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For the glory of God, Covenant Presbyterian Church
exists to worship God and equip His people for service.

December 14, 2025 | 10:45 AM

May you be still as we trust in our Heavenly Father and rest in the peace Christ has purchased for us and given to us in the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Please prepare yourself for worship by prayerfully reading and meditating on the Scriptures and quotes below.

Preparation for Worship

Pre-Prelude

I Wonder as I Wander arr. Dan Forrest
Colleen Gillespie, piano

Prelude

Ding Dong! Merrily on High! arr. Molly Ijames
Mike Wert, trombone, and Katie Stuckey, piano

‘And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that He might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. And He humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.’ Deuteronomy 8:2-3

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Matthew 1:18

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, Who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. James 1:2-5

“Take a saint, and put him into any condition, and he knows how to rejoice in the Lord.” Walter Cradock

“Joy is not necessarily the absence of suffering, it is the presence of God.”
Sam Storms

“The test of Christian character should be that a man is a joy-bearing agent to the world.” Henry Ward Beecher

“In the hands of a loving God, sorrow and suffering become the doorways into the greatest and most indestructible joys.” David Powlison

“True joy comes only from God and He shares this joy with those who walk in fellowship with Him.” Jerry Bridges

“The more we rejoice in our testings, the more we realize that they are not liabilities but privileges, ultimately beneficial and not harmful, no matter how destructive and painful the immediate experience of them might appear.”
John MacArthur

Today’s flowers are given by Jimmie Hughes in memory of his first cousin, Arnold Hughes, business partner of 65 years, Bill Smith, golf buddy, Don Hawkins, and close friend, Danny Tolar.

Worship for the Lord’s Day – December 14, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Joy

Hunsader Family

Adoration of God

*Call to Worship

Psalms 32:11-33:5

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings! Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. For the Word of the Lord is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the Earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

*Carol of Praise No. 195

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Invocation

Elder Mike Baer

Affirmation of Our Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 104. What do we pray for in the fourth petition?

A. “In the fourth petition, which is, ‘Give us this day our daily bread,’ we pray, that of God’s free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy His blessing with them.”

Carol of Exultation No. 207

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Reflection

Christmastime arr. Joseph M. Martin

*The Reading of God’s Word

Luke 9:10-17

The Message from God’s Word

“Count It All Joy”
Pastor Steve Mirich

*Carol of Response

O Holy Night

*Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Ten Thousand Joys by Karen Dean and Don Marsh
Daphne Fortain-Griffith, soprano, Luke Griffith, tenor, and Katie Stuckey, piano

Response and Blessing

*Sending Carol No. 226

As with Gladness Men of Old (stanzas 4 & 5)

*Benediction

Romans 15:13
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

*Advent Doxology

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Postlude

Sing We Now of Christmas arr. Anna Laura Page
Brett Levi, organ

*Indicates when the congregation stands (if able)