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

December 7, 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-PreludeCoventry Carol arr. Lloyd Larson
Laura Stone, flute, Charlene Gebler, clarinet, and Katie Stuckey, piano

PreludeStill, Still, Still arr. Lloyd Larson
Grace Matson and Katie Stuckey, piano

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

'Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.' Isaiah 55:6

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Matthew 2:16

'Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.' John 14:27

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1

"Hell reigns wherever there is no peace with God." John Calvin

"God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing." C.S. Lewis

"The little world within us, like the great world without, is full of confusion and strife; but when Jesus enters it, and whispers 'Peace be unto you,' there is a calm, yea, a rapture of bliss." C.H. Spurgeon

"God can work peace through us only if He has worked peace in us... Those who are in the best of circumstances but without God can never find peace, but those in the worst of circumstances but with God need never lack peace." John MacArthur

"Satan loves to fish in the troubled waters of a discontented heart." Thomas Watson

"The very first temptation in the history of mankind was the temptation to be discontent...that is exactly what discontent(ment) is – a questioning of the goodness of God." Jerry Bridges

"You have made us for Yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee." Augustine

"To put a wall between you and others is to build a wall between you and God." Jim Elliff

Worship for the Lord's Day - December 7, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle: PeaceMathews Family

Adoration of God

*Call to Worship Psalm 46:10-11

'Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the Earth!' The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Invocation Elder Dan Veazey

Affirmation of Our Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 36. What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

A. "The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end."

Carol of Adoration No. 204 and 210 *Away in a Manger/Silent Night*

Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Reflection *O Come, Emmanuel* by Elaine Hagenberg

*The Reading of God's Word Luke 9:7-9; Matthew 2:1-12

The Message from God's Word

"Prince of Peace"
Pastor Steve Mirich

*Carol of Response No. 213 What Child Is This?

*Offertory Prayer

Postlude

Offertory O Come, All You Unfaithful by Lisa Clow and Bob Kauflin

Youth Praise Team

Response and Blessing

*Sending Carol No. 203 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (stanza 3)

*Benediction Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, 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 understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*Advent Doxology

Toccata on God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen arr. Jason D. Payne

Brett Levi, organ

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*Indicates when the congregation stands (if able)