



Order of Worship  
For Honor and Praise of the God

COMING TOGETHER

Prelude Anthony Xu, organ

Welcome

Call to Worship Liturgist

One: Jesus Christ, risen and reigning, gathers us in with this promise:  
“Lo, I am with you always.”

All: We come to worship the One who sends us and stays with us.

One: In the power of the Holy Spirit, we are called to bear witness –  
In our words, our deeds, and our daily lives.

All: We open our hearts to the God who claims us, equips us,  
and sends us out.

One: As we light the second candle of advent, we prepare our hearts  
for the God who makes all things new.

All: Let us worship God!

Passing the Peace

\* Hymn 105 People, Look East Besancon  
(Verses 1, 4, and 5)

\* Call to Confession Liturgist

Christ promises to be with us always, even to the end of the age,  
yet we often hesitate to follow, doubt our ability, or shrink back from  
His call. Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin together.

\* Prayer of Confession Liturgist

Lord of all nations, You send us into the world with good  
news, yet we confess that we are often timid witnesses. You call us  
to baptize, teach, and love, yet we withhold our trust, cling to our  
comfort, and limit Your mission to what feels manageable. Forgive  
us for the ways we ignore Your Spirit, for the moments when fear is

louder than faith, and for forgetting that You alone help us to grow.  
Renew in us the courage, compassion, and joy to follow where You  
lead and to share Your love in both word and action. Amen.

\* Assurance of Pardon Liturgist

Hear the good news: Christ, who commands us to go, is also the  
One who forgives and restores. In His life, death, and resurrection, we  
are set free – free to serve, free to love, free to proclaim His grace.  
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are  
forgiven! Thanks be to God.

\* Gloria - 582 Glory to God, Vasile  
Whose Goodness Shines on Me

THE ADVENT WREATH

Hymn 85 Light One Candle to Watch Tif In Veldele  
For Messiah  
(Verse 2)

Lighting the Advent Candle Advent Readers

Hymn 347 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Picardy  
(Verse 1)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Children’s Moment Rev. Kathleen Luke

Cantata Covenant Light Alldredge, Magelssen  
Covenant Singers  
Meagan McCrary, violin  
Anthony Xu, piano

SCRIPTURE

Gospel Lesson Matthew 28:16-20; pg. 34

Sermon “Go!” Rev. Kathleen Luke

\* Hymn 298 Lord, You Give Abbot’s Leigh  
the Great Commission

\* Affirmation of Faith An Affirmation of Faith for Advent

I believe in the spirit of Christmas, for it is the spirit of our  
Lord Jesus Christ, whose birth it celebrates; I believe in the lights  
of Christmas, for they remind me of him who is the Light of the  
world; I believe in the greenery of Christmas, for it symbolizes the  
eternal life of those in Christ; I believe in giving gifts at Christmas,  
for it is in keeping with the greatest gift the world has ever known;  
I believe in being childlike at Christmas, for Jesus said we must  
become as children to enter the kingdom of heaven; And I believe  
in the angels’ song about peace on earth among persons of good will,  
for when my will is good, as it is at Christmas, I feel a peace and joy

in my heart that is unlike anything else in all the world. It has to be  
the peace and joy of God! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer Rev. Kathleen Luke

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy  
kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us  
this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our  
debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Invitation to the Offering Rev. Kathleen Luke

Offertory Carol of the Bells Traditional  
Anthony Xu, piano Arr. Ross

\* Advent Doxology – Hymn 606

Praise God, for Prophets’ Voice of Old Old Hundredth

\* Dedication of the Offering Rev. Kathleen Luke

GOING OUT IN MISSION

\* Hymn 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Nicaea  
(Verses 1, 2, and 3)

\* Charge and Benediction Rev. Kathleen Luke

\* Hymn 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Nicaea  
(Verse 4)

Postlude Anthony Xu, organ

This empty frame is for you!  
Sketch, doodle, or color as you feel inspired.  
Let this be a devotional act between you and God.





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## Welcome, Guests and Visitors!

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! We hope and pray that you will grow in relationship with the living God as we worship together. Members and guests are asked to sign the Ministry of Friendship book as it is passed from the front pew to the back.

New members come into our fellowship by Profession of Faith, Letter of Transfer, or Reaffirmation of Faith. Please call the church office (405)751-2546 or speak to a serving elder, denoted by a gold flag on their name tag, for more information.

## About Our Worship

In worship, God is the audience. We are participants who have gathered to give thanks and praise. In reverence to God and out of respect for other worshippers, please silence your cell phones.

Children are welcome in worship each Sunday. Activity tote bags for children are available at the welcome table each week. The nursery is open for parents with little ones as well.

The congregation is invited to stand, in body or spirit, when an asterisk (\*) is notated in the bulletin. Where there is **bolded** text, the congregation is invited to speak aloud in unison.



We are looking for people who have stories, memorabilia, or photos to share from Covenant over the years. To celebrate the life of our church, we need people to help with preparation for events over the course of the year as well!

Interested in volunteering or sharing your memories of our church home? Contact the church office!

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## Staff and Participants in Worship:

Rev. Kathleen Luke ..... Minister  
Emily Sawyer ..... Administrative Assistant  
Morgan Magelssen ..... Music Director  
Alice Showalter ..... Childcare Provider  
Meagan McCrary ..... Orchestra Assistant  
Anthony Xu ..... Accompanist  
John Magelssen ..... Streaming Attendant  
CPC Orchestra ..... Music  
Covenant Singers ..... Music  
Ron Butts ..... Liturgist  
Joan and Audrey Broshius ..... Advent Readers  
Youth ..... Acolytes

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## Hours of Operation:

Monday through Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year A  
Celebrating 70 Years of Service  
December 7, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

