

# Covenant Congregational Church

## Second Sunday of Advent

Worship Gathering December 10, 2017 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Lo, How a Rose* arr. Paxton

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Doug Falls

INTROIT with CONGREGATION *Wait for the Lord* Hymn #143  
Cantor, Jarod Buckley

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 25:1-10)

In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord, we trust the Lord's goodness.

**We rely on God's mercy. We find shelter in God's steadfast love.**

In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord, we walk in the Lord's way.

**We follow God's example of love. We keep our covenant promises.**

In this Advent season of waiting, Lord, please forget our sins.

**Remember Your love.**

**Remember each one of us.**

**Remember Your people everywhere.**

In this Advent season of waiting, Lord, we wait for your salvation.

**We wait for your leading. We wait for your coming.**

\*SONG *Long Ago, Prophets Knew* Hymn #134

CHORAL ANTHEM *Light One Candle* Sleeth, arr. Sorenson  
Soloist, Becca Abreu & Amara Mohn

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING *The Candle of Peace* Siciliano Family

*(Today, there is no Children's Church for K-5<sup>th</sup> Graders. Nursery care is still available)*

THE WORD OF GOD Heather Willis

Old Testament Reading *Hosea 11:1-12* O.T. Page #842

<sup>1</sup> When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
and out of Egypt I called my son.

<sup>2</sup> The more I called them,  
the more they went from me;  
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,  
and offering incense to idols.

<sup>3</sup> Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,  
I took them up in my arms;

but they did not know that I healed them.

<sup>4</sup> I led them with cords of human kindness,  
with bands of love.

I was to them like those  
who lift infants to their cheeks.

I bent down to them and fed them.

<sup>5</sup> They shall return to the land of Egypt,  
and Assyria shall be their king,  
because they have refused to return to me.

<sup>6</sup> The sword rages in their cities,  
it consumes their oracle-priests,  
and devours because of their schemes.

<sup>7</sup> My people are bent on turning away from me.  
To the Most High they call,  
but he does not raise them up at all.

<sup>8</sup> How can I give you up, Ephraim?  
How can I hand you over, O Israel?  
How can I make you like Admah?  
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart recoils within me;  
my compassion grows warm and tender.

<sup>9</sup> I will not execute my fierce anger;  
I will not again destroy Ephraim;

for I am God and no mortal,  
the Holy One in your midst,  
and I will not come in wrath.

<sup>10</sup> They shall go after the Lord,  
who roars like a lion; when he roars,  
his children shall come trembling from the west.

<sup>11</sup> They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,  
and like doves from the land of Assyria;  
and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> Ephraim has surrounded me with lies,  
and the house of Israel with deceit;  
but Judah still walks with God,  
and is faithful to the Holy One.

Response: The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

CHORAL ANTHEM *We Want to Be Ready*

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Descant by Susan Santry

SERMON *All in the Family* Pastor Jason

\*RESPONSE SONG *O Promised One of Israel* Hymn #124

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
 Offertory *Hallelujah (Christmas Version)* Cohen  
 Solo by Bob Peoples  
 Guitar by Jason O. Mohn  
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\*Doxology (to the tune of *What Child Is This?*)  
 \*Prayer of Dedication

\*SONG *What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest* Hymn #171

\*BENEDICTION Pastor Jason

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Alleluia* Taize

\*POSTLUDE *Fantasy on "In Dulci Jubilo"* arr. Livingston

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 \*Please stand in praise to God, if able  
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**Thank you for participating in our worship gathering!** We are glad that you are here this morning and pray that this might be a meaningful faith-building experience for you and/or your family. To go deeper in relationship with this church family, we invite join in on the fellowship and light refreshments after services today in the Fireside Room.

The poinsettias in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Edie and Eldon Ek and Vicki and Evald Hall by Bob and Nancy Hall.

Special thanks for our musicians today, Kristy Foye on Cello, Lou Ann Falls on flute and Pastor Jason on guitar.



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