

The  
**Church of the  
Covenant**

Sunday, November 25, 2018  
Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Service of Worship  
for the Lord's Day



## WELCOME

Convinced of God's grace, the Church of the Covenant seeks to be a welcoming spiritual home, live God's inclusive love, express Christ's compassion, and do justice in the world.

The Cragin Peal

The McGaffin Carillon

George Leggiero, *Carillonneur*

Prelude

Jonathan Moyer, organ

*Nun danket alle Gott, BWV 657 (Now Thank We All Our God)* J. S. Bach

Welcome  
*Ministries*

Kevin J. Lowry, *Interim Dir. of Student/Family*

\* Celebration of Community

Introit

Chancel Choir

*For the Beauty of The Earth*

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.  
For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

\* Call to Worship

One: Let us worship God with peace and justice, even as we sing and pray.

All: **We lift our voices for liberation; speak the truth and never fear, for God draws near.**

Share your table with the hungry, share your plenty with the poor; when you see the tired and homeless offer them an open door.

**We comfort those who are afflicted; we work to set the captives free. We live with kindness, never hiding from your human family.**

Lift your voice for liberation; speak the truth and never fear, for the God of our salvation even now is drawing near.

**We will worship God with peace and justice, even as we sing and pray!**

## GATHER

We gather to worship God on the Lord's Day (Sunday) because the Gospels testify that Jesus rose from the dead early on the first day of the week.

\* *Please stand as you are able.*

## CONFESSION

Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the sinful state of the world and of our lives, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ.

## LAY WORSHIP LEADER

11-year-old Christopher Sho Moyer is the son of Jonathan and Kaori Moyer. Christopher is a fifth grader at Woodbury Elementary School and enjoys Taekwondo and playing the guitar.

* Hymn 559 <i>We Gather Together</i>	KRESMER
* Call to Confession	Christopher Moyer, <i>Lay Worship Leader</i>
* Corporate Prayer of Confession <b>God of grace, you alone empower us for good, you send us out across the earth in mission and service to welcome all people to your table for your banquet feast. Yet, we confess before you and all people: We have been unworthy servants. We have misused and abused your creation. We have wounded one another by our words and deeds that caused divisions everywhere. We have often failed to take decisive action against environmental destruction, poverty, racism, war, and genocide. We are not only victims but also perpetrators of violence. We humbly come to ask your forgiveness as we silently confess our sins.</b>	
* Silent Confession of Sin	
* Declaration of Forgiveness One: Friends, hear the good news! Through Christ we receive a grace unlimited by words and a love unknown apart from God. In our daily lives when we show that grace and love to others, we will be known as God's people and disciples of your son, Jesus Christ. Friends, believe the good news: <b>All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!</b>	
* Gloria Patri <b>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.</b>	Hymn 579 **or Maker
Prayer for Illumination	
First Lesson	Isaiah 25:1-5
Anthem <i>Thou Visitest The Earth</i> Thou visitest the earth, and blessed it: and crownest the year with Thy goodness.	Chancel Choir Maurice Greene
Time for Young Disciples	Food Collection
Parting Response <b>Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.</b>	Hymn 535
Second Lesson One: This is the word of the Lord. All: <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	Isaiah 25:6-10

## MUSIC NOTES

Our anthem today is an excerpt from a longer anthem by English composer and organist Maurice Greene (1696-1755). The text from Psalm 65 offers a blessing of thanks for a bountiful harvest. Soloist Aaron Lange leads the music with an opening call of thanksgiving. Soloists Nanette Canfield and Merav Eldan also sing of thanks, in an aria from Handel's (1685-1759) oratorio Judas Maccabaeus. "O Lovely Peace" falls at the end of the Biblical drama, extolling peace for the Jewish people from fighting and Roman persecution

## ENCOUNTER

We receive the good news of God's love, mercy, and justice revealed to us in the Bible. The Word is proclaimed in scripture, sermon, and, on some Sundays, through the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

## FOOD COLLECTION

Today, the children collect donations for our Food Pantry, open the last Wednesday and Friday of each month, Thursday afternoons in the Connection Center for students, and for emergencies. Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

Sermon

*From the Mountaintop*

Kevin J Lowry

**RESPOND**

\* Hymn 332

*Live Into Hope*

TRURO

Having heard God's word proclaimed, we respond with music and prayers, and by offering to God a portion of the financial resources we have received.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Petition

The Lord's 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.**

Scan the QR code below to access online giving, where you can make a one-time gift or set up a recurring donation. Thank you for your generous response to God's gracious love!

