## **WELCOME!**

Thank you for joining us for worship today. No matter your past or present, we are delighted that you are here. At Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, we seek to celebrate God's grace through Jesus Christ, Who gives us life today and for eternity. Our desire is for you to hear the free offer of the Gospel in Jesus Christ. We would love to connect with you and to share more information about our church. Please take a moment to fill out the attached visitor card and drop it in the box in the lobby. Finally, if you have questions or anything that you would like to discuss, please feel free to contact me:

Job Dalomba, pastor (jdalomba2@gmail.com)

We welcome and encourage children to participate in the corporate worship. If needed, we also have a nursery with volunteer church members for children



# **Let's Get Acquainted**

Please complete this section so we can get to know you better and minister to you more effectively. Please drop off in box in the lobby. Thank you!

Date	
Name	
Phone Num	nber
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City	
Please chec	k all that apply:
☐ First-tim	ne visitor
☐ Returnir	ng visitor
☐ New res	sident
☐ Would I	like follow-up contact
☐ Would I	like to know more about the church
Invited by:	

### Weekly

- 9:15: Sunday School
  - Children of all ages: 2 years through high school
  - Adult: Westminster
    Confession of Faith, Ch 21
    "Of Religious Worship, and the Sabbath Day"
- o 9:50: Congregational Prayer
- o 10:15: Fellowship
- o 10:45: Worship
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month: Evening Worship, 5:30
- o Nursery Volunteers
- Today: Conrad & Monica
  Santamaria, Noah Shattuck
- Dec 21: Vivi Santamaria, Phyllis
  Donn
- Dec 28: Jenni Downing, Sawyer
  Hughes, Holland Truong
- Jan 4: Bonnie Sweeney, Julie Kennedy, David Kennedy

# Encompass Ministry Needs (leave in basket in lobby):

- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Boxed Dinners
- Canned Meats
- Chili, Beef Stew & Canned Soups
- Pancake Mix
- Dry Beans & Canned Beans

### **Church Life**

#### This Week, Dec 14 - 20

- Today, 5:30: Woodstock Small Group
- Weds, Dec 17, 7:00 AM: Men's Bible Study
- Thurs, Dec 18, 6:30: Christmas Hymn Sing
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### Next Week, Dec 21 - 27

- Sun, Dec 21, 1:00: Meetup, Reformation
  Brewery
- Sun, Dec 21, 5:30: Joint Worship, Grace
- Weds, Dec 24, 7:00 AM: Men's Bible Study

## **Preparation for Worship**

"Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him; Worship the LORD in holy array."

#### 1 Chronicles 16:29

### Key points from the verse:

- Glory belongs to God alone We are to intentionally recognize and declare His worth
- Worship involves offering Not just financial, but offerings of praise, obedience, and our lives, all in response to His greatness
- His holiness As He is holy, those who come to Him in worship must be holy

### Suggestions for Prayer

- Focus on God's worth Help us to truly ascribe to Him the glory He deserves
- o Offering of ourselves Pray the Holy Spirit would teach us to bring our whole selves as an offering of praise, gratitude, and obedience
- **Holiness in worship** Praise Him for the holiness of Jesus, imputed to us, allowing us to stand as holy before Him



# **Service of Worship**

**December 14, 2025** 

We praise Christ, the promised Passover lamb!

"Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed."

1 Corinthians 5:7

## ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: Use this time to and the meditation on the back to quietly and prayerfully prepare yourself for worship

## GOD CALLS US TO ENTER THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Call to Worship Psalm 34:3-5, 22

Officiant: O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together.

Congregation: I sought the LORD, and He answered me, and delivered me from

all my fears

Officiant: They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces will never be

ashamed.

Congregation: The LORD redeems the soul of His servants, and none of those

who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

Invocation

Greeting

Opening Hymn of Praise

"Arise, O Lord Our God, Arise" [TH 374]

## GOD CLEANSES US WITH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

**Confession of Sin** 

Congregation: O eternal God and merciful Father, we humble ourselves before You, against Whom we have frequently and grievously sinned. We acknowledge that because of our sins, we deserve nothing less than eternal judgment. We continually transgress Your commandments, failing to do what You have commanded, and doing that which You have expressly forbidden. We acknowledge our waywardness, and are heartily sorry for all our sins. We are not worthy to be called Your children, nor to lift up our eyes heavenward to You in prayer. Nevertheless, O Lord God and gracious Father, we know that Your mercy toward those who turn to You is infinite; and so we take courage to call upon You, trusting in our Mediator Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away our sin. Forgive all our sins for Christ's sake. Cover us with His innocence and righteousness, for the glory of Your name. Deliver our understanding from all blindness, and our hearts from all willfulness and rebellion, we pray through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen. (Adapted from CRC Book of Praise)

### **Assurance of Pardon**

1 Peter 1:18-19

"knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ."

**Confession of Faith** 

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q21

Who is the redeemer of God's elect?

The only redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, Who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Hymn of Gratitude

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" [TH 196]

**Intercessory Prayer** 

## **GOD CONSECRATES US BY THE WORD OF CHRIST**

Sermon Matthew 26:17-25

Hymn of Response

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" [TH 420]

## The Lord's Supper

If you have professed faith in Christ, been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and are a member in good standing in a Bible-believing, evangelical church, we invite you to the Lord's Table. All others, please let the elements pass.

[Note: as in the first Communion, we use wine to celebrate the Lord's Supper; however, in the middle of each tray is **grape juice**, and in the bread tray is a cup of **gluten-free bread**.]

Hymn of Dedication

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" [TH 198]

## GOD COMMISSIONS US FOR THE SERVICE OF CHRIST

Benediction

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him above, ye heavn'ly hosts Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

# **Prayer Requests**

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

Phone	No.:				
(If req	uesting a	follow	-up cal	l)	
Please	pray fo	r:			

The Elders will be honored to pray for you. If you would like your request to be included in the weekly congregational email and on the Sunday bulletin prayer list, please check the box below. We will include the request for four weeks, unless you indicate otherwise.

☐ Please include on prayer sheet next week and in the weekly email.