

**December 3, 2017 ~ 10:45 a.m.**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Prelude**

*"Overture" from "Messiah"*

*Handel*

**Announcements & Greeting**

Pastor Kevin DeYoung

**Preparing Our Hearts & Minds for Worship**

Choral Introit:

*"For Unto Us a Child Is Born"*

*Handel*

Advent Candle- Prophecy Candle

Isaiah 11:1-9 (p. 575-576)

**Season of Praise**

**Call to Worship**

Pastor Bruce Creswell

Pastor: Then I heard what seemed to be the voice  
of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters  
and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

**ALL: "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns."**

Pastor: Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory

**Hymn of Adoration**

Jeffrey Heyl, Guest Conductor

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Season of Stewardship**

**Tithes & Offerings**

Scripture Promise

*Luke 6:38 (p. 863)*

*Parents, please escort your pre-school aged children  
to Children's Bible Time (B-102)  
after the collection bag has passed your pew. Thank you.*

Offertory

*"And the Glory of the Lord"*

*Handel*

Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

# Season of Preaching

## Preaching of the Word

"OF WIND AND WATER"

JOHN 3:1-8 (p. 887-888)

PASTOR KEVIN DEYOUNG  
SENIOR PASTOR

## Prayer of Response

## Hymn of Preparation

#193 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

# Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

## The Meaning of the Sacrament

Pastor DeYoung

## Silent Confession of Sin

## Assurance of Pardon

*Luke 1:68-70 (p. 856)*

## The Fencing of the Table

## The Prayer of Consecration

## The Words of Institution

## The Bread

"Behold the Lamb of God"

*Handel*

## The Cup

"And with His Stripes We Are Healed"

Pastor Creswell

*Handel*

## Prayer

## Mercy Offering

*This month's mercy offering has been designated  
for On Eagles Wings and Lily Pad Haven.*

## Offertory

#196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

## Benediction

## Choral Postlude

"But Thanks"

*Handel*

In the Presbyterian Church, children who are baptized are non-communing members of the Church. As such, they are entitled to all the rights and privileges of pastoral care but not the Lord's Supper. When they reach the age of adolescence, they complete a communicants' class (confirmation class), are interviewed by the Elders, and then make a public profession of their faith. Only children who have been approved by the Session to take the Lord's Supper may do so. The Session would request that parents honor this practice and explain to their younger children the rationale for this practice. Our practice is rooted in 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 and the apostolic instruction about worthy receiving of the Lord's Supper. Those parents who have questions may want to consult with a pastor.

### **Prayers for those not taking the Lord's Supper**

Christ Covenant Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are actively trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation, members in good standing in an evangelical church, and who are in proper relationship to other believers to take the Lord's Supper with us this day. If you are not able to receive Communion today, then we ask you to continue in a spirit of worship and to meditate on one of the following prayers.

#### **Prayer of Obedience**

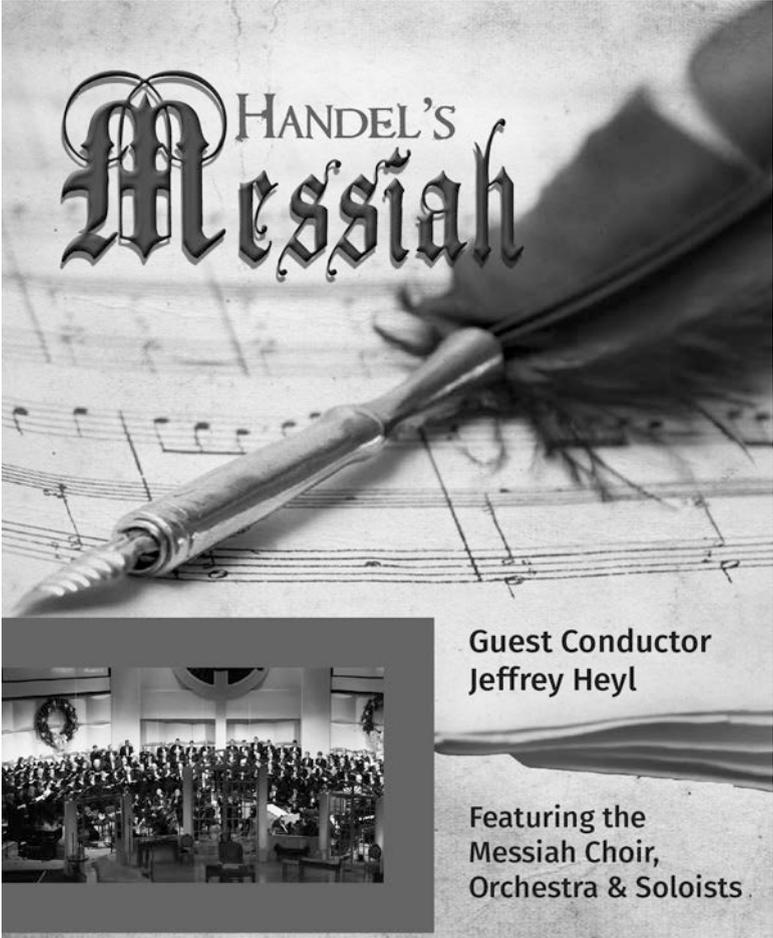
Lord Jesus Christ, as a Christian who is trusting in You alone for eternal life, I pray for strength to obey Your great commission (Matthew 28:19-20). I purpose to be baptized, to join a Bible-preaching and Christ-honoring church, and to be active in worship and service in that church. Help me to reconcile with those whom I have wounded or those who have sinned against me. Amen.

#### **Prayer for Truth**

Lord God, our Father in heaven, lead me to Your eternal and abiding truth found in Christ and His Word. Open my eyes to see those things of the Kingdom of God, spoken about in the sermon today. Give me understanding that leads to a life of faith and grace and a humble, honest and holy pursuit of Christ, for Christ's sake. Amen.

#### **Prayer of Faith**

Lord Jesus Christ, I confess to you that I am a sinner in need of Your mercy and grace – much more sinful than I ever imagined before. But I also believe in Your love and grace, and I accept the truth that You have loved me from eternity – more than I can ever imagine now. Thank You for paying the penalty of my sins on Your cross and for paying that debt in full. I now turn from my sinful lifestyle in repentance. I trust in You for eternal life and no longer in my own good works, and I surrender my life to You. I receive You as my Lord and my Savior – Your life given for me, my life now given to You. I ask for the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit and for an assurance of salvation in Your grace. Amen.



# HANDEL'S Messiah



Guest Conductor  
Jeffrey Heyl

Featuring the  
Messiah Choir,  
Orchestra & Soloists

**Tonight at 7:00 p.m.**

Free admission. A love offering will be taken.