

**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**Covenant Presbyterian Church**  
December 27, 2020

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<b>THE PRELUDE</b>	<b>“IN THE BLEAK MID- WINTER”</b>	<b>ARR. HELD</b>
<b>THE CHORAL CALL</b>	<b>“PRAISE YE THE LORD OF HOSTS”</b>	<b>SAINT-SAENS</b>
<b>THE CALL TO WORSHIP</b>		<b>PSALM 134: 1-3</b>

**Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord who minister by night in the house of the Lord.**

*Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.*

*May the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion.*

**THE DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow.*

*Praise Him all creatures here below.*

*Praise Him above ye heavenly host.*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**THE INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.*

*Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in 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*

**THE APOSTLES CREED**

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth:*

*And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;*

*who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,*

*born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,*

*was crucified, dead, and buried;*

*he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;*

*he ascended into heaven,*

*and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;*

*from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost;*

*the holy catholic church, the communion of saints;*

*the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen*

## THE HYMN

### “GOD, MY KING, THY MIGHT CONFESSING”

1. God, my King, thy might confessing, ever will I bless thy name;  
day by day thy throne addressing, still will I thy praise proclaim.
2. Honor great our God befitteth; who his majesty can reach?  
Age to age his works transmitteth; age to age his power shall teach.
3. They shall talk of all thy glory, on thy might and greatness dwell,  
speak of thy great acts the story, and thy deeds of wonder tell.
4. Nor shall fail from memory's treasure works by love and mercy wrought:  
works of love surpassing measure, works of mercy passing thought.
5. Full of kindness and compassion, slow to anger, vast in love,  
God is good to all creation; all his works his goodness prove.
6. All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee; thee shall all thy saints adore.  
King supreme shall they confess thee, and proclaim thy sovereign power.

## THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

### ROMANS 2: 1-5

*You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. So when you, a mere man, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you towards repentance? But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.*

## THE MORNING PRAYER

### THE ANTHEM

#### “JOY TO THE WORLD!”

ARR. KUYKENDALL

### THE SCRIPTURE

ZEPHANIAH 1:1-6

*“I will sweep away everything from the face of the earth, declares the Lord.”*

### THE SERMON

REV. BEN RATLIFF

## **THE HYMN**

### **“ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME”**

- 1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.**
- 2. Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.**
- 3. Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.**
- 4. While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

### **THE POSTLUDE**

### **“HE WHOM SHEPHERDS ONCE CAME PRAISING”**

**ARR. HELD**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mr. Chad Washington will be preaching tonight at 6:00 PM from Revelation 22: 6-21. It will also be live-streamed.**

**We are still accepting donations for the Joy Gift, which benefits and cares for the widows and retired PCA ministers. You are encouraged to give through Breeze “Joy Gift”, or designate your checks in the memo line for “Joy Gift.” This is a most important ministry of our church. Please give generously.**