



Worship Preparation Guide

Call to Worship:

Minister: He is Lord of lords and King of kings,
All: and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.
Minister: Let us worship God!

Confession of Sin:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from there sins. Matthew 1:21 (NIV)

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 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 with the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

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

Sermon Text:

John 1:1-18 "Does God Want To Know Us?"

Hymns/Songs:

Of The Father's Love Begotten (No. 162)
At The Name Of Jesus (No. 163)
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (No. 216)

[\(Need words and tunes, click here.\)](#)

Announcements

In Celebration of Christ's Birth, please join us this Sunday evening December 16 at 5:00pm for a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. There will be scripture read by our Elders, Carol singing by our congregation and special music by the Joyful Singers, Youth Choir and the Sanctuary Choir.

A Christmas Eve Worship Service has been scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on the 24th. Please come for a brief time of worship and celebration.

A NEW Christian Education Schedule will be published next week. Please look for it in the vestibule on Sunday, December 23.

The WIC Tuesday Morning Bible Study will resume on January 15 at 9:30 a.m. with a study in Proverbs. The Wednesday Evening study will continue with *Discipling By Grace*. All women are invited to participate in these studies as the Lord enables.

This Week at Covenant

Sunday– December 16

Wind Ensemble 8:30 am
[Christian Education Hour](#) 9:30 am

Morning Worship Service 10:50 am

Service of Lessons and Carols 5:00 pm

Wednesday—December 19

Men's Breakfast 6:30 am
Chimes Rehearsal 5:00 pm
Middle School TIM Group 5:00 pm
MID Week Communicant's Class 6:00 pm

Vespers Communion Service 6:30 pm

Kid's Quest 6:30 pm
WIC Bible Study (Library) 6:30 pm
Sr. High Youth FAT night 7:00 pm
Recorder Rehearsal 7:30 pm
Shepherding Commission (ACR) 7:30 pm

Thursday –December 20

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:45 pm

Friday—December 21

Sr. High Progressive Dinner/Party 5:30 pm

Prayer Requests

Pat Allen, who was admitted to LRMC with a very severe bacterial infection that covers the left side of his face, his eye and his sinuses.

Debbie Bean, who had foot surgery today. Pray for healing and for

Bonnie Gaynair and family, who are grieving over in the passing of her father. Also, pray for her brothers—one has struggled with non-Hodgkin's for about 5 years and is presently in the hospital; and also her oldest brother who has been diagnosed with lupus.

Ginny Metzler, pray for improved health as her white cells continue to be slightly low.

Michael Mosley, who is job hunting again. Please pray for wisdom and God's guidance.

[Click here for a complete listing of prayer requests.](#)

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Adult Christian Education Hour Schedule (9:30 am on Sundays)

October 7– December 30

The Message of Ephesians (Tom Oates)	Oct 7– Dec 30 -Fellowship Hall
Total Truth (Bob Macey and Allen Montgomery)	Oct 7– Dec 30 -Chapel
Gateway Class (Dan DeLange)	Ongoing– Church Library
Young Adults Class– Hebrews (Gary Morrison)	Not meeting currently

Children and Youth Christian Education Classes

There are classes for children and youth (2 years old through High School) available during the Christian Education Hour. Children's classes (ages 3 through 5th grade) are held in the second floor of the church building and youth classes are held in the portables on the west of the church grounds. The two year old class is held in the two year old nursery located at the north east corner of the church building.

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Complete List of Prayer Requests Updated December 14, 2007

Persecuted Christians

For God's mercy and grace in the lives of our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ around the world. [Click here for a listing of specific needs.](#)

Missionaries

For the many missionaries around the world who are faithfully fulfilling the Great Commission. [Click here for this weeks' missionary prayer needs.](#)

Pat Allen

Admitted to LRMC with a very severe bacterial infection that covers the left side of his face, his eye and his sinuses. Pray for wisdom so the doctors will know how best to treat him and that the pain will subside so he can rest. He is not working right now and has no health insurance.

Debbie Bean

Pray that she will recover and heal quickly from her foot surgery, and remain confident in His plan for her life.

Ann Breathitt

Continued healing and restored health.

Jayne & Sally Brown

Improved health and strength for both Jayne and Sally.

Elizabeth Campano

Healing of Lupus and related issues.

Lynne Catching sees the doctor Monday for x-rays on her arm. Please continue to PRAY for healing.

Cindy Drake

Relief from chronic pain and illness.

Pat Foster

Healing and strength in battle with cancer.

Bonnie Gaynair and her family

Comfort in grieving over in the passing of her father . Also, Pray for her brothers– one who has struggled with non-Hodgkin's disease for about 5 years and is presently in the hospital ; and her oldest brother who has been diagnosed with lupus.

Sandy Johnson (Dane Streets' sister-in-law)

For peace and strength as she battles colon cancer.

Mark Koretchko

Relief from chronic and severe pain.

Maria Laing

Improved health overall.

Ginny Metzler

pray for improved health as her white cells continue to be slightly low and she asks you to pray that she will have peace about this.

Michael Mosley

His company lost their contract in Jamaica. He is job hunting again. Please pray for wisdom and God's guidance.

Myla Mosley

She has been given a one week vacation from the hospital to be home with family. The Drs. say she is responding amazingly well for such a little one. She will return to the hospital in Indianapolis on Dec. 17th for the next 10 day round of chemotherapy.

Bob and Alys Reese

For improved health, strength and continued grace.

Jim Shofner

For continued strengthening of his body, especially the heart, and his mind. Also, pray that the medicines will work as they are supposed to, to the point they can be reduced or stopped.

Vince Strawbridge, Jr.

For persevering grace and strength to endure such hard trials. Relief of pain, improved use of limbs. Improvement in hearing. Pray also for Becky and the children who are involved with Vince's care day-in and day-out.

Pastors, Elders and Deacons

Please pray the Lord will continue to bless our officers with wisdom, holiness of life and dedication to their callings.

Single Parents

Please pray for all our single moms and dads and their children– for God's grace and strength in their lives. Pray the Lord provide comfort in times of loneliness and anxiety.

Is there a need that you want added to our prayer list? If so, please send your requests to cb@covenantlakeland.org or call the church office at 646-9631 and let us know.

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MISSIONARY PRAYER NEEDS For 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.

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