

Covenant Congregational Church  
*Second Sunday of Advent*  
*Peace*

Worship Service December 8, 2024 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Waiting for Messiah* Robert W. Thygerson

WELCOME Linda Wainwright

Announcements

Introit *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Picardy

GATHERING

\*Call to Worship

Welcome today to this time of preparation.

**Although we have been preparing for celebrations, we come seeking to prepare our hearts to receive God's Good News.**

Get ready! The Lord is bringing to us Hope and Peace.

**How wonderful it is that the Lord is showering us with Peace.**

Open your hearts and let your spirits be quieted. Be at peace with the Lord.

**Lord, prepare our lives and bring us peace. AMEN.**

\*Opening Song *O Come All Ye Faithful with All Who are Thirsty* Screen

\*Invocation

Greeting One Another

PROCLAMATION

Lighting of the Advent Candles Drago Family

Anthem *We Want to Be Ready* Don Besig

Children's Message

Dismissal Blessing of the Children

**Congregation: The Lord be with you.**

**Children: And also with you!**

Scripture Readings Peter Gay

New Testament Reading: Philippians 1: 3-11

Gospel Reading: Luke 3: 1-6

Response: The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Preparation *Wait for the Lord* #143

Sermon Malachi 3: 1-4 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 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* arr. Pethel

\*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 *O How Shall I Receive You* #123

\*Benediction

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

POSTLUDE *Prepare the Way* Ben Logan

\*Please stand as able.

## Worship Participants

Co-Pastors.....Rev. Dr. Devyn Chambers Johnson and Rev. Ryan Chambers Johnson  
Greeters.....Heather Willis and Bob Hall  
Worship Leader.....Linda Wainwright  
Usher.....Bonnie Hyde  
Scripture Reader.....Peter Gay  
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.....Priscilla and Rob Driscoll

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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 8<sup>th</sup> 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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