

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

 Morning Worship, December 15, 2024 

Call to Worship: Isaiah 60:1-7

Votum: “Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.”

Salutation

**Hymn 218: Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

**Prayer of Invocation*

Law of God: Exodus 20:1-17

Confession of Sin: Psalm 130 (responsive/hymnal, p. 833)

Assurance of Pardon: Matthew 11:28-30

**Hymn 213: What Child Is This?*

Tithes and Offerings

**Hymn 731: The Doxology*

Prayer of Intercession

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:57-80 (church Bible, p. 856)

Sermon: The Original Christmas Pageant, Part 5 - *The Loosing of*

Zechariah's Tongue

Prayer of Application

New Member Reception

**Hymn 195: Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

***Benediction**

**Indicates Congregation Standing*

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 Prayer Requests 

- *Foreign Missions – Japan/Woody and Laurie Lauer*
- *Evangelist: Rev. Joshua Jackson, U.S. Army Chaplain*
- *Presbytery of the Midwest – Pella, IA*
 - *Hope Reformed OPC*
 - *Pastor Zech Schiebout*
- *Cedar Valley – Candee Church, Cedar Falls*
- *Covenant OPC – Individual/Family of the Week*
 - *Kurt Albright*

 Announcements 

**Welcome!* This morning, we are excited and give thank to God as we welcome into our church family as communing members Maggie Rehberg and Ashton Veenstra! Following Morning Worship, all are invited to our Fellowship Meal. . . . Then, everyone is encouraged to join as we gather again for Afternoon Worship at 1:30pm, with another message from the Word: The Original Christmas Pageant, Part 6 - The Star, Triumphant Over the Subversive Actor, Luke 2:1-7.

**Pastor Mike and his family plan to take some vacation time through the last two Sundays of the month.* He does plan to serve a final Sunday at Covenant on January 5. In the meantime, please seek out any member of the Session if you have a pastoral need.

**Next Sunday, December 22, we look forward to the ministry of Pastor Brian Belh as he fills our pulpit.*

Dialogical Worship

Scripture models worship as a conversation: God initiates, man responds. Our liturgy, ordered in the form of a dialogue, reflects this principle. Sections in **bold** primarily represent God speaking, while those *italicized and in lighter print* his people respond.

We Confess....

34. Why do you call him "our Lord"?

- A. **Because - not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood - he has delivered and purchased us body and soul from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, to be his very own.**

The Heidelberg Catechism

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counseling, by appointment.)

Evangelist: Rev. Joshua Jackson (U.S. Army Chaplain)

Elders:
Ed Olthoff
Colin Weeks
Jim Veenstra

Deacons:
John Ertl

Sunday Worship
December 15, 2024

Covenant Presbyterian
CHURCH

A Congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

“Changing World, Unchanging Word”

Sunday School..... 9:30 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Afternoon Worship..... 1:30 pm

Our Mission

Our mission is to **exalt** the God of grace; **engage** others with the gospel of grace; **enfold** them into a community of grace; **equip** them to live by the power of grace; so that *together* we might **exalt** the God of grace.

**“Faith comes from hearing, and
hearing through the word of Christ.”**

– Romans 10:17