Congregational Amen

McNeil Robinson



Offertory

Nanette Canfield & Merav Eldan, soloists

*O Lovely Peace from Judas Maccabaeus h*

G.F. Handel

O lovely peace, with plenty crown'd,  
Come, spread thy blessings all around.  
Let fleecy flocks the hills adorn,  
And valleys smile with wavy corn

**SEND**

Having been nurtured and nourished through worship, we are sent from this place to glorify God in the service of our daily lives. Please be mindful of those who wish to stay and listen to the postlude.

\* Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.\*\* Amen**

A Stephen Minister will be in Christ Chapel after worship to talk or pray.

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* Hymn 434

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

KINGSFOLD

**TODAY**

8:00 Music Rehearsal  
9:30 Nursery, *Creche*  
10:00 Worship, *Sanctuary*  
10:15: Music & Ministry, *Education Wing*  
11:00 Coffee & Fellowship, *Reception Room*  
11:30: Covenant Commons: Advent Devotional, *Dowd Commons*

\* Charge & Benediction

Postlude

*Op. 7 Toccata on "Now Thank We All Our God"*

Jonathan Moyer, organ

Egil Hovland

Carillon Postlude

*Fantasia in d*

Bryan Barker

## COVENANT COMMONS

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY AT 11:30 AM IN THE DOWD COMMONS

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

November 25th — Advent Workshop

December 2<sup>nd</sup> — Community Meal: Soup and Bread

*Eat simply so others can simply eat.*

December 9<sup>th</sup> — Giving Tree Celebration

December 16<sup>th</sup> — Fair Trade Presentation and Market

December 23<sup>rd</sup> — Book Discussion: *Before I Had The Words*, Skylar Kergil

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## COVENANT STUDENT MINISTRIES

WELCOME UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE, AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS!

For more information, contact Kevin, our campus chaplain, at

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[www.CovenantStudentMinistries.org](http://www.CovenantStudentMinistries.org).

Join us for our Connect Meal every Thursday at 5:30pm in the Connection Center Living Room. We provide the dinner; you bring the conversation.

USHERS TODAY ARE Chris & Marilyn Langmack and Paul Williams. GREETERS TODAY ARE Dan & Karin Garland and Helen Kunsman.

**CIRCLE WINTER FEST CAROL SING:** As you make plans to join us for the University Circle Winter Fest Carol Sing on Sunday, December 2 at 4 pm, remember to take advantage of reserved seats for Covenant Members and their guests! We offer reserved seats in our East gallery so you can avoid the rush of patrons who typically attend this popular event. Also, we are looking for church members to volunteer as greeters and ushers from 3 to 5 pm. To secure a reserved seat or volunteer, please contact a member of the music staff.

**TUESDAY NOON ORGAN CONCERTS:** , November 27th: Jonathan Moyer.

**WE PRAY FOR:** Judy Bourne, David Brown, Raymond Brown, Sylvia Clapp, Akeya Clark, Marlene & Paul Dirksen, Rob Engel and Lynne Hoffman-Engel, Marlene & William Finkenthal, Denise Horstman, Rolf (Crunch) and Marilyn Krotseng, Greg Madison, Barbara McGhee, Bette Posch, Jim Richardson, Carol Roe, Liam & Emilee Stewart, and Gabriel. We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, or homebound; patients, family, and staff in our surrounding hospitals; and those who have left prayer requests in our Carpenter's Box.

**OUT OF THE OFFICE:** Melanie Marsh Baum is on maternity leave through December 8<sup>th</sup>. Amy Starr Redwine is out today for a family weekend.

**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT:** **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:45 am; Cache Retail Shop, 10 am-4 pm; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; Noon Organ Concert, Sanctuary, 12 pm; **Wednesday:** Ministry Of Service, Office, 5:30 pm; Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm; Session, Dowd Commons, 7 pm; **Thursday:** Theology on Tap, The Jolly Scholar, 5:30 pm; Connect, Living Room, 5:30 pm; Handbell Rehearsal, Conference Room, 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:30 pm; **Saturday:** Guitar Orchestra Rehearsal, Choir Room, 9 am; Meditation Group, Herrick Room, 4 pm

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*All the members of the church*

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### DEACONS

CLASS OF 2019: Matthew Garrett,

Marjorie Heines, Beth Holbein,

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Russin, Liz Shriver, Ann Stark

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### OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY:

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