

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*1st Sunday
in Advent*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

WELCOME

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Alternative Gift Fair

PRELUDE

"I Wonder As I Wander"

arr.: Lloyd Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

HYMN # 83 (*copy of hymn w/music attached*)

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

GOSPEL READING

Mark 13:24-37

SERMON

Waiting Is So Hard

Rev. Daniel Kreiss

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN # 353 (*copy of hymn w/music attached*) “*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. [*Refrain*]

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. [*Refrain*]

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. [*Refrain*]

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*”

Cindy Berry

This morning we 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. 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:

Rev. Daniel Kreiss
Jessica Siple, Music Director
Shawn Hale

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