



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Hospitality • Faith • Compassion

Covenant Community Church



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First Sunday after Christmas

December 30, 2018

We Gather

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him from the skies!

People: Praise him, all his angels! Praise him, all the armies of heaven!

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon! Praise him, all you twinkling stars!

People: Praise him, skies above! Praise him, vapors high above the clouds!

Leader: Let every created thing give praise to the Lord, for he issued his command, and they came into being.

People: He set them in place forever and ever. His decree will never be revoked.

ALL: For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

*Opening Hymn #120 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

*Song (see green insert) *We Three Kings*

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

We Hear the Word

Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 52:7*

*Gospel Lesson *Luke 2:9-14*
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message *Pray for Peace*

Interlude

We Respond

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 #157 *Hark the Herald Angels*

*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

*Denotes all who are able, please stand

Helping Us to Worship

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| Ministers to the World: | The Congregation |
| Minister to the Congregation: | Rev. Jeannette Conner |
| Worship Leaders: | Wayne Border and Karen Zidovsky |
| Music Leaders: | One A-Chord |
| Scripture Reader: | Wayne Border |
| Greeters: | Wayne and Diane Border |

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.

Isaiah 52:7 New Living Translation (NLT)

⁷ How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who brings good news,
the good news of peace and salvation,
the news that the God of Israel reigns!

Luke 2:9-14 New Living Translation (NLT)

⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified,
¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! ¹² And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in highest heaven,
and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

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 30th
Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 2nd
Alpha Group, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship—January 6, 2018

Greeters: Josy & Gordon Moore
Communion/Bread Providers: Diane & Wayne Border
Church Cleaners: Needed Diane & Wayne Border
(December 31, 2018-January 13, 2019)

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, January 6th

Adult Study, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 10th

Alpha Group, 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 12th

Town Meadows Outreach, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 13th

Adult Study, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

Announcements

- **Outreach Opportunity, January 12, 2:00-4:00PM:** We will be visiting our friends at Town Meadows to perform light housekeeping, home projects, and other activities.
- **Alpha Groups:** Thursday afternoon group will begin meeting weekly again starting January 10. The Thursday evening Alpha group will be switching to Wednesday nights starting January 2. First meeting in the new year will be Wednesday January 2 @ 6:00 p.m. at church. A light meal will be provided.
- **Praying Together on Friday afternoons:** We will resume on January 11.

We Three Kings of Orient Are

We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Chorus

O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign (Chorus)

Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh:
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship Him, God on high. (Chorus)

Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom:
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone cold tomb. (Chorus)

Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Sounds thro' the earth and skies. (Chorus)

Do Something

I woke up this morning
Saw a world full of trouble now
Thought, how'd we ever get so far down
How's it ever gonna turn around
So I turned my eyes to Heaven
I thought, "God, why don't You do something?"
Well, I just couldn't bear the thought of
People living in poverty
Children sold into slavery
The thought disgusted me
So, I shook my fist at Heaven
Said, "God, why don't You do something?"
He said, "I did, I created you"

If not us, then who
If not me and you
Right now, it's time for us to do something
If not now, then when
Will we see an end
To all this pain
It's not enough to do nothing
It's time for us to do something

I'm so tired of talking
About how we are God's hands and feet
But it's easier to say than to be
Live like angels of apathy who tell ourselves
It's alright, "somebody else will do something"
Well, I don't know about you
But I'm sick and tired of life with no desire
I don't want a flame, I want a fire
I wanna be the one who stands up and says,
"I'm gonna do something"

If not us, then who
If not me and you
Right now, it's time for us to do something
If not now, then when
Will we see an end
To all this pain
It's not enough to do nothing
It's time for us to do something

We are the salt of the earth
We are a city on a hill (shine shine, shine shine)
But we're never gonna change the world
By standing still
No we won't stand still
No we won't stand still
No we won't stand still

If not us, then who
If not me and you
Right now, it's time for us to do something
If not now, then when
Will we see an end
To all this pain
It's not enough to do nothing
It's time for us to do something [x3]

by Matthew West
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