

Covenant Church

Morning Worship — December 21, 2025

Welcome

Mr. Andrew Telthorst

Announcements

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 30:4-5

Sing: Hymn #214, *Angels We Have Heard on High

*Invocation

*Confession of Faith (*Unison*)

The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Congregation: That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, who, with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me, that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; yes, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.

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We're very glad to worship with you this morning. Covenant Church is a church *on mission* by **Prayer, Worship,** and **Love for Our City**, while rejoicing and resting in God — to his glory.

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Evening Worship

Tonight, 6:00 PM

The sermon text and title for *Evening Worship*: 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12, "Hearts Turned From the World to Christ".

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

This Wednesday, December 24

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

"Last Sunday" Lunch

Next Sunday, December 28

Please plan to stay for our monthly fellowship lunch following the conclusion of *Morning Worship*.

**Congregation standing, if able*

GOD CLEANSSES US

Confession of Sin (*Unison*)

Psalm 51:1-4 (ESV)

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

***Scriptural Assurance of Pardon**

Lamentations 3:21-24 (ESV)

²¹ But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: ²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

Sing: Hymn #202, *O Little Town of Bethlehem

(Children Come Forward on Last Stanza)

Children's Message

GOD CONSECRATES US

Worship of God with Tithes & Offerings

Sing: Hymn #731, *The Doxology

Pastoral Prayer (& *Lord's Prayer*)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

Reading of Scripture

Exodus 2:11-25; Hebrews 11:27 (ESV)

Exodus 2:11-25 (ESV)

¹¹ One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and looked on their burdens, and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people. ¹² He looked this way and that, and seeing no one, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. ¹³ When he went out the next day, behold, two Hebrews were struggling together. And he said to the man in the wrong, “Why do you strike your companion?” ¹⁴ He answered, “Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?” Then Moses was afraid, and thought, “Surely the thing is known.” ¹⁵ When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh and stayed in the land of Midian. And he sat down by a well.

¹⁶ Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came and drew water and filled the troughs to water their father’s flock. ¹⁷ The shepherds came and drove them away, but Moses stood up and saved them, and watered their flock. ¹⁸ When they came home to their father Reuel, he said, “How is it that you have come home so soon today?” ¹⁹ They said, “An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds and even drew water for us and watered the flock.” ²⁰ He said to his daughters, “Then where is he? Why have you left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread.” ²¹ And Moses was content to dwell with the man, and he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah. ²² She gave birth to a son, and he called his name Gershom, for he said, “I have been a sojourner in a foreign land.”

²³ During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. ²⁴ And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. ²⁵ God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.

Hebrews 11:27 (ESV)

²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.

Sermon, Rev. Brooks Pipher

“Great Gain in Christ”

***Sing: Hymn #195, Joy to the World!**

GOD COMMUNES WITH US AT THE LORD'S TABLE

The Invitation and Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup

The bread is vegan and gluten-free. The cup is grape juice. It is our custom to hold the elements, and partake together. Please leave your glass cup at your seat.

GOD COMMISSIONS US

***Sing: *Psalter* #30 (Stanzas 1 & 5)**

***Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

***Sing: Psalter #179**

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