



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BUILDING GOSPEL COMMUNITY
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»THE LORD'S DAY | DECEMBER 6, 2020«

VOTUM (PS. 124:8)

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord

Congregation: Who made heaven and earth.

ADVENT READING 1:

Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly. Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. (Psalm 85:1-2; 8-13)

SING - HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come

Offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail th'incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Come Desire of nations come
Fix in us Thy humble home
Rise the woman's conqu'ring seed
Bruise in us the serpent's head
Adam's likeness now efface
Stamp Thine image in its place
Second Adam from above
Reinstate us in Thy love

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

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PRAY

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Amen.

READ AND HEAR GOD'S ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
(Rom. 5:1-2)

SING - GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN

God rest ye merry gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray

O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

In Bethlehem in Jewry
This blessed Babe was born
And laid within a manger
Upon this blessed morn
The which His mother Mary
Did nothing take in scorn

From God our heavenly Father
A blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name

Fear not then said the angel
Let nothing you affright
This day is born a Saviour
Of a pure virgin bright

To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's pow'r and might

The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind
And left their flocks afeeding
In tempest storm and wind
And went to Bethlehem straightway
The blessed Babe to find

And when they came to Bethlehem
Where our dear Saviour lay
They found Him in a manger
Where oxen feed on hay
His mother Mary kneeling down
Unto the Lord did pray

Now to the Lord sing praises
All you within this place
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface

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#2 - WHAT CHILD IS THIS (GREENSLEEVES)

What Child is this who laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping
This this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste haste to bring Him laud
The Babe the Son of Mary

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding
Good Christian fear for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading
Nails spear shall pierce Him through
The cross be borne for me for you
Hail hail the Word made flesh
The Babe the Son of Mary

So bring Him incense gold and myrrh
Come peasant king to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him
Raise raise the song on high
The Virgin sings her lullaby
Joy joy for Christ is born

The Babe the Son of Mary

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ADVENT READING 2 - ISAIAH 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
is now and ever shall be
World without end
Amen

ADVENT READING 3 - MARK 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

SCRIPTURE READING - 2 PETER 3:8-15

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation.

SING -EVERLASTING GOD

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak

You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him all creatures here below

Praise him above ye heavenly hosts

Praise father son and holy ghost

Amen



This Week At CPC

December 6, 2020

MINISTRIES

DIG (youth ministry)

3:30 PM, Wednesdays

Ladies Bible Study

9:45 AM, Tuesdays

Greenwald Community Group

7:30 PM, 1st and 3rd Wednesday

Prayer Group

7:00 PM, Wednesdays

Strong Community Group

TBA

Brown Community Group

7:00 PM, 1st, 3rd, & 5th Friday

For the safety of everyone, our ministries take place online through video call. If you are interested in joining us or would like more information to get in contact with us, please email admin@cpcoviedo.com or visit and sign up for our email news-bulletin at cpcoviedo.com/news.

Giving report for November

Monthly need	\$27,769
November giving	\$24,189
2020 total need thru November	\$305,455
2020 total giving thru November	\$281,994

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

We will offer gathered worship this Sunday, December 6 at 10:30 a.m., but will continue to welcome those who are more comfortable to worship with us virtually [via our Facebook page](#). If you can't catch us at that time, a replay will be made [available on our website](#) on Monday.

Effective July 1, Seminole County requires every person to wear a mask and follow CDC social distancing guidelines while at all businesses, places of assembly, and in public. This means that all people in attendance at CPC for worship or other activities must wear a mask.

There are a few relevant exceptions. You may remove your mask if you are:

- Outdoors and social distancing.
- Under the age of two years.
- Eating or drinking.
- Communicating with someone who is hearing-impaired and must see the mouth of someone wearing a mask in order to communicate.

We do have a limited number of adult and child-sized masks available if you do not have one or forget yours. You will be asked to wear your mask at all times while worshipping or congregating at CPC.

Further, IF YOU ARE SICK OR FEELING UNDER THE WEATHER, even if your symptoms do not indicate COVID-19, please DO NOT come to church. Stay home, rest and recover, so that you can join us again when you're feeling better. This goes for your children as well.

Please consider the needs of your neighbors and community at this time and act with grace and love by complying with this executive order and our request for healthy gathering.

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP

We love kids, and we are glad to have your children worshiping alongside us! Our service will include a special Bible lesson just for them.

If your children need a break, parents are welcome to take them to the nursery to play. Our nursery also has a place for changing diapers, a family restroom, and a private space for nursing mothers.

WORSHIP AT CPC

A worship service at Covenant Presbyterian Church lasts about an hour and fifteen minutes, sometimes more and sometime less. The flow of those services, the liturgy, will typically look like this:

Welcome and Announcements	Creed and Prayer
Song of Adoration	Children's Lesson
Confession of Sin	Scripture Reading and Sermon
Assurance of Pardon	Lord's Supper
Songs of Praise	Benediction
Scripture Reading	Doxology

If you don't know when to stand or sit, don't sweat it. Follow those around you. We forget sometimes, too. And if you have questions we'll be happy to attempt an answer after the service.

THE LORD'S SUPPER AT CPC

The Lord's Supper is a joyful part of Christian worship which we celebrate weekly. If you are a Christian, we are happy to have you join with us even if you are not a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church. If you have any uncertainties about whether you should partake or not, seek out the pastor or one of the elders before the service. If you are not a Christian, to partake of the Supper would be to express a faith that you do not embrace. That would not be fair to you, or good. So, feel free to stay in your seat. We do not mind. We are glad to have you as our guest.

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