



Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church!

We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning.

Thank you for joining us and may you experience

God's blessing in our worship.

The Lord's Day

December 12, 2021

◆ **Call to Worship:**

Joel 2:1

Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sound an alarm on my holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near!

◆ **Prayer for God's Blessing**

◆ **Hymn of Adoration:** #293

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Call to Confession:

Isaiah 40:3-5

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Isaiah 42:1, 3

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations... a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

◆ **Hymn of Praise:** #314

"God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

◆ **Our Statement of Faith:**

— Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 29-30

Q. Why is the Son of God called "Jesus" meaning "Savior"?

A. **Because he saves us from our sins.**

**Salvation cannot be found in anyone else;
it is futile to look for any salvation elsewhere.**

Q. Do those who look for salvation and security in saints, in themselves, or elsewhere really believe in the only savior Jesus?

A. **No. Although they boast of being his, by their deeds they deny the only savior and deliverer, Jesus.**

**Either Jesus is not a perfect savior,
or those who in true faith accept this savior
have in him all they need for their salvation.**

Congregational Prayer

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Hymn of Preparation: #27A

(stanzas 1-4)

"The LORD's My Light"

◆ **Scripture**

~ Old Testament: Malachi 3:1-5

~ New Testament: 2 Peter 3:8-13

Sermon:

"Refined by the Messiah"

◆ **Hymn of Response:** #300

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Doxology:** #567

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly hosts:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

◆ Please stand if you are able