

Covenant Congregational Church  
*Third Sunday of Advent*  
*Joy*

Worship Service December 14, 2025 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *In the Bleak Midwinter – arr. Krug*

WELCOME

Announcements

Introit *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee – Beethoven*

GATHERING

\*Call to Worship

We light the candle of Joy today  
– because, even now, in these turbulent days,  
**the light shines in the darkness,**  
**and the darkness did not,**  
**and will never, overcome it.**

\*Opening Song *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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\*Invocation

Greeting One Another

PROCLAMATION

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Illobre/Tigano Family

Choral Anthem *We Want to Be Ready – Price and Besig*

Children's Message

Dismissal Blessing of the Children

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

Scripture Readings

Peter Gay

Psalm Reading: Psalm 146: 5-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11: 2-11

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

Hymn of Preparation *O How Shall I Receive You?*

#123

Sermon Isaiah 35: 1-10

Pastor Devyn

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 *Of the Father's Love Begotten – arr. Carter*

\* 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*

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\*Benediction

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

POSTLUDE

*When He Cometh – arr. Priscilla King*

\*Please stand as able.

## Worship Participants

Co-Pastors.....Rev. Dr. Devyn Chambers Johnson and Rev. Ryan Chambers Johnson  
Greeters.....Heather Willis and Bob Hall  
Acolytes.....Susanna Johnson and Caroline Ernst  
Usher.....Kym Silva  
Scripture Reader.....Peter Gay  
Worship Band.....Chris Allison, Vicky Papetti, Marlena Silva, Tony Ivaldi, Jeff Burton, Peter Fredericksen and 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 Keepers.....Rob and Priscilla Driscoll

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*The poinsettias in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of  
Nancy Hall, Edith and Eldon Ek, and Victoria and Evald Hall by Bob Hall.*

## 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.
- During worship, children, toddlers through 8<sup>th</sup> 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.
- There is a viewing and play room with a video feed and window into the sanctuary off of the narthex. This is also the meeting room for "wiggle worship" - the class for children, toddler to pre-k, which meets during the second half of worship.

Coffee and refreshments are available after worship in the fireside room. All are welcome!

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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.*

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