



## *Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian!*

We are glad to welcome you to worship this Sunday. We know that “church” doesn’t just happen in a building. That’s why our mission is to build a community that is encouraging one another to follow Jesus wherever we live, work, and play. We have had this focus since we were founded in 1960, when we first began showing our love for Jesus by serving Austin and the world.

## ***Advent***

The great proclamation from John's gospel "The Word became flesh and dwelled among us" assures us that God has entered into human history through the incarnation of the Son. The season of Advent is a season of waiting and preparation designed to cultivate our awareness of God's action in the past, present, and future. In Advent we heighten our anticipation for the ultimate fulfillment of the prophetic promises, when the wolf will lie down with the lamb, death will be swallowed up, and every tear will be wiped away. In this way, Advent highlights for us the larger story of God's redemptive plan.

## ***Hanging of the Green***

The Hanging of the Green Service is Covenant's way of preparing our sanctuary for the Christmas season. More importantly, it is a way of preparing the sanctuary of our hearts for the fuller presence of Christ, who wishes to dwell in every room.

## ***Assisting in Worship***

ASSISTING Allen Hilton (8:15 & 9:30), Ben Davison (9:30 & 11:00)

ORGANIST Michael Shuman

SANCTUARY CHOIR & JOURNEY CHOIR Jerry Wise & Michael Shuman, directors,  
Yu-Hsin Teng

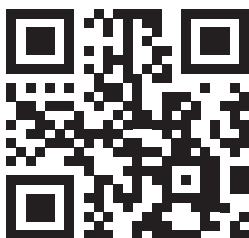
LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Dan and Gail Pucci (8:15), Patricia and Terry Mitchell (9:30),  
Grace Roberson (11:00)

HANGING OF THE GREEN PARTICIPANTS Matt Robertson; Mary Beth Bosworth; Gray McNelis; EthelMae Dawson; Grace, James, Brittany, and Creighton Hoover; Callie, Hunter, Ryan, and Justin Wayne; Teddy, Cooper, Claire and Lloyd Wilson; Teddy Lopez; Karen and Dave Maxwell; Levi Lanter; Clara Clough; Knox and Ben Rogers; Tripp, Townes, Crosby, and Collier Cain; Ralph and Lauren Munoz; Elliott and Pansy Flick; Paloma, Ada, and Gigi Breunig; Eloise and Max Munoz; Andrew, Tiffany, Cora, Reese, and Allie Chapman; Brian, Emily, Lyla, Elise, and Hannah Ross; Russel, Katie, Emily, Olivia, and Alex McFarlane; Christian, Becca, and Elijah Antwi; Catherine Forrest; Carols and Isabella Hernando; Tom, Kylie, Mara, Audra, Elizabeth, Ansel, and Veronica Hall; Melanie Williamson; Susan Ashton; Jennifer Jones; Kathryn Rogers; Beverly Hamilton; Glenn Dawson; Ken Moore; Paul Wheeler; Sharon Radovich; Courtney Hoffman; Maria Raper.

WORSHIP BAND Jerry Wise, leader (11:00)

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## **New to Covenant?**

Learn more about Covenant Presbyterian, our worship services, childcare options, and how to get involved. Just scan the QR code with your smart phone's camera, or visit [covenant.org/visit](http://covenant.org/visit).



## Preparation & Praise

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

FROM PSALM 122 AND ISAIAH 2

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

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Leader: that we may learn God's ways and walk in God's paths.

**All: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

\*HYMN 154

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession. . .) **God-with-us, we confess that we are not prepared to welcome your way of righteousness, justice, and peace. You call us to repentance, but we refuse to change our ways. You call us to be reconciled, but we remain divided and afraid. Forgive us. Pour out your Spirit in our lives so that we may be forgiven, set free, and made ready to meet you at the coming of your holy realm; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

RESPONSE 166

Wait For The Lord

TAIZÉ

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE

Advent Doxology  
(Music and lyrics can be found on the next page)

## Ministry of the Word

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 2:1-5

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SERMON

Walk in the Light

Jill Williams

## Response to the Word

COMMUNION LITURGY

INVITATION

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN 153, VERSE 1

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

\*BLESSING

***Preparation & Praise***

PRELUDE

Hyfrydol  
arr. Gordon Young

Michael Shuman

WELCOME

***Procession of the Parament and Advent Wreath***

\*HYMN 168

Savior Of The Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

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\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

***Procession of Lights***

HYMN 154

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
Stanzas 1 & 2 - Journey Choir  
Stanzas 3 & 4 - **Congregation**

VENI EMMANUEL

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9: 2-7

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***Procession of Chrismons, Doves, and the Heart***

HYMN 153

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

PRESENTATION OF THE HEART

In the Bleak Midwinter  
Gustav Holst

Claire Fuller

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
 If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
 If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
 yet what I can I give him:  
 Give my heart.

