Please sign up in the narthex by January 2 or contact Joan Freed with questions.

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Assisted listening devices are available every Sunday in the narthex for anyone to use and return each week. If you would like assistance in using one or have questions, please ask an usher.

The contents of Covenant's lost and found bin will be emptied at the end of January. If you are missing any items, please check the bin in the coat storage area by the front entrance.

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, January 2.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 12/26 9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Year End Prayer and Praise
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday 12/27

Tuesday 12/28 7:15 p.m. Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday 12/29

Thursday 12/30

Friday 12/31

Saturday 1/1

Sunday 1/2 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Heart Hiders
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Studies

For a complete listing of events at Covenant, or for more information on ministries, please visit www.covpreschurch.org



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**SUNDAY MORNING
 VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

	Dec 26	Jan 2	Jan 9	Jan 16
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Barb Nelson	Ashley Benoit	Nancy Hillman	Becky Snyder
Heart Hiders Room 109	No Heart Hiders	Sharon Muhlfeld	TBD	TBD
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Ashley Benoit	Sandra Phillips	Carolyn Ford	Cathy Nagy
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Becky Snyder Lily Snyder	Mary Riggall Abbie Riggall	Cheryl Sharadin Scott Sharadin	K. Hoogenhuis Addie Witmer
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	E. Waltenbaugh	Yvonne Marshall Makayla Marshall	Nicole Yates Abigail Clement	Judy Colombo Anna Clement
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	L. Barbadoro	L. Barbadoro	Jim & Pam Taylor	Jim & Pam Taylor
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Rachel Myers	Rachel Myers	G. Iammatteo Colleen Taylor	G. Iammatteo Colleen Taylor
Welcome Bread Bakers	Kerstin Trapp	Debbie Schultz	Erna Fenchel	E. Waltenbaugh
Greeters	Rick & Martha Moody	Bob & Linda Witmer	Bob & Betty Peterson	Paul & Marie Baldwin
Ushers	Andy Ford David Schmidt Jack Kane John Kane J. Nederostek T. Potgieter Pete Snyder	Ken Markwalter Steve Rutkowski Paul Baldwin Jim Lowery Byron Phillips Bill Propsner Greg Stine	Dan Benoit Mark Kleeman D. Dietterich Andy Ford Dan Hillman Bob Kenderdine Clair Lucas	Byron Childs George Schmidt Charles Freed Bob Peterson Jeremy Riggall Henry Schultz Scott Sharadin

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