

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First Sunday in Advent
December 3, 2017

The ancient story of the advent of Jesus Christ to this world has never ceased to capture the imaginations of men, women, and children. For those of us who know that it actually happened in time and space two thousand years ago, we are repeatedly amazed and astonished by the grace and kindness of God: He sent His own Son to be born in the most humble of human settings in order to save and exalt the people He loves.

This Advent Season, we are going to contemplate afresh the wondrous story of the Incarnation of God in the womb of a peasant girl named Mary. Through our study each Sunday of the first two chapters of The Gospel According to Luke, we shall encounter Zechariah, Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph, concluding with the heavenly song of the angels at Jesus' birth: "Gloria in Excelsis Deo!" May God Himself enter every heart during these days to remind us of His love and to inspire us to love and worship Him.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marty Crawford

Pastor: Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion,
for behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst,
declares the LORD.

People: *And many nations shall join themselves to the LORD
in that day, and shall be my people.*

Pastor: And I will dwell in your midst,
and you shall know that the LORD of hosts
has sent me to you.

People: *And the LORD will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land,
and will again choose Jerusalem.*

Pastor: Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD,
for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.

—Zechariah 2:10-13

SILENT LONGING FOR CHRIST

 *Congregation stand as able.*

HYMN OF ADVENT

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Come, thou long expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear Desire of ev’ry nation, Joy of ev’ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, Of thy birth we long to hear.
O’er the hills the angels singing, News, glad tidings of a birth,
“Go to him, your praises bringing Christ the Lord has come to earth.”

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end;
By His life He brings us gladness, Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, Born within a cattle stall,
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1744. Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus Christ, Who has graciously come to earth to save us from
our sins,
and Who has promised to come again in all Your glory
to take us to be where You are,
we long to see Your face,
and we continue to cry out, “Come quickly, Lord Jesus,”
because we love You and adore You
and give You, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, our grateful praise.
Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Reader: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world;
the one who follows me will not walk in darkness
but have the light of light.”

People: *We light this candle in gratitude for His first coming
and in anticipation of His glorious return.*

Reader: He will come to bring light and life to His people.

ALL: *Come quickly, Lord Jesus; come to comfort Your people.*

*The Advent candle is lit today by Preston, Kristin, Nate, Ella Rose, and
Preston Sartelle.*

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Jessica Dyess

Isaiah 40:1-5

Reader: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

People: *A voice cries:*

*"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

Reader: Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

People: *And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."*

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

HYMN OF COMFORT

“Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People”

Comfort, comfort, ye My people,
Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
Mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover
And her warfare now is over.

Yea, her sins our God will pardon,
Blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved His anger
He no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many a day,
Now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness
Into ever-springing gladness.

For the Herald's voice is crying
In the desert far and near,
Biding all men to repentance
Since the Kingdom now is here.
O, that warning cry obey!
No prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him
And the hills bow down to greet Him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked,
Make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits His holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token
That His Word is never broken.

Words: Johannes Olearius, 1671; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863.
Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1551.

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



HYMN OF JOY

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Of the Father’s love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the Ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore!

O, that birth forever blessed
When a virgin, blest with grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world’s Redeemer,
First revealed His sacred face
Evermore and evermore!

Let the heights of heaven, adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him
And extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore!

Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unwearied praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore!
Evermore and evermore!
Evermore and evermore!

Words: Marcus Aurelius C. Prudentius, 4th century; tr. John M. Neale (1818-1866)
Music: PLAINSONG, 13th c.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

“Sing, All Ye Nations”

Chancel Choir

Sing, all ye nations,
The arm of the Lord
Is revealed in its power,
Fulfilling God’s Word.

Ye watchmen of Zion,
The glory beholding,
Long promised, now dawning
To gladden our eyes.
Shout aloud, through all lands,
The bright vision unfolding
And call Zion’s hosts to awake!

Roll on, thou glad Earth,
Thy dark places are gleaming
With light from on high;
And the new-risen ray,
On thy far distant mountains
And lone isles is beaming,
And the nations awaken, and hail.

Roll on in thy path
Till the radiance, increasing
Its noon-day effulgence,
Around thee shall fling,
And thy people all join
In hosannas unceasing
To praise their Creator, Redeemer and King!

Words: Francis Scott Key, 1779-1843, alt., from Sunday School Celebration, 1833.
Music: Daniel C. Meyer.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the LORD be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leslie Brooks

Visitors, please take a moment to fill out the attendance cards located in the pew racks.

You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 22.

