



Covenant Presbyterian Church

...a spiritual home where 'God's love has the run of the house' ...

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Sunday Worship Service.

Welcome to Covenant Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Sunday, January 16th, 2022

10 a.m.

To our guests: Welcome! We invite you to respond with the bolded words during prayers and readings.

Assemble in God's Name

The church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus bids welcome to our Lord's house.

**All those who are able, please stand*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Magi had a dream.

They dreamed of a Messiah. They dreamed of a new day for all people.

The Magi had a dream.

This dream led them on a journey to unknown places.

They followed a star a long way to get to Jesus.

So may we be like the Magi,

May our dreams inspire action, and may we worship the true holy God. Amen.

*GATHERING SONG35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting the God who seeks to guide our steps, let us confess our sins together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we love to worship you when the stars are bright above us.

We love to worship you when the way is clear and when the journey to Bethlehem is an easy one.

Unfortunately, as you know, this journey of life, love, and faith is rarely easy.

Now and again, the clouds block out the stars.

The journey can be far too long and lonely.

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On these days, forgive us for giving up quickly.
Forgive us for allowing the dream to die and for taking the shortcut home.
We want to be as brave as the Magi.
We want to persevere.
Guide our feet. Show us the stars. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's promises are sure and steadfast - love still shines through even the darkest clouds. Believe the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Proclaim God's Word

The God who speaks in Scripture addresses us now.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Jen Langlois**

SCRIPTURE **Matthew 2:1-12**

SERMON **Rev. Emily Chudy**

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Offerings may also be given online at www.covenantfrazer.org/give

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

Go in God's Name

*The Holy Spirit sends us forth to be instruments of God's peace:
To do justice, to love kindness, to walk humbly with our God.*

*SENDING SONG

O God Beyond All Praising

*O God beyond all praising,
We worship you today
And sing the love amazing
That songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder
At every gift you send,
At blessings without number
And mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you
And wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you,
Our great and mighty Lord.*

*Then hear, O gracious Savior,
Accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor
May serve you as our king;
And whether our tomorrows
Be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows
And rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty
And glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty
Our sacrifice of praise.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today's liturgy was written by Sarah Are of a "A Sanctified Art, LLC"

Children's bulletins and activities are available on a table in the narthex room in the back of the sanctuary. A diaper changing table is available in the nursery which is located around the corner from the welcome desk in the lobby.

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing a challenging time in their life. If you would like to learn more about Stephen Ministry, please contact any of our Stephen Ministers. Just look for the **blue** Stephen Ministry badges. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, contact Milly Elrod (mtelrod@gmail.com) or Kurt Moyer (kmoyer721@gmail.com), or call the church office. If you are experiencing a challenging life event and can use a Christian partner, please contact Rev. Alex Becker (abecker@covenantfrazier.org) at the church.

This Week at Covenant!

Sun. Jan. 16

8:30 a.m. – Worship Service

9:45 a.m. – Adult Sunday School (Zoom only)

11 a.m. – Worship in sanctuary

No Children's Church

Mon. Jan. 17

10 a.m. – Lift (Zoom only)

6:30 p.m. – Promise Keepers

7 p.m. – Covenant Strings

Tues. Jan. 18

10 a.m. – Covenant Quilters

7 p.m. – Book Club (Zoom only)

Wed. Jan 19

7 p.m. – Women's Bible Study (Zoom only)

Thurs. Jan. 20

1 p.m. – Presbyterian Women

7 p.m. – Chancel Choir

Fri. Jan 21

6:30 a.m. – Promise Keepers

Sat. Jan. 22

9 a.m. – People's Pantry

Sun. Jan.23

8:30 a.m. – Worship Service

9:45 a.m. – Adult Sunday School (Zoom only)

11 a.m. – Worship in sanctuary

No Children's Church

Children's Church on Pause - In January and February, we will be providing opportunities to connect children to worship either in their pew or on their couch. Pick up a special handout at the children's worship table in the narthex (at the back of the sanctuary) or download a copy at covenantfrazier.org/live (click "Covenant Kids"). There also are lots of ideas for worshipping together in each pew. Look for the "Kids in the Pew" handout or contact Jen at jlanglois@covenantfrazier.org for a copy.

You can also pick up printed materials through the church office on Thursdays and Fridays, 9:00-1:00 or contact Jen if you would prefer a mailed copy. Our goal is to involve children in person and at home in worship and education as we grow our faith together. Please contact Jen with feedback.

Adult Sunday School - For the remaining three Sundays in January, Adult Sunday School will meet at 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. Jim Godbold will lead the class on Zoom from his home, but for those who plan to attend the in-person worship service at 10 a.m., there will be an option to be part of the Zoom session in the space on the Lower Level where the class has met in the past. There will be a new curriculum unit for January, entitled "Baptize". The study guides are available for pick-up at the Welcome Desk across the hall from the church office. Today, the lesson theme is "Remember Your Baptism", with the primary scripture of Mark 1:1 - 11. No advance preparation is expected or required. ALL are welcome! If you have questions, contact Jim Godbold (JHGodbold@gmail.com; or (609) 240-2093).

Youth Group will resume in-person meetings on **January 30th at the CCLC** from 4:30 – 6 p.m.

Please make sure we have your young person's updated mailing address in the office so we can deliver some smiles in January.

A youth family ice skating event is in the works for February 6th! For more information and sign-up use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/youthskate>

At Covenant worship services, **masks are required** while infection rates remain above 100 infections per 100,000 people per week. Masks, including KN95 masks, are available at both entrances to the church building.

Our community is being hit hard with Covid right now, with infection rates far beyond anything we have seen during this pandemic: From 12/31-1/6, the Chester County Health Department recorded over 1,162.5 new infections per 100,000 people. We are grateful for the work of the medical community in providing preventative measures and treatments for Covid that have greatly decreased outcomes of death and severe illness, but our medical systems are being strained. As a Christian community, **let's continue to do our part to show love to others** by doing what we can to decrease the spread: wear a well-fitted, multi-layer mask, get vaccinated and boosted if possible, and stay home when sick.

One Church Worship Service in January. For January 16th, 23rd, and 30th, there will be one worship service at 10:00 AM, both in-person and livestreamed. Thank you for joining us today!

December Congregational Forum follow-up: Please check your email this week for follow-up notes from our December congregational forum.

See more events and find meeting Zoom links at covenantfrazer.org/events and subscribe to our emails at covenantfrazer.org/newsletter

For more information, call the church office at 610-648-0707, Monday-Friday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.



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