



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

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.



COME CELEBRATE WITH US TONIGHT!

Don't miss our big celebration tonight during and after our evening worship. We have special videos for you as we take time reflecting and giving thanks to the Lord for Christ Covenant's 40 years of ministry. You will also find timelines in the worship center's walkways from the main lobby to both the south and north lobbies. These timelines capture some of the history of our church. We hope you will stop by to see them. After evening worship, all are invited to walk over to the Community Life Center (CLC) for a special balloon arch, delicious snacks, and a time of fellowship as the celebrating continues. We hope you'll join us in celebrating this milestone with one another and this special time for us to reflect on God's goodness to our church over the years. The celebration begins at 6:00 pm tonight, Sunday, December 12.

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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Friday, December 24
6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS AND CAROLS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 AT 6:00 PM

All are invited to join us for our annual Lessons and Carols and Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on Friday, December 24, at 6:00 pm. This is a great time to bring family and friends for a special night of worship as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ! If you are unable to attend in-person, we will be livestreaming the worship service online at christcovenant.org/live and on our YouTube, Facebook and Vimeo platforms. Links to each platform can be found at christcovenant.org/live.

Children's programs are available for ages 4 months - 35 months.



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.

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 on this courier and placing it in an offering box.

PRAYER REGARDING ELDER AND DEACON NOMINATIONS

Beginning January 2, 2022 and the for the entire month of January, the Session of our church will receive and consider nominations for the offices of elder and deacon. Through these offices Christ rules and shepherds his church. Would you prayerfully consider who you believe could serve our church well as an elder or deacon? All nominees must be male and a member of our church for at least two years by his election (June 2022).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST COVENANT

Current opportunities at Christ Covenant include:

- Facilities Maintenance (full-time)
- Ministry Administrator to Pastors (full-time)

Details: christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment

Covenant Day School is hiring for various positions. Details can be found at <https://www.covenantday.org/about-us/employment>

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: GIVING THANKS FOR 40 YEARS AT CHRIST COVENANT

Today marks a special milestone in the life of Christ Covenant. Today we are celebrating Christ Covenant being a particularized church for 40 years. In the Presbyterian Church of America (PCA) a particularized church is one that has its own elected session. The church is no longer under the supervision of another church's Session or the Presbytery. The church becomes particularized, or treated as an individual congregation and now governs itself.

Let's join together today to give thanks to the Lord for our church, for those who gave of themselves and of their resources to build this church, and for those today who continue to preach the Word and the gospel in various ministries here at Christ Covenant. May the Lord bless Christ Covenant with many more years of preaching the Word of God and worshiping the Lord in Spirit and in truth.

YEAR-END GIVING

Gifts to the church in December are a significant part of our annual income and help support more than 50 ministries. 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 pm 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 the Church Finance Office at 704-847-3505 with any questions or for more information, including details on handling stock/fund or IRA transfers.

ENVISION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We are hoping to have 100% of the congregation participate in the Envision capital campaign. We are currently at 72%. 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 72% of families participating and \$970,081 pledges toward our goal of \$1,500,000.

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 (DECEMBER 12 - 18, 2021)

- Dec 12 • In-person and livestream morning worship at 10:45 am
- Dec 12 • Christ Covenant Celebrates 40 years during evening worship and livestream at 6:00 pm
- Dec 12 • Celebration in Community Life Center (CLC) after evening worship
- Dec 16 • Trail Life & AHG

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 24 • Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- Jan 9 • Winter/Spring Sunday School begins
- Jan 16 • New Member Class 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 1/1/21 – 12/5/21</i> | <i>Actual \$</i> | <i>Budget \$</i> | <i>Difference \$</i> | <i>% (-) or +</i> |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Operating Budget | 5,654,384 | 5,654,500 | -116 | -0.0% |
| Faith Promise Budget | 368,428 | 298,948 | 69,480 | 23.2% |