

Welcome to

Covenant Congregational Church

Covenant Congregational Church exists to build a welcoming community so that all generations can know God, participate freely, and grow in faith together.

Covenant Congregational Church
First Sunday of Advent
Hope

Worship Service | November 29, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE — *Emmanuel – arr. Shackley*

WELCOME

Announcements — Lou Ann Falls

Introit — *Come, Lord Jesus – Carey Landry*

GATHERING

*Call to Worship

No one knows the day or hour,
But we know the One who holds time in his hands.
We open our hearts to the coming Christ.
Come, let us worship the God who keeps promises.

*Opening Song — *Joy to the World/Our God Saves* — Screen

*Invocation

*Greeting One Another

PROCLAMATION

Lighting of the Advent Wreath — The Ivaldi Family

Choral Anthem — *An Invitation for Advent – Schram*

Children's Message

Dismissal Blessing of the Children

Congregation: The Lord be with you.
Children: And also with you!

Scripture Readings — Renee Desper

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 80:1–7
New Testament Reading: Mark 13:24–37

Response: The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Preparation — *Lift Up Your Heads* — #33

Sermon — "Small Beginnings" — Pastor Ryan
Matthew 13:31–32 & Isaiah 11:1–3a

RESPONSE

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *In the Bleak Midwinter – arr. Jason W. Krug*

*Advent Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all Creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Closing Hymn *Come, You People of the Promise* #130

*Benediction

(Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.)

POSTLUDE *People, Look East – Paul Taylor*

*Please stand as able.

Worship Participants

Co-Pastors	Rev. Dr. Devyn Chambers Johnson and Rev. Ryan Chambers Johnson
Greeters	Heather Willis and Bob Hall
Usher	Melissa Gallinaro
Worship Leader	Lou Ann Falls
Scripture Reader	Renee Desper
Worship Band	Chris Allison, Vicky Papetti, Tony Ivaldi, Britt Newman, Jeff Burton, Joe Dorfler, Peter Fredericksen, Pastor Ryan
Choir Director/Piano	Alice Fu
Violin	Vicky Papetti
Flute	Lou Ann Falls
Bass	Chris Allison
Clarinet/Saxophone	Alex West
Organ	Susan Santry
A.V. Tech Team	Jeff Burton, Dave Sproul, Adam Buckley and Andrew West
Sanctuary Keeper	Sara Papetti

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Children Are Welcome at CCC

We welcome the movement and whispers (that are often louder than whispers) of children in the worship service. In addition:

- Children are welcome in the worship service. There are clipboards with children's bulletins and activities available in the narthex.
- For babies and toddlers, there is a play room off of the narthex with a video feed and a viewing room with a window into the sanctuary. This is also the meeting room for "wiggle worship", the class for toddlers to pre-k, which meets during the second half of worship.
- During worship, children, toddlers through 7th grade, are dismissed to Sunday School classes. Children go to their classrooms and are returned to their parents during the final song of the service. Parents will sign their children in at the table in the narthex and, if they wish, are welcome to accompany them to their classroom to get them settled.

Coffee and refreshments are available after worship in the fireside room, hosted today by the Missions & Service Ministry. All are welcome!

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