



*December 07, 2025*  
*Covenant Presbyterian Church*  
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# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: PURPLE

11:00am Worship

Holy Communion  
Second Sunday of Advent  
**GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY (see insert)

*Magnificat (Song of Mary)*

by Jacques Berthier

\*LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

A voice cries out in the wilderness:

**"Prepare the way of the Lord."**

A choir sings in the silence,

**"Come, Emmanuel."**

Every valley shall be filled.

**Every heart shall be made whole,**

for peace will overcome turmoil,

**and love is stronger than hate.**

As we light our second Advent candle,

**we pray for the holy peace of God.**

*(The Advent Candles of Hope and Peace are lit)*

Come now, O Child of Mary.

**Come now, O Prince of Peace.**

\*HYMN 104

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Merciful God, your servant Mary sang of a world made right – the proud scattered, the lowly lifted, the hungry filled, the powerful unseated. But we confess that we often are resigned to the world as it is, rather than work for the world as it should be. We grow accustomed to injustice, numb to suffering we consider "inevitable." We turn away from your disruptive Spirit, fearing the cost of saying "yes" as Mary did. Forgive us. Free us from apathy and fear. Stir up in us the courage to bear Christ's love into this world, trusting that your mercy is stronger than all that harms or divides. In the name of the Prince of Peace, we pray.**

*(Silent prayers of confession)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (*Responsive*)

Hear the good news:

The Mighty One has done great things for us.

**God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.**

In Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,

we are forgiven, restored, and set free to live the song Mary sang.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*PRAISE HYMN 88

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high,**

**who orderest all things mightily: to us the path of knowledge show;**

**and teach us in her ways to go.**

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

**LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 5: 2-5a  
(pp. 849-850 of pew bible)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1: 39-55  
(p. 934 of pew bible)

PROCLAMATION

*Will the Real Mary Please Stand Up?* Rev. Tom Buchanan

\*HYMN 102

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

NUN KOMM,  
DER HEIDEN HEILAND

## RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

### OFFERING

#### PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

What do you bring to the Lord's Table?

**The gifts of God for the people of God.**

**Thanks be to God.**

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER including concerns and celebrations

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION/SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*Server:* The body of Christ was broken for you. *Served:* Thanks be to God.

*Server:* The blood of Christ was shed for you. *Served:* Thanks be to God.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN 100 "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout" STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

### \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*SENDING HYMN 384 "Soon and Very Soon" Andrea Crouch  
(verse 4) **Soon and very soon we are going to see the King;  
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.  
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!**

### \*POSTLUDE

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ADULT CHOIR

SOLO: Winnie Mburu

\* denotes standing as able.

LITURGIST: Claire Bruner

CANDLE LIGHTERS: Jason, Addie, Jacob & Quinton Roberts