



Advent Readers for Today

8:30 ▪ Corine Tourek
Daughter of Scott Tourek & Michelle Hayden

11:00 ▪ Campbell Zimmers
Daughter of Chris & Jenny Zimmers

~Prayer~

Lord, raise up, we pray, Your power, and come among us, and with great might succor us, that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore, let us not be hindered in running the race that is set before us.

May your bountiful grace and mercy help and deliver us, through the satisfaction of Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

~Luke 1:46-55~

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."



Christmas Season Schedule

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Wednesday, December 21, 7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
5:00 pm & 11:00 pm

~ CHRISTMAS DAY ~
One Worship Service
11:00 am

~ NEW YEAR'S DAY ~
One Worship Service
11:00 am

This Coming Week at Covenant

Monday ~	AA for Women , 6:00 pm Finance Committee meeting , 6:30 pm Virtuous Men , 7:00 pm	FLC Dining Room Fireside Room FLC 114
Tuesday ~	DC Jail Ministry , 10:00 am Communications meeting , 3:30 pm Fresh Start , 7:00 pm Trustee's meeting , 7:00 pm	Off Campus Fireside Room FLC Dining Room Fireside Room
Wednesday ~	Preschool Christmas Program , 7:00 pm Youth Group , 6:00 pm	Sanctuary FLC Gym
Thursday ~	Men's Prayer & Bible Study , 6:00 am	Fireside Room
Friday ~	AA Meeting , 7:30 pm	FLC Gym
Saturday (December 24)~	Christmas Eve Service , 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service , 11:00 pm	Sanctuary Sanctuary
Sunday (December 25) ~	Christmas Day worship , 11:00 am	Sanctuary



COVENANT
Presbyterian Church

To know Christ and to make Him known

Celebrating Worship at Covenant!

For every worship experience, we seek to glorify God and share the Good News and love of Jesus Christ as Savior, Lord, and Head of the Church.

This is done through the preaching of the Word & Spirit of God, celebrating the Sacraments of the Lord's Supper & Holy Baptism, the hymns, songs, and prayers.

~ December 18, 2016 ~

We're so glad you're here!

4th Sunday in Advent

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Worship Times: 8:30 & 11:00 am - Sanctuary
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Covenant's 11:00 am Sanctuary worship service is broadcast live and is rebroadcast at 6:00 pm on KCRO AM 660 and 106.5 FM.

Welcome to Worship!

Music As We Gather

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"- arr. Beck

Welcome and Passing the Peace of Christ

Moment for Mission

Sr. Chaplain Morris Jackson, *Good News Jail and Prison Ministry of Douglas County*

Lighting of the Advent Candle (see side page)

Call To Worship

11:00 am - "Silent Night" - arr. Gruber Covenant Children's Choir

Singing With Joy

#254 - "Isn't He?"

Invocation

#249 - "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Message Through Music

"Christmas Changes Everything"- arr. Williamson Chancel Choir

Time With Children

Proclaiming God's Word

Matthew 1:18-25 (page 1026) Rev. Anton Reginald

"The Birth of Jesus Christ"

Rev. Dr. Kevin McDonald

Singing in Response

#250 - "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Pastoral Prayer

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings in Faith

"Manger Medley" - arr. Bock

#815 - "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Singing in Praise

#251 - "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"

Benediction

Music As We Depart

Connecting: Bringing God and People Together

USHERS ARE NEEDED for Christmas Eve services. If you can help, please sign up in the Fellowship Area or contact Pam Schmitt, 402-660-3902.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Moving Mountains-Part 2 will host a beginning session on **January 11**, at 6:30 pm for those unable to attend Part I. Please purchase the book, *Moving Mountains* by John Eldredge. In the next seven sessions we will continue to learn to write powerful prayers of our own with a prayer journal. The prayer journal will be provided. Questions? Contact Stephanie Gruber, 402-551-2062 or stephisue777@gmail.com; or Arlene Haynes, 402-250-5910 or akhaynes29@gmail.com. A sign up sheet will be located in the Fellowship Area.

