

December 6 - Second Advent

Provide Bread & Prepare
 Communion Shanes
 Greeter Gretchen Pope
 Candle Lighter
 Worship Leader Linda Yeoman
 Deacons Christine Denny
 VeeAnn Cartwright
 Doug Minear
 Barb Minear
 Communion Prayer Donna Rusk
 Sunday School Teacher Lynn Heuss
 Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up Karen Vroman
 Fellowship Refreshments Karen Vroman
 Church Transportation Drue Cavanaugh
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December 13 - Third Advent

Provide Bread & Prepare
 Communion Warwicks
 Greeter Gretchen Pope
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 Deacons Olin Shane
 Jane Shane
 Bev Beck
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Dec. 6	Dec. 7	Dec. 8	Dec. 9	Dec. 10	Dec. 11	Dec. 12	Dec. 13
Adult SS 8:45 a.m. Children's SS 10:15 Caroling 2:00 p.m.	Office Closed		Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m. Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Book Club 11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Friday 6:30 p.m.		Adult SS 8:45 a.m. Children's SS 10:15 Annual Congregational Meeting Following Worship

*Our flowers are provided by Lynn Heuss
 in celebration of Paul Witmer's birthday.*

**Christmas Caroling
 Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 pm.**

You are invited to join us for caroling today. It is for adults and kids. We will provide a light dinner for you back at the church for fellowship. We also plan to take a plate of cookies to each of the caroling homes. For questions, please see **Barb Minear**.

Fellowship Friday

Friday, Dec. 11 - 6:30 p.m.
 at the home of Karen & Don Hiscox
 307 SW Creekside Ct., Grimes
 Please RSVP: 986-0740
 Please bring appetizer or dessert



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 6, 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 6, 2015
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent: Hope

A WORD OF WELCOME

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

PRELUDE "Sing We Now of Christmas" arr Hayes

***OPENING HYMN #127** "Creator of the Stars of Night"

***GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)**

Linda Yeoman

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

I thank my God every time I remember you,

constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you,

He was in the beginning with God.

Because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.

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

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you

will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

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

It is right for me to think this way about all of you,

because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me.

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

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more

with knowledge and full insight.

John 1 and Philipians 1

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Linda Yeoman

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

***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 "When Love Came Down" Eaton

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG/LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

SUNG RESPONSE #128 Verse 1

Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night,

our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.

Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage.

One candle is lit for the hope of the age.

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Philipians 1:3-11 pg. 196

Linda Yeoman

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 "God's Love in a Cookie"

with Wendy Todd

HYMN OF PREPARATION #124 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Call to Giving

Linda Yeoman

Offertory

Ben Witmer and Maggie Grundy

*Response of Praise #147

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray.

Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

*Prayer for the Consecration of Gifts

Linda Yeoman

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

Donna Rusk

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY "What's Wrong with the Dark?" Ben Witmer and Maggie Grundy

***HYMN OF PRAISE AND COMMITMENT #155** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

***POSTLUDE**

***BENEDICTION**

Please join us for fellowship and coffee following worship.

Rev. Paul Witmer, Minister
Judith Henry, Music Director