

Covenant Congregational Church
First Sunday after Christmas and Epiphany

Worship Gathering December 31, 2017 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *How Far Is It to Bethlehem* arr. Paxton

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Sheri Anderson

Celebrating Christmas

SPECIAL MUSIC *Breath of Heaven* Soloist, Susan Santry

*CALL TO WORSHIP Alynne MacLean

*RESPONSIVE READING *Psalms 148* O.T. Page #582

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens!

Praise him from the heights!

Praise him, all you angels!

Praise him, all you hosts of heaven!

Praise him, sun and moon.

Praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, you highest heavens.

You waters above the heavens, praise him.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for it was at his command they were created.

Praise the Lord, you creatures of the deep!

Let fire, hail, snow, frost and stormy winds join in the praise.

Mountains and all hills!

Fruit trees and cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle!

Creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord!

Yes, let them praise the name of the Lord!

God has raised up a Redeemer for his people, for his faithful ones, for those who are close to him.

Praise the Lord!

*SONG *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* Hymn #159

SCRIPTURES *Isaiah 61:10-62:3* Arianna Siciliano
John 1:1-14 O.T. Page 692
N.T. Page 91

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Alynne MacLean

*SONG *Joy Bells Are Ringing* Hymn #166

SERMON *One Last Present* Sheri Anderson

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Celebrating Epiphany

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 2:1-22* N.T. Page 2

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *We Three Kings* arr. Smith

Prayer of Dedication

*SONG *Shine, Jesus, Shine* Hymn #195

*BENEDICTION Pastor Jason

*POSTLUDE *How Great Our Joy* arr. McDonald

*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.

Our choir has a well-deserved Sunday off today. We will welcome them back next Sunday.



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