

# Covenant Presbyterian Church, PCA

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For the glory of God, Covenant Presbyterian Church  
exists to worship God and equip His people for service.

**Sunday, January 5, 2025**

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May you be still as we trust in our Heavenly Father and rest in the peace Christ has purchased for us and given to us in the gift of the Holy Spirit. Please prepare yourself for worship by prayerfully reading and meditating on the Scriptures and quotes below.

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### Preparation for Worship

Pre-Prelude *Wexford Carol* arr. Vicki Collinsworth  
Laura Stone, flute and Katie Stuckey, piano

Prelude *There's a Song in the Air* arr. Fred Bock  
Collette Levi, piano, and Brett Levi, organ

*I love those who love Me, and those who seek Me diligently find Me.*  
Proverbs 8:17

*I will ponder all Your work, and meditate on Your mighty deeds.* Psalm 77:12  
*How then will they call on Him in Whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of Whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?* Romans 10:14

*God chose what is low and despised in the World, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.* 1 Corinthians 1:28-29

*Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.* 1 Corinthians 11:1

*For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.* Hebrews 4:15-16

“You will never be satisfied until you realize that your every desire for more in this life is, in reality, a desire for more of God.” Tom Patton

“Our witness – good or bad – is the overflow of our lives.” Alistair Begg

“What [others] most need is to see in you a reflection of what God is like and of the transforming power of the Gospel. Your life can create hunger and thirst for God in others’ lives and can be a powerful instrument in the hand of the Holy Spirit to draw their hearts to Christ.” Nancy Leigh DeMoss

“[Nature teaches us that every believer should be a soul-winner]. It is an essential part of the new nature. We see it in every child who loves to tell of his happiness and to bring others to share his joys.” Andrew Murray

“We sometimes think we have grabbed hold of God and found Him, but it is really the other way around.” G.K. Beale

“Trusting Christ will always show itself by following Him.” Mark Dever

“The truth is that, though we were justified by faith alone, the faith that justifies is never alone [it always produces fruit, ‘good works,’ ...a transformed life].” J.I. Packer

**Today’s flowers are given by Brett Levi to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Rae and Ronn Gilbert and their leadership and organization of the wonderful reception after the Christmas cantata.**

## Order of Worship – January 5, 2025

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Adoration of God

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 46:10; 64:9-10  
*Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the Earth! Then all mankind fears; they tell what God has brought about and ponder what He has done. Let the righteous one rejoice in the Lord and take refuge in Him! Let all the upright in heart exult!*

**\*Carol of Praise** No. 215 *How Great Our Joy*

**Invocation** Elder Tom Kasischke

**Affirmation of Our Faith** Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 90. How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?**

A. “That the Word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation, and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.”

**\*Carol of Adoration** No. 216 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

#### Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Musical Reflection** *All My Heart This Night Rejoices*  
by Paul Gerhardt and Johann G. Ebeling  
Vocal Ensemble (Joy Lehn, Carol Dembeck, Collie Lehn, Brett Levi)

**\*The Reading of God’s Word** Luke 2:8-20

**The Message from God’s Word** “Responding to the Gospel”  
Pastor Steve Mirich

**\*Hymn of Response** *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory** *I Wonder As I Wander* by John Jacob Niles  
Joy Lehn, soprano and Brett Levi, organ

#### Response and Blessing

**\*Closing Carol** *O Come, Let Us Adore Him*

**\*Benediction** 1 Corinthians 15:58  
*Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*

**\*Christmas Doxology** THE FIRST NOEL

**Postlude** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* arr. Paul Laubengayer  
Brett Levi, organ

\*Indicates when the congregation stands (*if able*)