

# COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

*A CONGREGATION OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*

## THE LORD'S DAY

December 24, 2023

*“And she brought forth her firstborn Son.”*

Luke 2:7a

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December 24, 2023 – 11:00 am

**Welcome and Announcements**.....

**Silent Prayer** .....

## **The Order of Worship**

§ **Call to Worship**..... *Psalm 103:1-3*

§ **Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**.....

§ **The Hymn of Adoration**..... “*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*”  
Trinity Psalter Hymnal#311\*

**The Revelation of God’s Will**..... *Micah 6:8*

**Prayer of Confession**.....

**The Assurance of Pardon**..... *Isaiah 38:17*

§ **Giving of Thanks**..... “*O God, to Us Show Mercy*”  
Trinity Psalter Hymnal#67A

**The Offering** .....

**The Baptism** ..... *Lincoln Manning Arrison, son of Drake & Emma Arrison*

§ **The Psalm of Praise**..... “*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*”  
Please see insert.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving, Supplication and for Illumination** .....

§ **The Scripture Readings**..... *Micah 5:2-5, Luke 2:1-7*

§ **The Hymn of Preparation** ..... “*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*”  
Trinity Psalter Hymnal#313

**The Preaching of the Word** ..... *Luke 2:1-7*

“The Gospel of Luke: The Birth of Jesus Christ”

Pastor Peter Van Doodewaard

§ **The Hymn of Response** ..... “*What Child Is This?*”  
Trinity Psalter Hymnal#317

§ **The Benediction** .....

§ **The Doxology**..... “Now Blessed Be Jehovah God”  
Trinity Psalter Hymnal#564

§ Please stand, if you are able.      \*Verse 2 will be sung without musical accompaniment.

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**WELCOME** to our worship and fellowship at Covenant Community Church. We are a congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. We are a people grateful for the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, which promises the forgiveness of sins and eternal life to all who trust in Him alone for salvation.

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**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP**

Young children are welcome to join in our worship at Covenant Community Church. If you anticipate that your young child or children cannot exercise the necessary self-control to remain relatively quiet and still, please consider making good use of either our nursery or our training room out of consideration for your fellow worshippers—particularly during the preaching of the Word.

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**NEXT LORD’S DAY**

We look forward to the ministry of Dr. Ian Hamilton next Lord’s Day. Dr. Hamilton will be preaching the Word in both worship services as well as teaching our adult Sunday School class.

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**FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We are taking a break from our usual children’s Sunday School classes both today and next

Lord’s Day, December 31<sup>st</sup>. **However, our adult Sunday School class will meet both weeks, and we strongly encourage you to attend these classes with your entire family if you are able!** Dr. Ryan McGraw will teach today on the Lord’s Day as the Christian Sabbath. Dr. Ian Hamilton will teach next week on the life of John G. Paton, a 19<sup>th</sup> century Presbyterian missionary to the New Hebrides Islands.

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**THIS WEEK**

Our regular Wednesday evening activities (children’s classes, hymn-sing, and prayer meeting) are canceled this week. We look forward to meeting again for our fellowship meal, children’s classes, and prayer on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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**LOST AND FOUND**

Please check the lost and found on the middle floor for any items belonging to you and your family. We plan to donate all unclaimed items after next Lord’s Day, December 31<sup>st</sup>.

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**COMMUNICANTS’ CLASS**

We plan to start a communicants’ class **on Wednesday evenings beginning in January**. This class will be taught by our pastors and

will be designed to prepare our young people to both publicly profess their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and to partake of the Lord's Supper. The typical age for this class is eleven years old and older. If you have questions about the communicants' class, please speak with your elders.

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**LADIES' BOOK STUDY**

Our ladies' book study will meet on **Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**. Two meetings are available based on your scheduling needs: 10 am and 7 pm, both at the church. We will continue reading *With All Your Heart* by Craig Troxel.

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**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Our men's fellowship will meet on **Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**. We will meet **from 8:30-10:15 am in the fellowship hall** and will continue reading *With All Your Heart* by Craig Troxel.

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**LIGONIER CONNECT**

Our subscription to Ligonier Connect for the member households of our congregation has been renewed for another year through a generous gift. Ligonier Connect (provided by Ligonier Ministries) is an online library of theologically sound video courses on topics like theology, biblical studies, church history, and practical Christian living. If you have not signed up already, please send us an email at [office@covenanttaylors.org](mailto:office@covenanttaylors.org).

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**SCHEDULES**

**The Lord's Day**

Sunday School ..... 9:30am  
Ages 3-4 ..... Sarah Bisson, Charity V.  
Ages 5-6 ..... Jennifer Lee, Emma Bowman  
Ages 7-8 ..... Gail Ellis, Kelsey Rudder  
Ages 9-10 ..... Joey Pipa, Grant Woody  
Ages 11-12.. Caleb Harriman, Stephen Cook  
Ages 13-14 ..... Nick Higgins, Ryan Lee  
Adults ..... Jeremiah Mooney  
Youth ..... Peter Van Doodewaard  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 pm

**Nursery Care**

Week of December 24, 2023  
AM ..... Helen Vaughan, Brianna Baker  
PM ..... Susie V., Eliana Shoaf  
Wed ..... No prayer meeting  
Week of December 31, 2023  
AM ..... Karen Dover, Emma Bowman  
PM ..... Kelsey Rudder, Katie V.

**Ushers**

Week of December 24, 2023  
Paul Coblentz, Hudson Arce  
Robert Robison, Jim Sturgis  
Week of December 31, 2023  
Jim Higgins, Owen McGraw  
Joey Pipa IV, Parker Woody

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**Covenant Community Church**

**Senior Pastor**— Peter Van Doodewaard  
**Pastor** – Jeremiah Mooney  
**Elders**—Mr. Jim Loring (clerk), Dr. Ryan McGraw, Rev. Jeremiah Mooney (pastor), Mr. Vernon Shoaf, Mr. David Stair, Rev. Peter Van Doodewaard (pastor/moderator)  
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