



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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## »THE LORD'S DAY | DECEMBER 20, 2020«

### VOTUM (PS. 124:8)

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

*Congregation:* Who made heaven and earth.

### ADVENT READING 1:

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness." You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'" Of old you spoke in a vision to your godly one, and said: "I have granted help to one who is mighty; I have exalted one chosen from the people. I have found David, my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him, so that my hand shall be established with him; my arm also shall strengthen him. The enemy shall not outwit him; the wicked shall not humble him. I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him. My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him, and in my name shall his horn be exalted. I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers. He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'" (Psalm 89: 1-4; 19-26)

### SING - HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANNOINTED

Hail to the Lord's anointed

Great David's greater Son

Hail in the time appointed

His reign on earth begun

He comes to break oppression

To set the captive free

To take away transgression

And rule in equity

He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth  
And love joy hope like flowers  
Spring in His path to birth  
Th king shall have dominion  
From sea to shining sea  
And over every nation  
His peaceful rule shall be

The desert tribes adore Him  
And bend to Him the knee  
The wicked bow before Him  
His glory they will see  
With gifts of adoration  
The forgeign kings shall meet  
To pour the wealth of nations  
In tribute at His feet

He comes with rescue speedy  
To those who suffer wrong  
To help the poor and needy  
And bid the weak be strong  
He turns their sighs to singing  
Their darkness into light  
For they condemned and dying  
Are precious in His sight

His kingdom is increasing  
A kingdom without end  
For Him shall prayer unceasing  
And daily praise ascend  
The mountain dews will nourish  
A harvest from the fields  
The grain and fruit will flourish  
The land its bounty yields

In name forever glorious  
He on His throne shall rest  
From age to age victorious  
All blessing and all blest  
Praise God who rules each nation  
Tell of His deeds again  
His glory fills creations  
Sing praise to God  
Amen

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## PRAY

Most merciful God, who is of purer eyes than to look upon our sin, and has promised forgiveness to all who confess and forsake their sins, we come before you with a humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our many transgressions of your righteous law. O gracious Father, look upon us, we beg of you, in mercy, and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply aware of the great evil of them, and work in us a sincere sorrow and repentance, that we may receive forgiveness at your hands, who is ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

## READ AND HEAR GOD'S ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. (1 Pt. 1:18-21)

## SING - GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed the Savior's birth

Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn

Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born

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## #2 - COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

Come Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in Thee  
Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth Thou art  
Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By Thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

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## ADVENT READING 2 - ISAIAH 11:1-12; 16

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious. In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea. He will raise a signal for the nations and will assemble the banished of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH - WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

We believe that the Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him man's nature, with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two

whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man. 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 - LUKE 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son,

and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

### SCRIPTURE READING - ECCLESIASTES 3:9-13

What gain has the worker from his toil? I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

### SING -HOW LONG?

How long Will You turn Your face away  
How long Do You hear us when we pray  
On and on still we walk this pilgrim way  
How long

How long 'til Your children find their rest  
How long 'til You draw them to Your breast  
We go on holding to Your promises - How long

'Til You wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye  
'Til we see our home descending from the sky  
Do we wait in vain  
Jesus give us hope again

How long 'til Your word will still the storm  
How long 'til You bare Your mighty arm  
How we groan 'til You snatch us from the thorns  
How long

How long Sweet the dawn that ends the race  
How long Weak our hearts but strong our legs  
Looking on - great that cloud of witnesses  
How long

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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 20, 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 20 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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