

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, December 1, 2024

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.

Preparation for Worship

Prelude *Sleepers Awake* by J.S. Bach/arr. Kristin Campbell
Sarah Barfield and Rachel Yang, violin and Katie Stuckey, piano

Prelude *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* arr. Carolyn Hamlin
Brett Levi, organ

For He satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul He fills with good things.
Psalm 107:9

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.' Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:5b-7

'I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.' Luke 18:14

"For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked". Revelation 3:17-18

"Proud people focus on the failures of others and can readily point out those faults. Broken people are more conscious of their own spiritual need than of anyone else's." Nancy Leigh DeMoss

"Pride is the sin we cannot see in ourselves and yet so detest in others." Kent Hughes

"God sends no one away empty except those who are full of themselves." D.L. Moody

"Just as pride is the root of every evil, humility is the root of every virtue." Stuart Scott

"No matter how dear you are to God, if pride is harbored in your spirit, He will whip it out of you. They that go up in their own estimation must come down again by His discipline." C.H. Spurgeon

"Should you ask me what is the first thing in religion; I should reply that the first, second, and third thing therein is humility." Augustine

"Every Christian has a choice between being humble or being humbled." C.H. Spurgeon

"God creates out of nothing. Therefore, until a man is nothing, God can make nothing out of him." Martin Luther

Order of Worship – December 1, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle Kendall and Jo Ann Taylor

Adoration of God

***Call to Worship** Isaiah 55; Psalm 105 (selected verses)
Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually!

***Carol of Adoration** No. 194 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Invocation Elder Scott Henson

Affirmation of Our Faith *The Apostles' Creed*
Trinity Hymnal, page 845

***Carol of Promise** No. 221 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Reflection *Jesus Emmanuel*
by Josh Sparkman

***The Reading of God's Word** Luke 1:50-55

The Message from God's Word "God's Strong Arm"
Pastor Steve Mirich

***Hymn of Response** *Behold Our God*

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery*
By Boswell, Papa, and Bleecker / Youth Praise Team

Response and Blessing

***Closing Hymn** *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

***Benediction** Ephesians 3:20-21

***Advent Doxology** *VENI, EMMANUEL*

Postlude *Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates* arr. Wilber Held
Brett Levi, organ

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