

November 29 - First Advent

Provide Bread & Prepare
 Communion
 Greeters Ron Stookey
 Sue Stookey
 Candle Lighter
 Worship Leader Geoff Wall
 Deacons Linda Yeoman
 Doug Minear
 Connie Schindler
 Communion Prayer Drue Cavanaugh
 Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up Doug Minear
 Fellowship Refreshments Doug Minear
 Church Transportation Hal Rusk
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December 6-Second Advent

Provide Bread & Prepare
 Communion Shanes
 Greeter
 Candle Lighter
 Worship Leader Linda Yeoman
 Deacons Christine Young-Denny
 VeeAnn Cartwright
 Communion Prayer
 Sunday School Teacher Lynn Heuss
 Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up Karen Vroman
 Fellowship Refreshments Karen Vroman
 Church Transportation Hal Rusk
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Nov. 29	Nov. 30	Dec. 1	Dec. 2	Dec. 3	Dec. 4	Dec. 5	Dec. 6
Adult SS 8:45 a.m.			Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m.	Cluster Meeting 10:00 a.m.	CFUM Supper Club	Men's Group 8:00 a.m.	Adult SS 8:45 a.m.
Advent Craft Following Worship	Office Closed		Choir 7:30 p.m.			Advent Retreat 9-noon	Caroling 2:00 p.m.

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

You are invited to join us for caroling next Sunday, December 6. It is for adults and kids. Karen Vroman has graciously offered for us to go back to their house for socializing after we are done. Also, we will provide a light dinner for you. We also plan to take a plate of cookies to each of caroling homes. If anyone would like to help make cookies, let Barb Minear know.



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



november 29, 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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November 29, 2015
Worship 10:00 a.m.
First Sunday of Advent: Peace

A WORD OF WELCOME

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

PRELUDE "Pat a Pan" arr Mannheim Steamroller

***OPENING HYMN #139** "All Earth Is Waiting"

***GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)**

Geoff Wall

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

**All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,
and open furrows, the sowing of our God.**

He was in the beginning with God.

**All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;
it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.**

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

Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain;

Open new highways, new highways for our God.

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

**Our God is now coming closer, so come all and see,
and open the doorways as wide as wide can be.**

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

**In lowly stable the Promised One appeared,
yet feel that presence throughout the earth today.**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Geoff Wall

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 "Christmas Bell Medley" arr Wolaver Featuring Addison

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG/LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

SUNG RESPONSE #128 "One Candle Is Lit" verse 2

Come quickly, shalom, teach us how to prepare

For a gift that compels us with justice to care.

Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease.

One candle is lit for the reign of God's peace.

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Luke 21:25-33

Geoff Wall

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 "In Word Indeed"

Rev. Paul Witmer

HYMN OF PREPARATION #119 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We will come forward to the communion table as a sign of our commitment and response to Christ's gracious invitation and loving presence. If you are unable to come forward, a deacon will bring the elements to you.

INVITATION AND CALL TO GIVING

Geoff Wall

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY "What Child Is This" arr Lanz

All are invited to the table of the Lord. You may come forward to the table to receive the gift of communion and make your gift in response.

***HYMN OF PRAISE AND COMMITMENT #138** "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

***POSTLUDE** Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus arr Rouse

***BENEDICTION**

Please join us for fellowship and coffee following worship.

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