

# **Order of Worship** For Honor and Praise of the God

#### **COMING TOGETHER**

**Prelude** Anthony Xu, organ

Welcome

**Call to Worship** Liturgist

One: The days are surely coming, says the Lord,

When I will make a new covenant with my people.

God's promise is written not on tablets of stone,

But on our hearts – living, breathing, beating with love.

The Lord is our God, and we are His people.

We come to remember, to renew, and to rejoice.

As we hang the greens and light the first candle of Advent,

We prepare our hearts for Christ, who makes all things new.

Come, Lord Jesus! All:

Write your covenant of grace upon our hearts.

# **Passing the Peace**

\* Hymn 104 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

... Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

# **Hanging of the Greens**

The Evergreens, The Wreaths, and The Advent Wreath

#### THE ADVENT WREATH

Hymn 85

Light One Candle to Watch Tif In Veldele For Messiah (Verse 1)

**Lighting the Advent Candle** 

**Advent Readers** 

Hymn 82

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus Hyfrydol (Verse 1)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**Prayer for Illumination** 

Liturgist

Holy God, as we turn to your Word of promise, open our hearts to receive your truth anew. By the light of this Advent season, let your Spirit shine within us – that we may recognize your covenant of grace and prepare room in our hearts for your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn 97

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

### **SCRIPTURE**

**Old Testament Lesson** 

Jeremiah 31:27-34; pg. 735

\* Carol

O Christmas Tree

Tannenbaum

**Hanging of the Greens** 

The Christmas Tree, The Chrismons, The Angel, and The Lights

**Children's Moment** 

Rev. Kathleen Luke

**Hanging of the Greens** 

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The Star

**Hymn 152** What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

... Puer Nobis Nascitur (Verses 1 and 3)

**Gospel Lesson** 

Luke 24:13-35; pg. 90

**Hanging of the Greens** 

The Creche and The Gifts

Sermon "New Covenant" Rev. Kathleen Luke

\* Hymn 53

O God, Who Gives Us Life

Noel

\* 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** 

Rev. Kathleen Luke

**Hymn 533** 

*In the Singing* (Verse 1)

Bread of Peace

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please follow along with the insert in your bulletin.

#### **BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

Rev. Kathleen Luke

The Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Special Musical Offering

Meagan McCrary, violin Anthony Xu, piano

\* Advent Doxology – Hymn 606

Praise God, for Prophets' Voice of Old Old Hundredth

\* Dedication of the Offering Rev. Kathleen Luke

#### **GOING OUT IN MISSION**

\* Carol Deck the Halls **Traditional** 

(Verses 1 and 2)

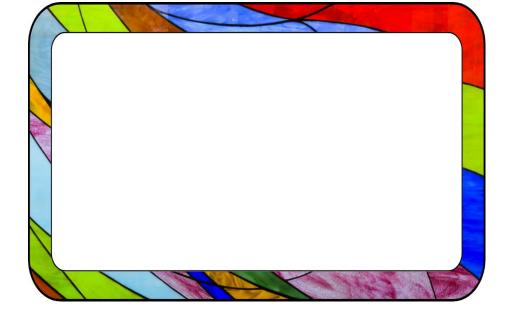
\* Charge and Benediction Rev. Kathleen Luke

\* Carol Deck the Halls **Traditional** 

(Verse 3)

**Postlude** Anthony Xu, piano

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



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!

**Staff and Participants in Worship:** 

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Rev. Kathleen Luke	Minister
Emily Sawyer	Administrative Assistant
Morgan Magelssen	Music Director
Alice Showalter	
Meagan McCrary	Orchestra Assistant
Anthony Xu	Accompanist
John Magelssen	Streaming Attendant
CPC Orchestra	Music
Covenant Singers	Music
Josh Seley	Liturgist
Sawyer Family	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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\* **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!

### **COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year A Hanging of the Greens / Communion November 30, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

