

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, January 5, 2020

The Epiphany of the Lord

Service of Worship
for the Lord's Day



* *Please stand as you are able*

The Cragin Peal

The McGaffin Carillon

Prelude

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Welcome & Announcements

Joys and Concerns

* *Celebration of Community*

Introit

Behold the Star!

Behold the star! Behold the star up yonder!
Behold the star! It is the star of Bethlehem.

The wise men came from the East
To worship Him, the "Prince of Peace."

* *Call to Worship*

From distant lands and faraway shores,
God calls us together.

**Like a shepherd tending his flock,
God gathers us in.**

Along straight paths and cleared byways,
God guides our journey.

**Like a mother taking her firstborn's hand,
God leads us home.**

Praise the Lord,

O people! Shout for joy!

**Let us sing aloud with gladness.
Let us worship the Lord!**

George Leggiero, *Carillonneur*

Jonathan Moyer, organ

Johann Pachelbel

Rev. Mark A. Medina

Chancel Choir

Spiritual, arr. Nolan Williams, Jr.

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.

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.

MUSIC NOTES

Our music this Sunday celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord with music arranged from notable hymns and spirituals. The prelude and postlude are arrangements on the German Chorale *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern* (*How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*, Hymn 69). The introit comes out of the African-American tradition with the Offertory based on a text by Reginald Heber, *Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning* set to a new melody by British composer Malcolm Archer.

* Hymn 327

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

CHILD CARE

Child care is provided for infants, toddlers and children in pre-K in our Creché, located in the education wing. See an usher for directions.

* Call to Confession

Elder William Klein, Lay Worship Leader

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Heavenly Father,
We come to you confessing our smallness of faith. You call us to be faithful disciples trusting you to provide all we need to do your will but we let fear and worry hinder us. Forgive us for the ways our lack of faith hinders the work you would have us do. By the power of your love and grace, make us a new creation so we may find our purpose and joy in furthering your mission. We ask your forgiveness as we silently confess our sins.**

OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER is William Klein.

William has been a member of The Church of the Covenant since 1980 and has served as deacon, elder and currently as Clerk of Session. He works for Black Box Network Services as a manager and network architect. His wife, Susan, and he enjoy visiting their children, Elliott and his wife who both live and work in the Cleveland area; Savanna who is working in Tanzania for a year or two, and Matthew, who is studying engineering at the University of Dayton.

* Silent Confession of Sin

* Kyrie

John Merbecke

All are invited to sing.



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

* Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

TODAY

- 8:00 Music Rehearsals
Sanctuary
- 9:30 Nursery
Education Wing
- 10:00 Worship
Sanctuary
- 10:15 Music and Ministry
Education Wing
- 11:00 Carillon Postlude
- 12:30 Healing Circle
Sonia Golden Room
- 1:30 First Brazilian Church
Yost Chapel

* 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.**

****or Maker**

Time for Young Disciples

Nancy Acree

Children in Kindergarten through 6th grade will remain in the service today. We invite children to join us up front in the Worship Center for various activities during the service. (See an usher for a child's bulletin if they wish to remain with their parents.)

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson *Pew Bible* p.192 NRSV Ephesians 1:3-14
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson *Pew Bible* p.91-92 NRSV John 1:1-18
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Where Do We Start?* Rev. Mark A. Medina

Time for Quiet Reflection

* *Hymn 56* *The First Nowell* THE FIRST NOWELL
Stanza 1: All Voices; Stanza 2: Upper Voices (Refrain: All);
Stanza 3: Lower Voices (Refrain: All); Stanza 4: Upper Voices (Refrain: All);
Stanza 5: Lower Voices (Refrain: All); Stanza 6: All Voices
All are invited to sing each refrain in harmony.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Chancel Choir
Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning Malcolm Archer

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining;
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
odors of Edom, and offerings divine,
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

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Music Librarian
George Leggiero,
Carillonneur

RESPOND

Having heard God's word proclaimed, we offer music, prayers, and a portion of the financial resources we have received. Thank you for your generous response to God's gracious love!

ENCOUNTER

We receive the good news of God's love, mercy, and justice revealed to us through the Bible.

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favor secure:
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Text: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

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...

Sanctus

John Merbecke

All are invited to sing.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are
full of Thy glo - ry: Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most High. A - men

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.

SESSION

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Congregational Amen

All are invited to sing.