DIVORCECARE SEMINAR/SUPPORT GROUP will resume on Thursday evenings, beginning **January 12**. This is a 13 week series that will continue through April 6, from 6:30-9:00 pm in FLC 113.

GRIEFSHARE resumes **Thursday, January 19**, at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room.

THANK YOU to those that have submitted financial pledges for the 2017 fiscal year. While we have reached an outstanding 99% of our monetary pledge goal, we are still short about 15% of our goal of overall giving units and a little shy of having a balanced budget. If you haven't yet done so, please prayerfully consider making a financial pledge to the church for 2017. Pledge cards and the 2017 budget can be found on the informational table in the fellowship hall.

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick up in the Fellowship Area. If you don't see your name, please let the office know.

IF YOU HAVEN'T YET FULFILLED YOUR 2016 PLEDGE COMMITMENT...it's not too late! There are 13 more days to get it in to the office in order to receive 2016 tax credit. Remember to have it into the office by 2:30 pm on **Friday, December 30 or postmarked by Saturday, December 31**.

IF YOU HAVE RECENTLY GIFTED STOCK to the church, please call Stephanie in the business office to verify. Thank you.

THANK YOU to David Albee for assisting with our music ministry today.

Serving: Expressing Christ's Love In Community

OPEN DOOR MITTEN TREES are now standing in the fellowship area and the FLC Dining Room. Bring your mittens, gloves, hats, caps, scarves and other winter wear to donate for those in need and place them on the trees. Thank you.

Please pray for those in our Armed Forces from CPC: **U.S. Army** - Patrick & Carole Tanner, Kevin Boughton; Matthew Foldenauer; **U.S. Marine Corps** - Aaron Cubrich, Grant Lubeck, Matt Samson, Paul Bidlack, Kristyn Hyland; **U.S. Air Force** - Michael Olson, Jerod Hausmann, Dan Ecklebe, Derek Ecklebe, Kyle Kimberlin, Jennifer Jamison-Gines; Kevin Lindsey; **U.S. Navy** - Shane Tweedy, Dustin Ecklebe, Madalyn Hyland.

Growing: Learning to Live Like Jesus

~ Children's Ministry ~

Children's Sunday School will not meet today due to the Christmas program. Classes will not meet December 25 or January 1, due to the holidays. Sunday school will resume on January 8.

Children's Church - Kindergarten through grade 3 children meet during 8:30 & 11:00 am services, after Time With Children in FLC 103. Children in grades 4 & 5 may assist in Children's Church as Junior Helpers. Preschool children go to FLC 101.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day there will be no Children's Church or Sunday school so families can worship together.

~ Youth Ministry ~

No Sunday school classes today. Youth are invited to attend the Children's Christmas program.

Youth Christmas Party is this **Wednesday, December 21**, at 6:00 pm. Please bring a snack to share and a white elephant gift to exchange. The gift should be nicely wrapped and placed in a plastic bag. Thanks!

Our annual **End-of-Year Lock In** is on **Friday, December 30**. The fun begins at 8:00 pm and lasts until 8:00 am the next day! Cost is \$10 per person and covers all snacking and entertainment. (Bring sleeping gear if you want.)

~ Where Do I Take My Children? ~

- **Little Blessings Nursery** - outside Sanctuary (6 weeks to 18 months)
Open from 7:45 am to 12:30 pm
- **Noah's Ark Nursery** - next to FLC Gym (18 months to age 3)
Open from 7:45 am to 12:30 pm
- **Noah's Rainbow Room** - next to FLC Gym (children 3-Pre-K)
Open from 7:45 am to 12:30 pm
- **Children's Church** downstairs in FLC 103 for K-3rd grade following
Time With Children at the 8:30 and 11:00 am services