

Covenant Congregational Church
Second Sunday After Christmas
Epiphany

Worship Service January 5, 2025 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Wise Ones Led by a Star* Paul Taylor

WELCOME

Announcements

Introit *O Jesus, Sweet Jesus* George Root

GATHERING

*Call to Worship

Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name;
worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness.**
The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord is enthroned as King forever.
**The Lord gives strength to his people;
the Lord blesses his people with peace.**

*Opening Song *How Great is Our God* Screen

*Invocation

Greeting One Another

PROCLAMATION

Children's Message

Dismissal Blessing of the Children

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

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6
New Testament Reading: Ephesians 3: 1-12

Dianne Sproul

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

Sermon *Follow the Light* Pastor Devyn

John 1: 1-18

Hymn of Response *Open My Eyes, That I May See* #368

RESPONSE

Pastoral Prayer & 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 Anthem *Song of the Stars* Lloyd Larson

*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! Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament Of Holy Communion**

Hymn of Preparation *How Great the Joy* #552

*Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hades;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy Christian Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup *Rose of Bethlehem* arr. Shackley

SENDING

*Closing Hymn *As with Gladness Men of Old* #192

*Benediction

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

POSTLUDE *We Three Kings* arr. Bethany Smith

*Please stand as able.

**Holy Communion at Covenant Congregational Church is open to all who confess Jesus as Savior and seek to follow him as Lord. Others, including children, are welcome to come forward to receive grapes as a sign that the Lord calls all people to himself. Individuals may also remain seated.

Worship Participants

Co-Pastors.....Rev. Dr. Devyn Chambers Johnson and Rev. Ryan Chambers Johnson
Greeters.....Heather Willis and Bob Hall
Acolytes.....Susanna Johnson and Antonio Gomes
Usher.....Cheryl Opper
Scripture Reader.....Dianne Sproul
Worship Band.....Chris Allison, Vicky Papetti, Tony Ivaldi, Jeff Burton and Pastor Ryan
Clarinet.....Alex West
Violin.....Vicky Papetti
Bass.....Chris Allison
Piano.....Alice Fu
Organ.....Susan Santry
Music Director.....Yuna Lee
A.V. Tech Team.....Jeff Burton, Dave Sproul, Adam Buckley and Andrew West
Sanctuary Keepers.....Heather and Ed Willis

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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 to stay in the worship service. There are clipboards with children's bulletins and activities available in the narthex.
- There is a viewing and play room available during the entire service with an audio feed and window into the sanctuary, second left in the Narthex.
- During worship, children, toddlers through 8th grade, are dismissed to Sunday School classes. Children have their classes downstairs 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. All are welcome!

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