

Prayer at Covenant

You may email your prayer requests to our electronic prayer chain coordinator, Mary Sue Hyland at mshyland@cox.net. For telephone prayer requests call the church office at 498-9000.

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.

Covenant Staff

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Essential Beliefs

1. We believe in one God, the sovereign Creator and Sustainer of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To Him be all honor, glory and praise forever!
2. Jesus Christ, the living Word, became flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. He who is true God became true man united in one Person forever. He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. On the third day He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He now is our High Priest and Mediator.
3. The Holy Spirit has come to glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to our hearts. He convicts us of sin and draws us to the Savior. Indwelling our hearts, He gives new life to us, empowers and imparts gifts to us for service. He instructs and guides us into all truth, and seals us for the day of redemption.
4. Being estranged from God and condemned by our sinfulness, our salvation is wholly dependent upon the work of God's free grace. God credits His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, thereby justifies them in His sight. Only such as are born of the Holy Spirit and receive Jesus Christ become children of God and heirs of eternal life.
5. The true Church is composed of all persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit are united together in the body of Christ. The Church finds her visible, yet imperfect, expression in local congregations where the Word of God is preached in its purity and the sacraments are administered in their integrity; where scriptural discipline is practiced, and where loving fellowship is maintained. For her perfecting, she awaits the return of her Lord.
6. Jesus Christ will come again to the earth—personally, visibly, and bodily—to judge the living and the dead, and to consummate history and the eternal plan of God. “Even so, come, Lord Jesus.” (Rev. 22:20)
7. The Lord Jesus Christ commands all believers to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world and to make disciples of all nations. Obedience to the Great Commission requires total commitment to “Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.” He calls us to a life of self-denying love and service. “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” (Eph. 2:10)

Prayer Request for Prayer Chain
 for Pastors Only

Please circle one of the following if you made a decision tonight:



I prayed to receive Jesus Christ into my life for the first time tonight.



I have received Jesus Christ into my life before, but I am rededicating myself to Him tonight.



I am not currently a follower of Jesus Christ, but would like to learn more about Him.

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Sunday Worship Times: 8:30 & 11:00 am

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 radio.

Covenant Presbyterian Church
 Christmas Eve ▪ December 24, 2016
 5:00 pm

Welcome to Worship!

We're so glad you're here!

We invite you to believe and receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior if you have never done so. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life—abundant life! If you have questions about joining our membership, please indicate your interest on the tear-out portion of your bulletin or speak with a pastor. Our goal is to help all people be a disciple of Jesus!

Music As We Gather

“Bring A Torch, Jeannette Isabella” - arr. Davis, “Still, Still, Still ” - arr. Davis
“Gloria” - arr. Hogan

Brian Gernandt, *alto saxophone* & Karen Gengenbach, *piano*

“Joy to the World” Children’s Choir

Welcome

Rev. Anton Reginald, Director of Youth Ministries

Please take a moment to fill out the tear-out card and, if you wish, fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering plate to let us know of a prayer need.

Lighting of the Advent Candle & Christ Candles (see insert)

Isn’t He beautiful? Beautiful, isn’t He?
Prince of Peace, Son of God, isn’t he?
Isn’t He wonderful? Wonderful, isn’t he?
Counselor, Almighty God, isn’t He, isn’t He, isn’t He, isn’t He?

Singing in Praise

#249 - “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exaltation;
Sing all ye bright hosts of heav’n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him! O come let us adore Him!
O Come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

#262 - “Away In a Manger”

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay;
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Message Through Music

“What A Glorious Night” - arr. Adams, Barker, Zaloudik Chancel Choir
AJ DeBoer, Andy DeBoer, and Becca Gernandt, *soloists*

Time with Children

Dan Gruber, Director of Children’s Ministry

Proclaiming God’s Word

“The Shepherds and The Angels” Luke 2:8-20
Rev. Anton Reginald

Christmas Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Dr. Kevin McDonald

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

“Mary, Did You Know” - arr. Wiley Chancel Choir
#815 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

The Candlelight Celebration

** “Silent Night, Holy Night”

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
‘Round yon virgin mother and Child,
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia,
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.
Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, Love’s pure light,
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

“Joy to the World”

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

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

**Benediction and Passing the Peace of Christ

Music As We Depart

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” - arr. Bock
David Albee, piano and Karen Gengenbach, organ

**** Indicates congregation to stand, if able.**

Thank you to David Albee and Philip Schultz for assisting with our music ministry this evening.

Our Mission

“To know Christ and to make Him known.”

Our Vision

**“Connecting, Growing, Serving,
all for the glory of God”**

Where Do I Take My Kids?

We welcome children! **Noah’s Rainbow Room (next to FLC Gym - lower level)** - is offered for child care. There will be NO Children’s Church this evening.

So that we may have a record of your visit, please complete this card below and drop it in the offering plate or hand to an usher or minister.

Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.

Name _____

Address _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ I am a guest of _____

Email _____

Home Church _____

Visitor for first time Have ___ children of school age or under

New in community Would like to know more about church

Would like to join with church Would like a minister to call

Please Circle Your Age Group or School Grade

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