



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 17, 2023

◆Call to Worship:

Philippians 4:4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again: Rejoice!
Let your gentleness be evident to all.
The Lord is near.

◆Prayer for God's Blessing

◆Hymn of Adoration: #297

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!"

Call to Confession:

Titus 2:11-12

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Titus 3:5-6

God saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

◆Hymn of Praise: #294

"Song of Zechariah"

◆Our Statement for Faith: — from Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 35&36

Q.35 What does it mean that Jesus "was conceived by the Holy "Spirit and born of the virgin Mary"?"

A. That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that he might become David's true descendant, like his brothers in every way except for sin.

Q.36 How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

A. He is our mediator, and with his innocence and perfect holiness he removes from God's sight my sin—mine since I was conceived.

Congregational Prayer

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

◆Scripture

~ Old Testament: 1 Samuel 2:1-10

~ New Testament: Luke 1:26-38

Sermon:

"God with the Faithfully Surprised"

◆Hymn of Preparation: #301

"Song of Mary"

†The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

◆Hymn of Response: #299

"Joy to the World! The LORD Is Come"

◆Benediction

◆Doxology: #571

"Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

◆Please stand if you are able

†The bread is gluten-free. Grape juice is available in the center of the tray.