Children are dismissed at this time.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Eric Getty

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 1:1-25

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, ²just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, ³it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

⁵In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. ⁷But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

⁸Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, ⁹according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. ¹¹And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. ¹³But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. ¹⁶And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, ¹⁷and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,

and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”

¹⁸And Zechariah said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.” ¹⁹And the angel answered him, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time.” ²¹And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. ²²And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. ²³And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

²⁴After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying, ²⁵“Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people.”

Pastor: All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

People: *The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God stands forever.*

Isaiah 40:6b, 8

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All who are united in Christ Jesus by faith and are baptized, communing members of His visible Church are invited to come to the Lord's Table. If you are not communing but would like to participate, come forward and fold your hands, and you will receive a prayer of blessing from the server.

Prayer of Confession

ALL: *Almighty and gracious God, by Whose might and power we were created,
by Whose grace and mercy we are saved,
and by Whose wondrous promises we have hope,
with great sorrow we confess our many trespasses and sins:
We, like Zechariah, have failed to believe all that You have spoken;
we have treated as ordinary the extraordinary
and have at times lost the ability to be astonished by Your love.
Please forgive our calloused and ungrateful hearts
and renew in us the wonder and amazement of our salvation
that we may honor and glorify You,
now and forever. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

—Isaiah 53:6

Brothers and sisters, for all who trust our humble Savior,
your sins are forgiven. Glory be to His most excellent Name.

Apostle's Creed

ALL: *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 on 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.*

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Words and Music: Louis Bourgeois (1551).

Words of Institution

from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Prayer of Humble Access

ALL: *We do not presume to come to this your Table,
O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your Table,
but you are the same Lord
whose property is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to commemorate in this breaking of bread
the death of your dear son Jesus Christ,
that we may feed on him in our hearts by faith,
and that we may evermore dwell in Him,
and He in us.
Amen.*

Prayer of Consecration

Pastor: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast and united in ministry with your people in every place.

This we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying:

ALL: *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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.*

**If you desire gluten free bread, please walk down the center aisle, either upstairs or down, and the server will provide it accordingly. Congregation will sing the printed hymns during Communion.*

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

“What Wondrous Love is This”

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful cruse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb Who is the great “I AM,”
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn. Music: The Southern Harmony, 1835.

“Jesus, I Come”

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,

Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.

Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,

Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health,

Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,

Out of my sin and into Thyself,

Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,

Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,

Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,

Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,

Out of distress into jubilant psalm,

Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,

Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into Thy blessed will to abide,

Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,

Out of despair into raptures above,

Upward forever on wings like a dove,

Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,

Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the joy and light of Thy home,

Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold,

Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,

Ever Thy glorious face to behold,

Jesus, I come to Thee.

Words: William True Sleeper. Music: Greg Thompson.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: December 3-December 10, 2017

SUNDAY, December 3

- 8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons)
- 9:00 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)
Children's Worship | 3 years through 3rd grade
- 10:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting & All-Adult Sunday School
- 6:00 p.m. Choral Advent Vespers (Sanctuary)
Dessert fellowship immediately following

MONDAY, December 4

- 8:15 a.m. Women in Prayer (Ingram Link's office, 3rd floor)

TUESDAY, December 5

- 9:30-10:30 a.m. Women's Study: Young Mothers Study (E303)
- 11:30 a.m. Missionary Lunch with Tanya Demyanova and Marianna and Jim Peipon, serving in Ukraine (Dining Room)

FRIDAY, December 8

- 5:00-9:00 p.m. Christmas in Fairfield (Hope Health Center)

Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Marty Crawford, December 4-10).

MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Children's Worship Information. Following the Sunday morning worship service, parents will find their children attending Children's Worship in the following rooms:

3K - C224 (available for the entire worship hour)

4K - C221 (available for the entire worship hour)

Kindergarten - C221 (dismissed during Passing of the Peace)

1st through 3rd Grades - C316 (dismissed during Passing of the Peace)

Choral Advent Vespers. Join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. for a special evening worship service, "The Straight Highway," presented by our Chancel and Children's Choirs. Begin this Advent season with an evening of worship and the Word with your Covenant family! (There will be a dessert fellowship immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall.)

Missionary Luncheon. Join Covenant's missions committees for lunch on December 5 at 11:30 a.m. in the Dining Room (E206) to hear from Tanya Demyanova and Marianna and Jim Peipon. Tanya works with the Pediatric AIDS unit at Okmdet Hospital in Kiev, Ukraine. Please RSVP to Phyllis Hamm at phamm@covpres.com.

