

## TODAY AT COVENANT

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## PRAYER CONCERNS

*If you know of other reasons for rejoicing or concerns you would like to share feel free to complete a prayer card with your request. **Please contact the church office with any updates to this list.** Names will remain in the bulletin for three weeks unless we are notified about a change.*

### Week of December 25—31, 2022

Howard Bowman; Cathy Eades, Jim Starr's cousin; Allen White, Maggie's uncle; Charlotte Brumit, Betsy Moakler's mother; Estelle Armistead; Sharon Fuhrman; Vickie Koppel, friend of Don & Patti Coble; all those affected by gun violence; all those in our community affected by Covid-19; the people of Ukraine, its neighbors, and the innocent people of Russia.

*Join us in continually lifting up in prayer our mission co-workers:*

Bob & Kristi Rice: South Sudan

The Adams Maldonado Family: Frontera de Cristo

*and these Covenant ministry partners:*

UKirk ETSU (Pres. Campus Ministry) ☩ Holston Presbytery Camp

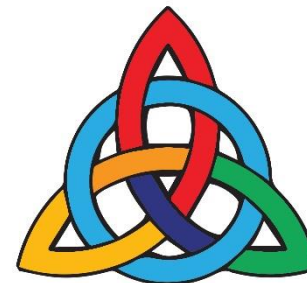
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# Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**CHRIST • PEOPLE • COMMUNITY**

## DECEMBER 25, 2022

## CHRISTMAS DAY



(As we enter the sanctuary, let us quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship. Please silence your cell phones for the duration of the service.)

## WELCOME

## GREETING

Leader: How beautiful is the messenger of peace,

People: **Who proclaims the good news of salvation!**

## PRELUDE

*“O Come All Ye Faithful”*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP from *Cloth for the Cradle*, Wild Goose Worship

Leader: Light looked down and saw darkness.

People: **“I will go there,” said Light.**

Leader: Peace looked down and saw war.

People: **“I will go there,” said Peace.**

Leader: Love looked down and saw hate.

People: **“I will go there,” said Love.**

Leader: So, the Lord of Light, the Prince of Peace, the King of Love, came down and crept in beside us.

People: **O come, let us adore and worship Christ our Lord!**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

## \*CAROL OF PRAISE # 110

*“Love Has Come”*

## PSALM OF THE DAY (p. 551)

Psalm 98

## CAROLS AND STORY SHARING

# 134 (vv. 1, 2 & 4)

*“Joy to the World”*

# 114 (vv. 1 & 3)

*“Away in a Manger”*

# 121 (vv. 1 & 4)

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

# 123 (vv. 1 & 5)

*“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”*

# 113 (all verses)

*“Angels, We Have Heard on High”*

# 128 (all verses)

*“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”*

# 147 (vv. 1, 2 & 4)

*“The First Nowell”*

# 146 (all verses)

*“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”*

## GOSPEL LESSON (p. 58)

Luke 2:1-20

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER

### Refrain:

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

People: **hear our 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## \*CAROL OF BLESSING # 132

*“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”*

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*“Gloria”*

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\*Please rise, in body or spirit.

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**If you gave a poinsettia, please take it home after the service.**

Poetry and Prayers used in this service come from:

*Accompanied by Angels*, by Luci Shaw. William B. Eerdmans Publishing: 2006

*Kneeling in Bethlehem*, by Ann Weems. Westminster John Knox Press: 1980.

*Cloth for the Cradle: Worship Resources for Advent, Christmas, & Epiphany*. Wild Goose: 1997.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to glorify and enjoy God. We live knowing that God calls us to be a place of love, support, hope and acceptance regardless of earthly labels. Jesus Christ commissions us to make disciples and passionately share our gifts with the world through prayer, teaching, and service. The Holy Spirit allows us to determine and carry out Christ’s will for our lives and the life of our church and empowers us to seek out and respond to the needs of our local and global community.