A - men. A - men. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for a congregational amen. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'A - men. A - men. A - men.' are written below the treble staff.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread

*Please take of the bread whenever it is appropriate for you.
Gluten free bread is in the paper cup.*

Distribution of the Cup

*Please hold the cup so that we may drink together.
As you pass the tray of cups say, "May the Spirit of God be with you."
As you are served, please respond, "And also with you."
The wine of communion is unfermented grape juice.*

Agnus Dei

John Merbecke

All are invited to sing.

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the Agnus Dei. The key signature has two sharps (D major) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on the treble clef. The lyrics are written below each staff.

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us. Now send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit to tell this good news to the world. Amen.

* *Benediction*

Postlude

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Hugo Distler

Carillon Postlude

Thank you for being mindful of those who wish to stay and listen to the postlude.

Ushering Today are: Chris and Marilyn Langmack, and Jim and Nancy Smekal.

Greeters Today are: Dan and Karin Garland.

Communion Servers are: Kathy Farkas, Keith Kallay, Dennis and Nancy Matz, and Ann Williams.

Honor an event or a person with a lovely bouquet of flowers! Simply contact the church office, sign up in the church office or conveniently pay on the website. The cost is \$85 per arrangement.

We Keep in our Prayers: Judy Bourne, Jud Branning (Jonathan Moyer's brother-in-law), Thelma Everhart, Janet Garrett (Matthew's mother), Iris A. Harvie (friend of Susan & Arnie Dahm), David Keltner, Greg Madison, George Peters (Michael's father), Lyn Cooper Tomaszewski, Kim Voss, 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 left prayer requests in our Carpenter's Box.

Our Prayers are with the Willie Howard and his family on the death of his mother Beulah on December 28th.

This Week at Covenant (January 6– January 11, 2020)

Office hours are weekdays from 9 am until 5 pm.

Monday: No scheduled activities.

Tuesday: Staff Meeting, Office, 9:30 am; Cache Resale Shop, 10 am;
Theology On Tap, The Jolly Scholar, 5:30 pm.

Wednesday: Personnel Meeting, Library, 5 pm; 12 Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm;
Executive Session Meeting, Beckwith Hall, 7 pm.

Thursday: Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Handbell Rehearsal Room, 6:30 pm;
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room/Yost Chapel, 7:30 pm.

Friday: Carillon Concert, 12:15 pm.

Saturday: No scheduled activities.

The Sanctuary Birds

The birds you see in the sanctuary are cranes. In the Japanese tradition, these birds signify "happiness". They also are symbols of peace, hope and healing in challenging times.

Theology On Tap Is Back

and will meet every *OTHER* Tuesday, including **THIS** Tuesday, January 7th at The Jolly Scholar at 5:30. For more information, email John Marsh at: marshes@ameritech.net

Christmas Joy Offering

Thank you for your generous contributions of over \$3,500 to assist church workers and our educational institutions.

Announcements For The Weekly E-news and Sunday Bulletin

are due by 6:00 pm on Tuesday! You can submit your announcements to dmatz@CovenantWeb.org

Would You Like To Meet With Reverend Medina?

If so, stop in at the church or email him at mmedina@covenantweb.org to set up a time.

Covenant Callers Needed

Become a Covenant Caller and reach out to a member you haven't seen in a while to reconnect or check on them. Covenant Callers contact members who are unable to attend church on a regular basis by phone or visiting their home/residence. Help the church reach out to members who may be lonely during and after the holiday. To learn how rewarding this ministry is, speak with current Covenant Callers Gale Bromelmeier, Stephanie Johnson, Julie Mailey or Nancy Matz.

If You Would Like A Copy Of The Kairos Report,

they are available at the church office, or you can access it at this link: bit.ly/KairosReport2019

Children Are Welcome Here

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Students Welcome Here

Church of the Covenant is a welcoming and inclusive spiritual home as you navigate your educational journey. We are here to help you flourish during your time in University Circle. We would love to get to know you better! To connect with our student ministries opportunities contact us at studentministries@CovenantWeb.org.

Custodial Update

Resumes are being accepted and reviewed for both a full-time and part-time position.

Looking Ahead

2019 Pledges

There is still time to fulfill your pledge for 2019. You can do so through the end of January 2020. However, it will NOT be tax deductible for 2019.

Stock Donations Information

NEW INFORMATION REGARDING DONATIONS OF STOCKS: PNC BANK
DTC # 2616 Reference: 21-75-073-6933938 – Church of the Covenant - Gift

Covenant Partnering with North Church

You are invited to be part of a team of six to eight people on **January 5th** and/or **January 26th, 2020** from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm, to assist in preparing and serving the community meal that follows the worship service at North Church. **Sign up in the church office.** For more information, contact Ministry of Service member Bob Ault.

