



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

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 either the main or north lobby. We have a free gift for you and would like to meet you! We have an online guest card we invite you to fill out at christcovenant.org/online-guest-card. There are also guest cards located in the pews in the sanctuary you can fill out and place in the offering. You can also scan the QR code below to fill out the online guest card. If you do not have a Bible, we invite you to take a Bible from one of the pews to take home with you today. We are so glad you are here to worship with us today!



CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 * 6:00 PM

NEW YEARS EVE

We hope you will join us for morning worship on New Years Eve, Sunday, December 31. We will not have evening worship on New Years Eve.

All are invited to join us for this special night of worship as we celebrate Christ's birth on Sunday, December 24, at 6:00 pm on Christmas Eve! Children's programs are available for ages 4 months through 35 months.

Please note that we will have regular morning worship on Christmas Eve.

POINSETTIAS ORDER FORM

Each poinsettia is \$10.00. Deadline to order is Tuesday, December 19.

Giver's name: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

☐ I will pick up my poinsettia after the 6:00 pm Christmas Eve evening worship service.

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

Paid by: ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ online

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR NEW MEMBER CLASS

Our next New Member Class begins Sunday, January 7, 2024, and you can register today for the class!

The New Member Class is an opportunity to learn more about the ministries, people, staff, doctrine, and vision of Christ Covenant. The class is open to anyone but is especially for those who are new to Christ Covenant or are considering membership at the church. Topics include Presbyterian theology, the importance of church membership, philosophy of worship, the role of elders and deacons, and how to get plugged into the church. This class is required for those 9th grade and older who would like to become members of Christ Covenant Church. Those participating will have the opportunity to develop relationships with other class participants and current members.

We ask that everyone interested in attending the New Member Class to register at <https://christcovenant.org/newmembersclass/>. If you have any questions, please email Michelle Gustavson at mgustavson@christcovenant.org.

PRAYER REGARDING ELDER AND DEACON NOMINATIONS

Beginning January 2, 2024, and 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 2024).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST COVENANT

Current employment opportunities at Christ Covenant include:

Facilities Maintenance (full-time) & Temporary Facilities Maintenance (Now-February 2024)

Details: christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment

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 on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24, 2023.

Each poinsettia is \$10. If you purchase one, you can either pick it up and enjoy it at home after the Christmas Eve Candlelight evening worship service, or you can leave it to bless someone else. Poinsettias can be purchased online at <https://ccym.wufoo.com/forms/qk8fgs714upkfd/> or by using the form in the courier and placing it in one of the tithe boxes located inside the sanctuary at our main doors in the north, south and toward the main lobby.

ADVENT BOOKS AT THE BOOK NOOK

Are you looking for an Advent book for you or for your family? We encourage you to stop by the book nook in the main lobby to see the great selection of Advent books available. We currently have *Love Came Down at Christmas* and *Dawn of Redeeming Grace* available. Both are favorites that were written by Sinclair Ferguson. We hope you'll stop by the book nook and check out the great selection available!

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 3:45 pm on Friday, December 29, 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is currently on a break and will resume with new classes beginning Sunday, January 7, 2023. This is a new rhythm for us as a church, which allows a rest for our teachers and volunteers, especially in the children's area. New Sunday School booklets with new class information will be available in the coming weeks.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This list shares special events and various weekly programs. See our website for our full calendar of what is coming up this week, along with additional announcements.

- Dec. 10 • No Sunday School through December 31
- Dec. 24 • Morning Worship
- Dec. 24 • Christmas Eve Candlelight Service during Evening Worship
- Dec. 25-26 • Church offices closed
- Dec. 31 • Morning Worship
- Dec. 31 • No Evening Worship
- Jan. 1 • Church offices closed
- Jan. 7 • Sunday School resumes
- Jan. 10 • CCYM Lumberjack Games

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 2023.

| <i>Inflow 1/1/23 – 12/3/23</i> | <i>Actual \$</i> | <i>Budget \$</i> | <i>Difference \$</i> | <i>% (-) or +</i> |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Operating Budget | 5,996,283 | 5,986,000 | 10,283 | .2% |
| Faith Promise Budget | 429,288 | 322,448 | 106,840 | 33.13% |