



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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## »THE LORD'S DAY | DECEMBER 13, 2020«

### VOTUM (PS. 124:8)

*Leader:* Our help is in the name of the Lord

*Congregation:* Who made heaven and earth.

### ADVENT READING 1:

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the Negeb! Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him. (Psalm 126)

### SING - O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come all ye faithful

Joyful and triumphant

O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem

Come and behold Him

Born the King of angels

O come let us adore Him

O come let us adore Him

O come let us adore Him

Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels

Sing in exultation

O sing all ye bright

Hosts of heav'n above

Glory to God all  
Glory in the highest

O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

Yea Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing

O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

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## PRAY

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. O Lord, have mercy upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, send your purifying grace into our hearts, we beg you, that we may henceforth live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## READ AND HEAR GOD'S ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. (2 Cor. 5:17-19)

## SING - ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains

Gloria

In excelsis Deo

Gloria

In excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee  
Why your joyous strains prolong  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song

Gloria  
In excelsis Deo  
Gloria  
In excelsis Deo

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord the newborn King

Gloria  
In excelsis Deo  
Gloria  
In excelsis Deo

See Him in a manger laid  
Whom the choirs of angels praise  
Mary Joseph lend your aid  
While our hearts in love we raise

Gloria  
In excelsis Deo  
Gloria  
In excelsis Deo

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## #2 - O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O little town of Bethlehem

How still we see thee lie

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep

The silent stars go by

Yet in thy dark streets shineth

The everlasting Light

The hopes and fears of all the years

Are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary

And gathered all above

While mortals sleep

The angels keep their watch of wondering love

O morning stars together

Proclaim the holy birth

And praises sing to God the King

And peace to men on earth

How silently how silently  
The wondrous gift is given  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heaven  
No ear may hear His coming  
But in this world of sin  
Where meek souls will receive Him still  
The dear Christ enters in

Where children pure and happy  
Pray to the blessed Child  
Where misery cries out to Thee  
Son of the mother mild  
Where charity stands watching  
And faith holds wide the door  
The dark night wakes the glory breaks  
And Christmas comes once more

O holy Child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in  
Be born in us today  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell  
O come to us abide with us  
Our Lord Emmanuel

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## ADVENT READING 2 - ISAIAH 61:1-4; 8-11

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified. They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

## 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 - JOHN 1:6-8; 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

### SCRIPTURE READING - 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

## SING -JESUS, I AM RESTING, RESTING

Jesus I am resting resting  
In the joy of what Thou art  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of Thy loving heart  
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee  
And Thy beauty fills my soul  
For by Thy transforming power  
Thou hast made me whole

Jesus I am resting resting  
In the joy of what Thou art  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of Thy loving heart

O how great Thy loving kindness  
Vaster broader than the sea  
O how marvelous Thy goodness  
Lavished all on me  
Yes I rest in Thee Beloved  
Know what wealth of grace is Thine  
Know Thy certainty of promise  
And have made it mine

Jesus I am resting resting  
In the joy of what Thou art  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of Thy loving heart

Simply trusting Thee Lord Jesus  
I behold Thee as Thou art  
And Thy love so pure so changeless  
Satisfies my heart  
Satisfies its deepest longings  
Meets supplies its every need  
Compasseth me round with blessings  
Thine is love indeed

Ever lift Thy face upon me  
As I work and wait for Thee  
Resting 'neath Thy smile Lord Jesus  
Earth's dark shadows flee  
Brightness of my Father's glory  
Sunshine of my Father's face  
Keep me ever trusting resting  
Fill me with Thy grace

Simply trusting Thee Lord Jesus  
I behold Thee as Thou art  
And Thy love so pure so changeless  
Satisfies my heart  
Satisfies its deepest longings  
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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 13, 2020

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### 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](mailto:admin@cpcoviedo.com) or visit and sign up for our email news-bulletin at [cpcoviedo.com/news](http://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 13 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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