



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Richard and Whitney Bilhorn
on the birth of their daughter,
Wynnie Katherine Bilhorn.

**WELCOME TO OUR
GUESTS**

Are you a guest visiting with us today, or did you meet a guest this morning? We encourage all our guests to stop by our Guest Kiosks in any of our lobbies. We have a free gift for you and would like to meet you! We also have an online guest card we invite you to fill out at christcovenant.org/online-guest-card or located in the pews in the sanctuary.

**HONOR A LOVED ONE
WITH A POINSETTIA**

Each Christmas at Christ Covenant we provide an opportunity for you to buy a poinsettia that is displayed in our sanctuary for the Advent season. You can purchase one for you/your family, give one in honor of someone, or give one in memory of someone. We will print the names of those who receive a poinsettia in honor and in memory in the courier for our Christmas Eve service.

Each poinsettia is \$10. If you purchase one, you can either pick it up and enjoy it at home after the Christmas Eve service, or you can leave it to bless someone else.

Poinsettias can be purchased online at <https://ccym.wufoo.com/forms/q3emsqg1nj9pqj/> or by using the form below and placing it in an offering box.



POINSETTIAS ORDER FORM

Each poinsettia is \$10.00. Deadline to order is Monday, December 20.

Giver's name: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

I will pick up my poinsettia after the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service.

I will leave my plant to be given to someone to brighten their Christmas.

ADVENT

o come let us adore him

**CHRISTMAS CAROL
CONCERT**

Sunday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATION**

Saturday, December 11 from 10-11:30 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

Friday, December 24 at 6:00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT
SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 5**

All are invited to join us for our special Christmas Carol Concert on Sunday evening, December 5, at 6:00 pm. We will enjoy a time of singing carols together and other musical selections prepared by our choir and orchestra. This is a great time to bring family and friends for a special night of music as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ!

Childcare is available for ages 4 months - 2 years. There will not be any children's choir or Little Pillars during the Christmas Carol Concert.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

Mark your calendars for our Children's Christmas Celebration on December 11, from 10:00 - 11:30 am in the Community Life Center (CLC). This event (formerly known as the Birthday Party for Jesus) is a beloved tradition for our families, and we are so happy to be back this year. Join us for a Christmas story, some Christmas carols, lots of games and crafts and a time to be together!



SAVE THE DATE TO CELEBRATE!

Save the date to celebrate Christ Covenant Church being a particularized church in the Presbyterian Church of America (PCA) for 40 years! Sunday, December 12 during and after the evening worship service is when we will celebrate, so mark your calendars now!

ENVISION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We are hoping to have 100% of the congregation participate in the Envision capital campaign. We are currently at 70%. It's not too late to turn in your pledge card for the Envision capital campaign! Pledge cards and information about the many upgrades and changes we hope to accomplish through Envision can be found in the brochures and booklets in the worship center and online. You can also make a pledge online at christcovenant.org/envision. We currently have 70% of families participating and \$962,600 pledged toward our goal of \$1,500,000.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST COVENANT

Current opportunities at Christ Covenant include:

- Facilities Maintenance (full-time)

Details: christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: YEAR-END GIVING

In the next several weeks you will receive many different appeals for donations to all sorts of charities. Each of them is designed to prompt your response. Sadly, not all of them are worthy. Their financial records may reveal more dollars paid out for marketing than used to help others. Some organizations may support projects that conflict with your own values. Some may be nothing more than money-making schemes taking advantage of the season. How can you be sure your gift will not be wasted?

As you make decisions about donations to ministry initiatives, or to assist people in need because of natural disasters or personal challenges and wonder how to give wisely, please consider this:

Giving to and giving through Christ Covenant is always a very good way to respond to the needs in our community and across the globe. We are actively involved in more than 50 different ministries, all year round. We are as concerned with feeding the hungry in July as we are in January. We don't wait for Christmas to befriend the widow or the orphan.

Through the work of the Presbyterian Church in America and our network of sister congregations around the world, we are a part of the quick response at the scene of emergencies like wild fires, floods and storms. We know how to offer both immediate and long-term assistance, sharing the hope of Christ while meeting physical needs and establishing long-term relationships through the local church.

Here in our own community, partnerships with local ministries who share our goals allow us to direct our efforts to those in need without duplicating costs. Every dollar given to Christ Covenant to help others stretches a little further because there are no administrative deductions and volunteers, including members of our own church family who give so much of their time and skills to these ministries.

If you have questions about year-end giving, or want to know more about the ministries we help support, please contact your pastor or call the church office. We are happy to assist.

Remember, gifts to the church in December go toward all our ministries and are a significant part of our annual income. Generally, gifts to the church in the form of checks or cash that are mailed (and postmarked) by December 31 or delivered in person to the church office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 31, should be deductible for tax purposes. You may also take advantage of our secure online giving (under the Giving tab on our website). God blesses Christ Covenant through your gifts, and they are greatly appreciated. Call Sandy Spitz at 704-814-1010 with any questions or for more information, including details on handling stock/fund transfers.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This list shares notable events for this week. See our website at christcovenant.org for other activities. Weekly and monthly prayer guides can be found at christcovenant.org/prayer.

THIS WEEK (NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 4, 2021)

- Nov 28 • In-person and livestream morning worship at 10:45 am
- Nov 28 • In-person and livestream evening worship at 6:00 pm
- Dec 1 • Link/Epic at 7:00 pm
- Dec 2 • Women's Christmas Brunch at 10:00 am
- Dec 2 • Trail Life & AHG
- Dec 3 • Senior adult Christmas dinner
- Dec 3 • Children's ministry First Friday Fellowship at 9:30 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 5 • Christ Covenant Carol Concert
- Dec 11 • Children's Ministry Christmas Celebration
- Dec 12 • 40th Anniversary Celebration during and after evening service
- Dec 24 • Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- Jan 9 • Winter/Spring Sunday School begins

WATCHING OUR BUDGET

Thank you for your tithes and gifts to all of the ministries of Christ Covenant. Please continue to pray for God's provision throughout 2021.

<i>Inflow 11/1/21 – 11/21/21</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	5,249,331	5,342,500	-93,169	-1.7%
Faith Promise Budget	354,859	286,196	68,663	24%