

December 20 - Fourth Advent

Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	Karen Vroman
Greeter	Sue Courtney
Worship Leader	Karen Vroman
Deacons	Sue Courtney Doug Minear Jay Sohn Julie McClatchey
Communion Prayer	Drue Cavanaugh
Fellowship Set Up/Clean	Jane Shane
Fellowship Refreshments	Jane Shane
Church Transportation	Drue Cavanaugh 986-3737

December 27

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Dec. 20	Dec. 21	Dec. 22	Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 25	Dec. 26	Dec. 27
Adult SS 8:45 a.m.			Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m.	Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m.	Merry Christmas!		Adult SS 8:45 a.m.
Food Pantry	Office Closed			Candlelight Communion Worship 6:30 p.m.	Office Closed		
Christmas Offering Received	Solstice/ Advent Worship 6:30 p.m.		Choir 7:30 p.m.				

**You are invited today (Sunday)
from 4:30-6:30 p.m.
to view a nativity collection at the home of
Edgar and Sharyl Smith, 1820-80th St.
(If this time does not work, feel free to call me at 276-0830
and we can make individual appointment.)**

Directions: Proceed South on 73rd St., continue thru the inter-
section at Hickman and continue on 73rd. Turn right at College
Dr. and continue to 80th. Make a right turn on 80th St. — a
grey house on the left side of the Street. Hope to see many of
you!

Financial Notes	
Dec. 13, 2015	
Total Deposit	\$7,835



Please note that our sound system is equipped with a T-Coil hearing loop. If you are wearing hearing aids, please turn on "T Coil" mode for best hearing assistance.

covenant christian church



december 20, 2015

We are spiritual seekers
working to grow in our love of God,
deepening our connection to each other and
sharing with the world our passion for justice and peace.

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December 20, 2015

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love

A WORD OF WELCOME

Please take a moment to sign the attendance register in the pew and pass it along your row.

PRELUDE "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Wade/arr Wolaver

*OPENING HYMN #132 "When God Is a Child"

*GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)

Karen Vroman

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God.

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

He was in the beginning with God.

For the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly.

What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

**He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors.**

John 1 and Philippians 4

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

Karen Vroman

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #125 "Come, O Long-expected Jesus"

Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free.

From our fears and sins release us; Christ, in whom our rest shall be.

You, our strength and consolation, come salvation to impart;

dear desire of many a nation, joy of many a longing heart.

WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC "Mary, Did You Know with What Child is This" arr McDonald

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG/LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF LOVE

(Please join us in supporting the local food pantry with your gifts.)

*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

SUNG RESPONSE #128 (Verse 4)

Come, wander where lion and lamb gently play,
where evil is banished and faith takes the day,
a babe in a manger to fool the world's eyes.
One candle is lit for God's loving surprise.

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Luke 1:39-45 pg. 57 Karen Vroman

MORNING PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into
temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD "Christmas: Chick Flick?" Rev. Paul Witmer

HYMN OF PREPARATION #144 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Call to Giving

Karen Vroman

Offertory "Christmas Suite" arr Chip Davis of Mannheim Streamroller

*Response of Praise #162 (Verse 3)

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come rich and poor, to own him,
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.**

**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.**

*Prayer for the Consecration of Gifts

Karen Vroman

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All are invited to the table of the Lord. We individually partake of the bread and cup.

Please serve the person next to you by holding the tray.

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

Drue Cavanaugh

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY "The First Noel" arr Rouse

*HYMN OF PRAISE AND COMMITMENT #153 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

*POSTLUDE "The Holly and the Ivy" arr J. Martin

*BENEDICTION

Please join us for fellowship and coffee following worship.

**Rev. Paul Witmer, Minister
Judith Henry, Music Director**