

OCCUPY ADVENT

with Church of the Covenant



WELCOME

We are glad you are here!
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

Suite du 4e ton Prélude; Fugue; Duo; Dessus de Tierce; Cromhorne en taille

Nicolas Lebègue

Welcome

Amy Starr Redwine, *Pastor*

* Celebration of Community

Introit

El Desembre Congelat

Chancel Choir

Conrad Susa

On December's frozen ground, Fear and doubt denying.
April wears a flower crown, All the world admiring,
From a garden filled with love
Spring a blossom from above
With a lovely flow'r, with a love, with a
flow'r so lovely, Comes the blessed hour.

God the Father made the night, All in darkness shrouding.
Hiding from all human sight, Worry, fear and doubting.
Shining through the midnight clear,
Brightest light of all the year
With a light so bright, with a light,
with a light outpouring, Heaven stands adoring.

Blooming at our humble feet, Winter's chill defying,
Springs a lily pale and sweet, Fragrant and inspiring.
All the world can feel its pow'r,
Shining in our darkest hour, All the sweetest fragrance,
all the sweet, all the sweetest fragrance,
Bless us with your radiance.

* Lighting of the Advent Candle

Audrey Lord and Benjamin Fugate,
CWRU Students

Leader: The poet Emily Dickinson wrote: "Hope is the thing with
feathers that perches in the soul."

All: **The psalmist declared, "I put my hope in the Lord all day
long."**

GATHER

We gather to praise the
triune God, confess our sin,
and seek God's grace.

ADVENT

"Advent" means coming
or arrival. In this season
leading up to Christmas,
we celebrate Christ's
coming and look with
longing for Christ to come
again. We watch and pray
with expectant hope for
God's justice and peace.

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

Nancy Smekal and her
husband Jim are longtime
members of the Church of
the Covenant. They enjoy
participating in the life of
the Church and
University Circle. They
have just welcomed their
second grandchild this
Thanksgiving!

Hope is more than wishful thinking. Hope is the Spirit of God dwelling within us, reminding us we are never alone.

Hope is our active commitment to be God's faithful people, whether we walk an easy path or face fiery trials.

When we light this candle of hope, we embrace God's presence among us, yesterday and today and always.

When we light the candle of hope, we open all the dark places in our lives to the healing light of Christ and we express our longing for the healing of all creation.

Let us open our hearts to the creative power of hope, that we may walk in the light of Christ.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn 6

Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

* Call to Confession

Nancy Smekal, *Lay Worship Leader*

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we try to be good; forgive us when our goodness makes us judgmental. We try to be faithful; forgive us when our faithfulness makes us intolerant. We try to be helpful; forgive us when our helpfulness becomes condescending. Take our best efforts, O Lord, and transform them by your grace and goodness.

* Silent Confession of Sin

* Kyrie (Responsorial)

from *Missa Emmanuel*

Lord, have mercy. (choir then congregation)

Christ, have mercy. (choir then congregation)

Lord, have mercy. (choir then congregation)

Chancel Choir

Richard Proulx

* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Friends, hear the good news! If we confess our sin, God is faithful and just, forgiving and transforming our lives.

Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Hymn 23, refrain

Prayer for Illumination

Nancy Smekal

First Lesson

Psalm 25:1-10

Time for Young Disciples

Amy Starr Redwine

Second Lesson

Luke 21:25-36

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC NOTES

This Advent season, we will experience the sounds of Spain, Britain, and Colonial America as we prepare for the arrival of the Christ Child.

American composer, Conrad Susa (1935-2013) completed *Carols and Lullabies: Christmas in the Southwest* in 1992. Our

service begins with a Catalonian carol that contrasts the cold winter weather in the U.S. with the love that blossomed in the birth of Jesus. During the offertory the Chancel Choir and soloists sing a Puerto Rican carol telling of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem

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.

Worship Fully

*Affirmation of Faith

20th century South African creed

Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's kingdom. We believe that God is at work in our world turning hopeless and evil situations into good. We believe that goodness and justice will triumph in the end and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever. One day all tears will be wiped away; the lamb will lie down with the lion; and justice will roll down like a mighty stream. True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired, they are assured and guaranteed in Christ. This is our faith. This is our hope.

Offertory

Chancel Choir

Alegría

Conrad Susa

Walking Walking slowly unto Beth'lem, Holy Mary, with her husband;
Trav'ling with them tho' in secret, is the Savior of all nations.

¡Alegría y placer! Que la Virgen va de paso con su esposo hacia Belén.

Joy and pleasure! For the Virgen passes by us with her husband unto Bethl'em.

When to Bethl'em they had traveled, they were searching for a haven,
All the innkeepers refused them, Dressed so poor and heavy laden.

¡Alegría y placer! Que la Virgen va de paso con su esposo hacia Belén.

Joy and pleasure! For the Virgen passes by us with her husband unto Bethl'em.

As they see Mary and Joseph, all the songbirds of the forest
Serenade them with their singing; precious gifts come from the poorest.

¡Alegría y placer! Que la Virgen va de paso con su esposo hacia Belén.

Joy and pleasure! For the Virgen passes by us with her husband unto Bethl'em.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Kevin J. Lowry

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give both thanks and praise....**RESPOND**

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

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!

**COMMUNION**

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper by passing. Ushers will release pews from back to front. All who are able are welcome to come forward to receive communion and return by way of the chapels on either side of the sanctuary. Servers will bring the elements to those who are unable to come forward. The wine of communion is unfermented grape juice. Gluten free bread is in the paper cup.

