



Order of Worship
For Honor and Praise of the God

COMING TOGETHER

Prelude Anthony Xu, organ

Welcome

Call to Worship Liturgist

One: The desert shall rejoice and blossom;
All: We come seeking the joy God promises.
One: The weak are strengthened, the fearful encouraged;
All: We come leaning on the One who makes all things new.
One: God opens our eyes to see, our ears to hear, our hearts to hope;
All: We come with expectation, waiting for Christ’s coming.
One: Let us worship the God of joy!
All: We rejoice and give praise!

Passing the Peace

* Hymn 134 Joy to the World Antioch

* Call to Confession Liturgist
God’s joy breaks into our world even when we are not ready.
Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

* Prayer of Confession Liturgist
God of joy and promise, we confess that we are not always people of rejoicing. We let worry overwhelm us, we cling to frustration and fear, and we forget the nearness of your coming kingdom. Forgive us, Lord. Turn our hearts toward your light so that we may walk in hope, live in gratitude, and wait with joyful expectation for Christ our Savior. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon Liturgist
Hear the good news: the wilderness blooms, the weak are made strong, and God’s mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

* Gloria - 113 Angels We Have Heard on High Gloria
(Refrain)

THE ADVENT WREATH

Hymn 85 Light One Candle to Watch Tif In Veldele
For Messiah
(Verse 3)

Lighting the Advent Candle Advent Readers

Hymn 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Veni Emmanuel
(Verse 1)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Children’s Moment Liturgist

Hymn 106 Prepare the Way, O Zion ... Bereden Väg För Herran

Prayer for Illumination Liturgist
Holy God, as we watch for signs of your coming and listen for the good news you speak, open our hearts by your Spirit. Shine your light upon your Word, that we may see with hope and walk in the joy of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 97 Watchman, Tell Us of the Night Aberystwyth
(Verse 1)

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 35:1-10; pg. 663
New Testament Lesson James 5:7-10; pg. 231
Gospel Lesson Matthew 11:2-11; pg. 11

Hymn 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain Go Tell It

Hymn Sing Sunday
During our hymn sing, you’re invited to call out a favorite hymn.
Advent and Christmas hymns are found in hymns 82–156.

* 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.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer Liturgist
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 Liturgist

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 Liturgist

GOING OUT IN MISSION

* Hymn 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Mendelssohn
(Verses 1 and 2)

* Charge and Benediction Liturgist

* Hymn 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Mendelssohn
(Verse 3)

Postlude Anthony Xu, organ



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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
John Magelssen Liturgist
Orchestra Advent Readers
Youth Acolyte

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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

3rd Sunday of Advent, Year A
December 14, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.



*** PA Hearing Assist Units** are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please take one if you need it and return it to the same spot after the service. Thank you!