



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH  
Hospitality • Faith • Compassion

# Covenant Community Church



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## Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

### We Gather

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of Third Advent Candle Carolyn Carlson and Mary Sylver

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.

**People: Sing praises to the ends of the earth.**

Leader: Shout and sing for joy, O people of God,

**People: For great is the Holy One in our midst, blessed is the One who comes to dwell among us.**

\*Opening Hymn #142 *Song of Zechariah*

\*Hymn #127 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

\*Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer (see insert)

### We Hear the Word

\*Scripture Lesson Luke 2:41-51

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

Sermon Amazed, Astounded, and Astonished

Interlude

### We Respond

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\*Offering Response: #151 (vs. 4) *In the Bleak Midwinter*  
*What can I give him, poor as I am?*  
*If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;*  
*if I were a wise man, I would do my part;*  
*yet what I can I give him: give my heart.*

### We Are Sent Into the World

\*Closing Hymn #136 *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers!*

\*Benediction

\*Response *(our tradition is to face and bless each other as we sing)*

*The Lord bless you and keep you,*  
*The Lord make his face to shine upon you*  
*and be gracious, gracious, gracious to you,*  
*the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,*  
*And give you, give you, give you peace.*

Leader: ....

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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\*Denotes all who are able, please stand

### Helping Us to Worship

Ministers to the World:	The Congregation
Minister to the Congregation:	Rev. Jeannette Conver
Music Leader:	Peter Olson
Scripture Reader:	Laurie Prior
Greeters:	Carolyn Carlson and Cindy Lindquist
Church Cleaners:	Billie Hall and Sue Grab

## **Luke 2:41-51** New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>41</sup> Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival.

<sup>42</sup> When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual.

<sup>43</sup> After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't miss him at first, <sup>44</sup>because they assumed he was among the other travelers. But when he didn't show up that evening, they started looking for him among their relatives and friends.

<sup>45</sup> When they couldn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for him there. <sup>46</sup> Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. <sup>47</sup> All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

<sup>48</sup> His parents didn't know what to think. "Son," his mother said to him, "why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere."

<sup>49</sup> "But why did you need to search?" he asked. "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> But they didn't understand what he meant.

<sup>51</sup> Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And his mother stored all these things in her heart.

## **Welcome!**

Greetings! And a warm welcome to you!

We are glad to have you here—we are better together.

If you are visiting us for the first time,  
please sign our guest book at the entrance,  
and complete a visitor's card

Please join us for coffee or tea after worship.  
We would like to get to know you.

Child care (infant through pre-K) is provided  
during the worship service.

We ask that you please pick up your child  
promptly after church.

## **This Week's Events**

Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

Adult Study, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

### **Sunday Worship—December 23, 2018**

Greeters: Gordon & Josy Moore

Church Cleaners: Needed

(December 17-31)

If you have announcements, prayer requests or other special needs contact Pastor Jeannette Conner, 879-4313 (church) or Diane Border, Church Administrative Assistant 879-4313

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

Adult Study, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

Movie Night at Bill & Patty's home, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

## 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,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever. Amen.

## Announcements

- **Celebration of Sancta Lucia:** In commemoration of our historical celebration of Sancta Lucia, Covenant Community Church would like to challenge everyone during this season of Advent to become “Lucia” to our needy world.

Therefore, before Christmas Eve perform an act of mercy, generosity, kindness (meet a need) that you identify. Share your story in a few sentences on the back of the insert and place this paper in the basket next to our Lucia doll. You may remain anonymous if you choose however sharing your experience often encourages others. May you become light in the darkness

- **Adult Study Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.:** You are invited to join us at any time. We'll be considering God's vision for the world and where we can each fit into that. Come join us!  
NOTE: There will not be a study on December 30.
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, December 24, 7:00 p.m.:** We invite you to join us for our annual Christmas Eve service. We are expecting lots of friends, family and visitors to this service. Could you please bring a batch of cookies as part of your offering on **Sunday December 23** for Covenant Community Church to serve on Christmas Eve? It could be your Lucia act of kindness! Thank you **very** much!
- Pastor Jeannette & Lynn will be away on vacation December 25-January 5, 2019. If a need arises, contact Wayne Border, Leadership Team Chair.
- **Saturday, December 29, at Patty & Bill's home:** An evening of adult fellowship. Good movies, good food, and good conversation! Movie night at Patty Woodham and Bill Wiltshire's home. Bring a dish to share. Movie at 4:30 p.m., potluck and conversation to follow. Please note that this is an adult gathering.