

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Rev. Kathleen Luke
January 4, 2026
10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship For Honor and Praise of the God

COMING TOGETHER

Prelude

Anthony Xu, organ

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Liturgist

All: The brightness of God's light shines upon all the nations.

All are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.

One: God gathers us from far away and carries us.
With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts,
We receive the abundance God gives.

All: We respond in praise.
With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God!

Passing the Peace

* Hymn 744 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

Festal Song

* Call to Confession

Liturgist

The Gospel of John tells us the basis for our judgement is this:
"The light came into the world, and people loved darkness more than the light, for their actions are evil."

We confess our sins to God, to whom we have access through faith in Christ. We come in boldness and confidence, not according to our merit, but according to God's grace.

* Prayer of Confession

Liturgist

God of justice, we confess that our actions are evil whenever we remain passive while others are oppressed; whenever we guard our own prosperity at the expense of those who are poor; or when we ignore the cries of those in need of help.

Forgive us, we pray, for hiding in the darkness of this world more than loving the light of your righteousness made known to us in Jesus Christ. Judge us with mercy, we pray, and extend your grace to us. Strengthen our faithfulness to you and to all who are precious in your sight. We pray in the name of Christ, our Light. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist

Friends, God is for us and not against us. For that very reason God sent the Son into the world – not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. We declare the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to live a new life in him!

* Gloria Patri – 581 *Glory Be to the Father*

Greatorex

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Children's Moment

Rev. Kathleen Luke

Hymn 853 *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

Siyahamba

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

O God of wonder, as that ancient star rose and guided the magi, illuminating the place where Jesus was, so now may the light of your Holy Spirit shine in our hearts and minds as Your Word is read and proclaimed. Guide us again to Christ, and direct us in new paths of faithfulness. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Hymn 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

(Verse 1)

Open My Eyes

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6; pg. 690

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; pg. 533

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 3:1-12; pg. 193

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12; pg. 2

Sermon

"How Do We Honor Him?" Rev. Kathleen Luke

* Hymn 151 *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

Kings of Orient

* Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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

Anthony Xu, piano

* Doxology – Hymn 606

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Old Hundredth

* Dedication of the Offering

Rev. Kathleen Luke

GOING OUT IN MISSION

* Hymn 320 *The Church of Christ in Every Age*
(Verses 1, 2, and 3)

Wareham

* Charge and Benediction

Rev. Kathleen Luke

* Hymn 320 *The Church of Christ in Every Age*
(Verse 4)

Wareham

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 noted in the bulletin. Where there is **bolded** text, the congregation is invited to speak aloud in unison.

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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
Julie Butts	Liturgist
Youth	Acolyte

Resources used for worship today include:

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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

2nd Sunday after Christmas, Year A

Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.



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