

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*2nd Sunday
in Advent*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Once In Royal David’s City”

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

HYMN # 630

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Peter 3:8-15a

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:1-8

SERMON

How Should We Be Waiting?

Rev. Daniel Kreiss

COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN # 143

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;
you, who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations; you have seen his natal star:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Coventry Carol”

This morning we again welcome the Rev. Daniel Kreiss to the virtual pulpit. Dan, along with his wife Cindy, has given his career to Christian ministry in a variety of contexts, both internationally and domestically. After decades serving in lay ministry Dan pursued ordination and was ordained in the Holston Presbytery in March of 2018 having completed his M.Div at Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan College. Dan completed his Doctor of Ministry at Portland Seminary in Leadership in Global Perspectives and is currently pursuing publication of a modified version of his dissertation dealing with the need for a more multi-generational and multi-ethnic church. Dan and Cindy have been married for more than 30 years and are the proud parents of 4 amazing children. Dan just accepted a call to be the Associate Pastor for Mission Outreach at Roswell Presbyterian church in Atlanta and will begin in the new year.

The **December Courier** has been emailed or snail-mailed to you and is posted on our website. Please read it and find out about all the things happening at Covenant during this **Advent Season!** (*mostly virtually, of course*)

TODAY AT COVENANT:

In the Pulpit:
Organ/piano:
Liturgist:

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Jessica Siple, Music Director
Kathi Cary

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