

THE LORD'S DAY

December 23, 2018

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Mendelssohn/Page

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God;

People: the skies proclaim the work of his hands!

Leader: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.

People: There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.
The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

People: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.

INVOCATION

*HYMN 214 Angels We Have Heard on High

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON: O Lord, even though the good news of Christ's birth has been proclaimed to us, we confess that we do not always rejoice in his coming as we should. We often fail to trust him in our daily lives, and fail to live with the joyful expectation of his return. We allow the concerns of work, family, and other pursuits to so occupy our minds that we neglect reflecting on who you are and what you have done for us by grace. Forgive us these and all our sins, and help us to look to the One who for the joy set before him perfectly fulfilled your will, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 10:9-11

LEADER: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, 'Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.'"

*GLORIA PATRI 735

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 42:1-9 (p. 513)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY O Come, O Come Emmanuel Helmore

*DOXOLOGY 733

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 2:1-7 (p. 724)

**HYMN 203 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

SERMON JOY TO THE WORLD
Luke 2:8-20 (p. 725)
Rev. John Muhlfeld

*HYMN 195 Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Rigaudon Campra

**Congregation standing*

***Children may be dismissed for Jr. Church during the last stanza
(Age 5-Kindergarten: Room 112; Grades 1-3: Room 110)*

Please silence all electronic devices.

Please see an usher if you would like to utilize an assisted listening device.

*Welcome to all worshipping with us today.
We trust the Lord will strengthen and encourage you
through our fellowship together.*

*If you are a visitor, please complete the
attendance register in full. Upon exiting the main lobby doors,
please accept a gift of "welcome bread."*

Serving this morning:

Worship Leaders — Tim Fenchel, Jim Rich

Musicians — Bell Choir, Brass Quintet, Chorus Parvus, Covenant Musicians,
Helen Ro, Senior Choir

Covenant Church Office: (215) 256-1007

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lighting the fourth candle of Advent this morning and reading from God's word are Jesse and Emily Waltenbaugh.

Please join us for our candlelight Christmas Eve service on Monday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m. The service will feature special music, Scripture readings, and the singing of Christmas hymns. This year we will enjoy the additional blessing of children acting out the Christmas account as it is read from Scripture. Please invite your friends and neighbors so they, too, may hear of the Savior so worthy of our praise.

The church will be locked during normal business hours on Monday, December 24 and Monday, December 31. Thank you for planning your trips to Covenant accordingly.

James Benoit, son of Dan and Ashley, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on January 13. Thank you for your prayers for the Benoit family as we look forward to this special occasion.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this morning's Christmas breakfast. Please be sure to take home any dishes you brought before leaving today.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 12/23	9:00 a.m.	Christmas Breakfast
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45 p.m.	Sr. Choir Practice
Monday 12/24	7:00 p.m.	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday 12/25		
Wednesday 12/26		
Thursday 12/27		
Friday 12/28		
Saturday 12/29		
Sunday 12/30	9:15 a.m.	Year-end Prayer and Praise
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

For a complete listing of events at Covenant, or for more information on ministries, please visit www.covpreschurch.org



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

310 Covenant Lane, Harleysville, PA 19438
information@covpreschurch.org
www.covpreschurch.org
(215) 256-1007

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The mission of Covenant Presbyterian Church
is to help people know Christ,
grow together in the grace of Christ,
and advance the kingdom of Christ,
all to the glory and worship of God forever.*