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**COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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OUR PURPOSE IS TO WORSHIP THE TRIUNE GOD IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH, WHICH COMPELS US TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER AND TO WITNESS TO ALL MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN, DISCIPLINING THEM IN BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY IN THE HISTORIC TRADITION OF THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH.

**OUR STAFF**

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**ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**December 16, 2007**  
**10:50AM**

*For I have not hesitated to declare unto you the whole counsel of God. Acts 20:27*

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**MISSIONARY PRAYER NEEDS**

December 16 - 23, 2007

**Sunday-** Pray for World Harvest Mission's missionary doctors Scott and Jennifer Myhre and physician's assistant, Scott Will. They work in the Bundibugyo district of Uganda and are living and working in the midst of a deadly Ebola outbreak. Pray God in His mercy would be pleased to protect them and to end this outbreak. Jonah Kule, a Ugandan doctor and fellow believer died leaving five children and his pregnant wife, Melen.

**Monday-** Richard Crane (MTW/FLET – Miami) asks that we pray for the doors to open for FLET teachers to reenter Cuba for teaching and training of church leaders. It has been several years since they were denied access but the church has continued to grow there. In six years, the church has grown from 200,000 to 2 million believers.

**Tuesday –** Rich Ramsay (MTW/MINTS/FLET – Miami) has asked for our prayers for the Lord to greatly use his pamphlet, *Am I Good Enough?* A church leader in Vietnam has printed 1,000 copies for distribution there in Presbyterian churches. Pray that many may comprehend the gospel through it and come to know the living Christ.

**Wednesday-** Pray for generous giving to Lighthouse Ministries during this Christmas season as they seek to assist the homeless and many single mothers and their children. Pray that the love of Christ would change the lives of those in need and give them hope.

**Thursday-** David and Eleanor Fiol (MTW – India) ask for our continued prayers for the Children's Homes. An organization and some individuals in the U.S. have been giving false reports to the Indian government about the Homes. Pray that they will not get control of funds given to the Homes for the children's benefit. Pray for the protection of the Homes and for repentance and change on the part of these professing Christians.

**Friday-** Marcus Toole (MTW – Canada, Native peoples) asks for our prayers as the members of Jesus Church pass out goody bags and invite people to a prayer service on the reservation. Pray for their protection from gangs and for a good response.

**Saturday-** Pray for a blessed and joyful Christmas for our missionaries scattered around the globe. Most are far from family and even children in school in the U.S. Pray God's grace, comfort, and peace for them.

**CHURCH SCHEDULE – WEEK OF DECEMBER 16, 2007**

<b>Sunday</b>	
Wind Ensemble	8:30 AM
Christian Education Hour	9:30 AM
Morning Worship Service	10:50 AM
Children's Worship Hour (ages 4 & 5) dismissed from worship	
Service of Nine Lessons and Carols	5:00 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Men's Breakfast (Denny's Cleveland Heights G&CC)	6:30 AM
Chimes Rehearsal	5:00 PM
MID Week Communicant's Class	6:00 PM
Vespers Service with Communion	6:30 PM
Kid's Quest	6:30 PM
Sr. High Youth FAT Night	7:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	6:45 PM
<b>Friday</b>	
Sr. High Progressive Dinner/Christmas Dinner	5:30 PM

**Preparation for Worship**

<b>Welcome</b>		<b>Elder Bill Campbell</b>
<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Prelude on Antioch</i>	G. F. Handel arr. Gerald Peterson
<b>Introit</b>	<i>The Star Carol</i> Joyful Singers	Alfred Burt
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Revelation 17:14 (NIV)
	Minister: He is Lord of lords and King of kings- All: <b>and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.</b>	
	Minister: Let us worship God!	
<b>* Hymn 218</b>	<i>Angels, from the Realms of Glory</i>	<i>Regent Square</i>
	Diane Herrington, Service Pianist	Sarah Mora, Piano Apprentice

**\* Prayer of Adoration**

## Confession of Sin

from *Calvin's Liturgy*

O Lord, God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge most sincerely before Your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, prone to do evil, incapable of any good, and that in our depravity we transgress Your holy commandments without end or ceasing: Wherefore we purchase for ourselves, through Your righteous judgment, our ruin and perdition. Nevertheless, O Lord, we are grieved that we have offended You: and we condemn ourselves and our sins with true repentance, beseeching Your grace to relieve our distress. O God and Father most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the Name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And as you blot out our sins and stains, magnify and increase in us day by day the grace of Your Holy Spirit: that as we acknowledge our unrighteousness with all our heart, we may be moved by that sorrow which will bring forth true repentance in us, mortifying all our sins, and producing in us the fruits of righteousness and innocence which are pleasing unto You; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18-19 (NIV)

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

## Antiphonal Reading

*Psalm 2* *Trinity Hymnal*, p. 785

## Music Offering

*What Child* Paul Lohman  
Sanctuary Choir

## \* Confession of Faith

*The Nicene Creed*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men, and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried,  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and I believe one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

\* **Hymn No. 162** *Of the Father's Love Begotten* *Divinum Mysterium*

*Covenant Heirs 4 & 5 may be dismissed to Children's Worship in room 202.  
For children 6+, a "kid's bulletin" is available from the ushers. Room 113 has a video  
of the service for parents of children who need attention during the service.*

## Sermon

**John 1:1-18** **Dr. David B. McWilliams**  
**DOES GOD WANT TO KNOW US?**  
(Pew Bible page 1049)

## Prayer of Petition and the Lord's Prayer

## Offertory

*Lo, How a Rose Ever Blooming* G. Young

## \* Hymn No. 214

*Angels We Have Heard on High* *Gloria*  
Wind Ensemble

## \* Benediction

Numbers 6: 24-26 (ESV)

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face  
to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up  
his countenance upon you and give you peace  
All: **Come quickly, Lord Jesus!**

## \* Choral Response

*This is He* Plainsong, 12<sup>th</sup> C.

## Postlude

*Sing We Now of Christmas* Anna Laura Page

## MINISTRY OF INTERCESSION AT HOME – PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Ginny Metzler, Pat Allen, Alicia Larson, Bonnie Gaynair and Family, Christa Cochran, Debbie Bean, Carol Viner, Lynn Catching, Ann Breathitt, Myla Mosley, Kara Szydlowski, Jim Shofner, Vince Strawbridge, Jr., Pat Foster, Mark Koretechko, Bill Johnson, Maria Laing, Jayne & Sally Brown, Alys & Bob Reese, Elizabeth Campano, Cindy Drake.

*"Men should always pray and not give up." Luke 18:1*

## In Celebration of Christ's Birth

Please join us this evening  
at 5:00pm for a

## Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Scripture read by our Elders,  
Carol singing by our congregation,  
Special music by the Joyful Singers,  
Youth Choir and the Sanctuary Choir