***Ministry of the Word***

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 2:1-5

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SERMON

Walk in the Light

Jill Williams

**Response to the Word**

\*HYMN 248

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

Prepare the Way  
Robert J. Powell

Sanctuary and Journey Choirs

\*RESPONSE

**Advent Doxology**

Praise God from whom bless - ings flow; praise Him all things here be-low;  
 praise Him all ye heav'n - ly host: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.  
 Glo - - - - - ri - a! in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
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\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND 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. Amen.**

\*HYMN 176

Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates

TRURO

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Veni Emmanuel  
Robert J. Powell

Michael Shuman

\*Those who are able, please stand

***Preparation & Praise***

SONG Advent Doxology Traditional

SONG O Come O Come Emmanuel arr. Shane & Shane

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

HANGING OF THE GREEN

SONG Come Thou Long Expected Jesus Traditional

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9: 2-7

SONG In the Bleak Midwinter Traditional

OFFERING

***Ministry of the Word***

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 2: 1-5

SERMON Walk in the Light Jill Williams

***Response to the Word***

SONG Hope Has A Name Passion

BLESSING

Isaiah 2: 1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

## ***Prayers of sympathy and support:***

Susie and Bill McCaleb, Allison and Craig Crutchfield, Kristin and Wick Alexander, family and friends on the death of brother, brother-in-law, and uncle, Tim Markley Fisher, on November 18.

Ed Boudreau and Barbie Burgett, family and friends on the death of wife, mother, and grandmother, Cheryl Boudreau, on November 7. A Memorial Service will be held at Covenant on Thursday, December 11 at 2:00 p.m.

## ***Prayers for:***

Mike Austin, Madeline Ramirez, Bill Rison, Mark Trifiro, Monroe Talley, Amy Kopp, Debbie Colley, Clyde Hartter, Julie Hall, Jean Cunningham.

## ***Prayers for people serving in our country's armed forces:***

Army Green Beret Sergeant Ryan Matthew McPhail, USMC Major Katherine Ashton, US Navy Lieutenant Commander Claten Bechtol, Army Warrant Officer Jessica Choe, US Navy Lieutenant Drew Stockstill, and USMC Second Lieutenant Caleb Green.

## ***Prayers for our international sister churches:***

Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en Luyanó, Havana, Cuba and First Stone Church in Belize City, Belize.

## ***Prayers requested by the Mission Committee:***

Margin Institute (Micro-loans for immigrants and refugees) and Terry Cole at Street Youth Ministry.

## ***Prayers requested by the Session:***

Prayers for the staff and leadership of Covenant as we carry forward with boldness God's ongoing mission and call.

*Although prayer requests will be removed from this listing after three weeks, please contact Jana Harrison in the church office, 512-334-3030, or [jharrison@covenant.org](mailto:jharrison@covenant.org), if prayer continues to be requested.*

# Announcements



## Advent Calendar of Events COVENANT.ORG/ADVENT

### 11/30 Kids Advent Wreath-Making Event

4:00 p.m., Covenant Sanctuary

register online at [covenant.org/wreath](https://covenant.org/wreath)

### 12/7 Poems of Incarnation

9:30 a.m., Covenant FE107

### 12/7 Kids Very Merry Advent Dinner

5:00 p.m. in Sanctuary & FE200

register online at [covenant.org/verymerry](https://covenant.org/verymerry)

### 12/10 Youth Thanksmas Party

MS at 6:00 p.m., HS at 6:45 p.m. in FE400

### 12/13 Advent Silent Retreat

9:00 a.m., FE400

register online at [covenant.org/retreat](https://covenant.org/retreat)

### 12/14 Lessons & Carols Worship Service

8:15 & 9:30 a.m. in Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m. in FE200

### 12/14 Kids Birthday Party for Jesus

9:30 a.m. in FE300

### 12/14 Christmas Concert

2:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### 12/21 Young Adult Christmas Brunch

12:15 p.m. in Home of Pansy & Elliott Flick

register online at [covenant.org/yabrunch](https://covenant.org/yabrunch)

### 12/24 Christmas Eve Worship Services

2:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service in Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. Children & Family Service in Sanctuary

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Candlelight Service in FE200

8:30 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service in Sanctuary

THE 5:00 & 8:30 P.M. SERVICES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED

*For more details and a complete list of Advent initiatives visit [covenant.org/advent](https://covenant.org/advent).*

## Advent Devotionals AVAILABLE NOW

The Advent devotional contains four weeks of scripture and guidance to carry you through the Advent season. Devotionals are available in the Narthex, in the lobby of FEB and online at [covenant.org/advent](https://covenant.org/advent).

## Tamales Supporting Manos THROUGH DECEMBER 1

Spice up your holiday celebrations with delicious tamales and support Covenant's long-time mission partner Manos de Cristo. Tamale sales help fund programs like the food pantry, clothes closet, ESL classes, and the dental clinic. Place your order by December 1 at [manosdecristo.org/tamales](https://manosdecristo.org/tamales). Select Covenant at checkout, and we'll have them conveniently ready for you on campus on December 5.

## Christmas Poinsettias

ORDER BY DECEMBER 14

Donate a poinsettia to decorate the Sanctuary or FE 200 in honor of or in memory of loved ones this Christmas. Each poinsettia is \$15, and may be ordered online at [covenant.org/poinsettia](https://covenant.org/poinsettia) by Dec. 14.

## Christmas Giving Tree THROUGH DECEMBER 21

The Christmas Giving Tree is an opportunity to give back this Advent season by donating gift cards to mission partners in need. We'll have Christmas trees on campus with labeled ornaments explaining how to support our donation recipients. Giving Trees will be out in Covenant Hall & the Lobby of FEB every Sunday morning through December 21. Learn more at [covenant.org/cgt](https://covenant.org/cgt).

## Pledge Season

Just as the early church devoted themselves to prayer and generosity, we are called to give. Join us as we commit our gifts to Covenant's 2026 budget. Your generosity fuels our mission to proclaim the Gospel, care for our staff and facilities, serve the vulnerable, and strengthen our city. Make your pledge today in person or online at [covenant.org/pledge](https://covenant.org/pledge).