Sanctus (Responsorial)
from *Missa Emmanuel*

Chancel Choir
Richard Proulx

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and God of might.

(cantor then congregation)

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. (choir then congregation)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. (choir then congregation)

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.

Congregational Amen

AMEN VENI EMMANUEL

All are invited to sing.



The Words of Institution

Amy Starr Redwine

Communion and Prayers for Healing and Wholeness

Agnus Dei

from *Missa Emmanuel*

Chancel Choir
Richard Proulx

Jesus, wisdom and mighty Lord: you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Jesus, true branch of Jesse's tree: you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Key of David and Day-spring from on high: you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Desire of nations, our Emmanuel: you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Music during Communion

Hymn 1 (*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*)

STUTTGART

Prayer after Communion

* Hymn 12

People, Look East

BESANCON

* Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Dialogue

Jonathan Moyer, organ
Nicolas de Grigny

Carillon Postlude

Paraphrase on "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Albert C. Gerken

MUSIC NOTE

Our communion music was written by American composer and organist Richard Proulx (1937-2010). Using the traditional advent hymn, "O come, O come Emmanuel," Proulx adapts parts of the melody for all parts of his short mass setting. His music is readily accessible to worshippers through a call-and-response format, led by the Chancel Choir and soloists.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING
AND WHOLENESS

Any who wish to receive a prayer of healing and wholeness for themselves or a loved one may do so in the chapels during communion with a pastor and a church leader.

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.

HOLIDAY CIRCLEFEST AT THE COVENANT

11:00 am - 2:00 pm Cache Christmas Boutique

11:30 am Community Meal: Soup and Bread

Noon - 4 pm Friends of the McGaffin Carillon

Free hot tea at the FMC tent near the shuttle stop.

Demonstrations and Tours of the tower

3:00 pm Carillon Concert by George Leggiero

4:00 pm Carol Sing

Performing ensembles include Case/University Circle Symphony Orchestra, Church of the Covenant Chancel, Children's and Handbell Choirs, Case Concert Choir, Case Men's Glee Club, and University Chorale, and Cleveland Guitar Orchestra.

DECEMBER COVENANT COMMONS

December 2nd — Community Meal: Soup and Bread

Eat simply so others can simply eat.

December 9th — Fair Trade Presentation and Market

December 16th — Giving Tree Celebration

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

COVENANT STUDENT MINISTRIES

WELCOME UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE, AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS!

Join us following the service in the Main Entrance of the Sanctuary for a time of fellowship with other students and members of the Covenant community.

Covenant Student Ministries is here to support your spiritual journey, regardless of your religious or spiritual tradition. For more information or to talk with someone, contact Kevin, our campus chaplain, at klowry@covenantweb.org, text/call 330-988-0490, or visit 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.

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TODAY

8:00 Music Rehearsal

9:00 Stephen Ministers,
Herrick Room

9:30 Nursery, *Creche*

10:00 Worship, *Sanctuary*

11:00 Cache Christmas
Boutique, *Cache*

11:30: Covenant

Commons: Community
Meal (Soup & Bread),
Dowd Commons

11:30: Nominating
Committee, *Herrick Room*

12:30 Healing Circle, *Sonia
Golden Room*

4:00 University Circle
Carol Sing, *Sanctuary*

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

USHERS TODAY ARE Bob Ault, Patty & Clint Fowler, and Suchi Nelson.
GREETERS TODAY ARE Dan & Karin Garland.

MUSIC CONCERTS: Tuesday Noon Organ Concert December 4, 11, and 18
12:05-12:45pm. Music and Readings for the Season. **McGaffin Carillon
Concerts.** Monday-Friday, December 17-31(except December 18, 25), 12:15
pm.

GIVING TREE GIFT TAG SELECTION, DECEMBER 2 & 9 IN THE RECEPTION ROOM:
The Deacons invite you to provide Christmas gifts for three of Covenant's
mission partners: Cleveland School of the Arts, Ernest J. Bohn Center, and
Daniel E. Morgan School. Please bring gifts to Dowd Commons before
worship on Sunday, December 16.

GIVING TREE ORCHESTRA & CHORUS, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16: Calling all
instruments and voices! Dust off that French horn in your attic and join the
Giving Tree Orchestra and Chorus. Open to those who can read music – all
ages and experience levels. Sign up in the church office.

WE PRAY FOR: Judy Bourne, Sylvia Clapp (Sandy Ammon's mother), Akeya
Clark (Marie Jones's niece), Marlene & Paul Dirksen, Rob Engel and Lynne
Hoffman-Engel, Marlene & William Finkenthal (David Finkenthal's parents),
Denise Horstman, Rolf (Crunch) and Marilyn Krotseng, Greg Madison,
Barbara McGhee, Bette Posch, Carol Roe, Liam & Emilee Stewart (Mindy
Stewart's nephew and sister), and Gabriel (Jenny Conner's grand-nephew). 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.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to member Zoe Ann Brown & family, whose
husband, member Raymond Brown, died on Monday, November 26.

OUT OF THE OFFICE: Melanie Marsh Baum is on maternity leave through
December 8th. Amy Starr Redwine will be out of the office December 5th and 6th.

EMAIL CHANGE: Congregation member Martha Goble's email has been hacked.
Please use her new email address: goblemartha44@gmail.com.

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; Deacons Meeting, Covenant Commons, 6 pm; **Wednesday:**
Women's Bible Study, Library, 10:00 am; Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith
Hall, 5:30 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,

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Omar Siddiq, Jim Tomaszewski

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