



# CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP ~ ONLINE EDITION

THE LORD'S DAY ~ December 19, 2021

*that in everything he might be preeminent. —Colossians 1:18*

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### WELCOME TO CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

We are glad you are here to worship the living God! This worship folder is intended to walk you through the service, as well as provide you with devotional material to take home.

### IN PREPARATION

Through the season of Advent, we prepare for and anticipate celebrating the incarnation. Over four weeks we focus on the prophets, Bethlehem, the shepherds, and the angels. Advent is a season of repentance and hope that gives way to lasting peace. As we read familiar passages and sing beloved carols, may the Spirit of Christ fill our hearts with gratefulness and joy. Merry Christmas!

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

### Announcements and Greeting

#### Advent Scripture Meditation—Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

### Introit

#### Call to Worship—Portions of Psalm 72

Leader: Praise the name of the Lord forever! May his fame continue as long as the sun!

**ALL: May people be blessed in him, and all nations call him blessed!**

Leader: Bless the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

**ALL: Blessed be his glorious name forever;  
may the whole earth be filled with his glory!  
Amen and Amen!**

#### Congregational Hymn—Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with th'angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem!

[Refrain] Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate deity,  
pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. [Refrain]

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.  
[Refrain]

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1840

## **Prayer of Adoration**

### **Congregational Carol—Angels from the Realms of Glory**

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth.

[Refrain] Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light: [Refrain]

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star.  
[Refrain]

Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear;  
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear. [Refrain]

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit Son;  
evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One: [Refrain]

### **Old Testament Scripture Reading—Isaiah 57:14–19**

And it shall be said, "Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people's way." For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite. For I will not contend forever, nor will I always be angry; for

the spirit would grow faint before me, and the breath of life that I made. Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry, I struck him; I hid my face and was angry, but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart. I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him and restore comfort to him and his mourners, creating the fruit of the lips. Peace, peace, to the far and to the near,” says the LORD, “and I will heal him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

## **Prayer of Confession of Sin and Thanksgiving for Grace**

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Bailey Rae Minnick  
Chandler David Minnick  
Noah Robert Minnick  
Children of Allen and Abby Minnick

Evelyn Jane Clayton  
Daughter of Jeremy and Julia Clayton

### **Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Congregational Hymn—For All the Saints**

Parents, you may escort your pre-school aged children to Children's Bible Time (B-102). Thank you.

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Text: William Walsham How, 1864; Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

## **Prayer of Illumination**

## **Preaching of the Word—2 Corinthians 10:1–6**

### **THE MARKS OF MATURITY**

Kevin DeYoung

## **Congregational Carol—Joy to the World**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her king;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719, based on Psalm 98; Music: ANTIOCH, George Frederick Handel, 1742

## **Benediction**

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung; Assisting Pastor Tom Groelsema;  
Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Organist: Pam Eash;  
Instrumental Director: Joseph Foucachon

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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 PM

### Announcements and Greeting

#### Call to Worship—Psalm 34:1–8

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

**ALL: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!**

Leader: I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

**ALL: This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.**

Leader: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

**ALL: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

#### Congregational Psalm—#198 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

### Prayer of Adoration

#### Congregational Carol—

**#227 On Christmas Night, All Christians Sing**

#### Old Testament Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 9:23–24

Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.”

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**  
**Pastoral Prayer**

**Congregational Carol—#229 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child**

**Preaching of the Word—2 Corinthians 10:7–18**

**TO BOAST OR NOT TO BOAST**

**Kevin DeYoung**

**Congregational Hymn—All Glory Be to Christ**

**Benediction**

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is committed to worshiping God, making disciples, loving one another,  
and serving the body of Christ.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

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We hope you will visit the Guest Center in the main lobby so we can meet you!  
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