Information Meeting: Lighthouse Family Retreat. On November 29 in the Covenant Commons Area we are hosting an information meeting for Lighthouse Family Retreat, March 25-31. Drop in between 7:30 and 10:00 p.m. to hear how you can come alongside families living through childhood cancer. Single, married with kids, young or old...this is the perfect mission trip for you!

Lovelady Dinner & Concert. Join us December 12 at 6:00 p.m. as we host the women of the Lovelady Center. This annual event is a great time of food, fun, and music! Our musical guests this year will be Act of Congress. Please visit covpres.com/lovelady to find out how you can be involved in this special night.

Women's Winter Retreat. Ladies, join us January 26-28 at the Auburn Marriott at Grand National. Abby Hutto will be our guest speaker, and she will be teaching about "The Heart of the Father." Early-bird registration is good through December 10 for a \$25 per person discount! covpres.com/womens-ministry

PCA Ministerial Relief Fund. During our Christmas Eve services we will be collecting an offering for the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund. In accordance with James 1:27, the PCA began the fund to aid in the financial stress of the widows of our pastors and missionaries. Your gift to this fund acknowledges their life of service and provides for them in their time of need.



"Gloria
in excelsis
Deo!"

CELEBRATE THE SEASON AT COVENANT

SUNDAY MORNINGS IN ADVENT

December 3, 10, 17, & 24*

Gathered Worship ■ 9:00 a.m.

CHORAL ADVENT VESPERS

December 3 ■ 6:00 p.m.

*A special evening worship service featuring "The Straight Highway,"
a presentation from our Chancel and Children's Choirs.*

CHRISTMAS EVE AT COVENANT

Family Candlelight Service ■ 4:30 p.m.

Candlelight and Communion Service ■ 6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMASTIDE SUNDAY

December 31*

Gathered Worship ■ 9:00 a.m.

**No Sunday School*

FINANCIAL UPDATE *through* November 20, 2017

GENERAL FUND GIVING (181 commitments totaling \$2,306,030)

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
\$3,006,630	\$2,764,526	\$2,955,313

2017 Operating Surplus/(Deficit): (\$190,787)

2017 Operating Reserve: \$143,944

2017 Line of Credit: \$0

FAITH PROMISE GIVING (83 commitments totaling \$187,711)

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Funds Received</u>	<u>Funds Disbursed</u>
\$172,381	\$229,696	\$172,381

FAITH PROMISE RESERVE: \$107,305

If you have questions regarding the budget, please contact Marty Crawford in the church office or members of the Joint Finance Committee:

Ty Dedmon	Lee Sheppard
Gary Gorham	Todd Sitton
Merrill Johnston	Darrell Tucker
Mark Miller	John Wood

| *The Campaign for Covenant* |

FAITHFUL over a LITTLE

Pledges (252 commitments):	<u>\$3,506,682</u>
Receipts:	\$2,848,724
Funds from sale of building:	<u>\$1,987,385</u>
Total funds provided:	\$4,836,109
Funds used for debt:	<u>(\$1,983,644)</u>
Funds available:	\$2,852,465
Costs to date:	<u>(\$2,665,490)</u>
Net funds available:	\$186,975

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RULING ELDERS

2017

Paul Loyless
Russell Martin
Mark Miller
Norman Pless
Charlie Regan
Lee Sheppard
Mark Taylor

2018

AC Frese
Eric Getty
John Hamilton
Daniel Murray
Warren Norville
Jason Peevy
Ben Walker
Clay Wheeler
Charles White

2019

Ty Dedmon
Jeff Dyess
Rick Flynn
Heath Henderson
Tom McKnight
John Smith T
Richard Thompson

DEACONS

2017

Lee Baker
Aaron Coffey
Paul Darden
John Gant
Jonathan Gidley
Grant Haines
John James
Stephen Mince
Carey Rome
Steve Stigler

2018

Brandon Bishop
Nathan Collums
John Harrelson
Randall Lancaster
Matt Searson
Patrick Strong
Darrell Tucker

2019

Jim Bennett
Gary Gorham
Keith Harrelson
Jeff Hayes
Steve Killgore
Steve Pfitzer
Brent Powell
John Shank
Todd Sitton
William Slappey
Billy Tapscott

DAILY WORSHIP RESOURCES

These readings are provided as a personal, family or group worship resource. Use them along with your worship guide as resources for readings, prayers and hymns. Set in the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), a schedule of daily Bible readings in accord with the Church year, these scripture readings are designed around a three-year cycle that will take you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice, and the Psalms frequently.

SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY • FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Morning	Psalm 146, 147	Amos 1:1-5, 13-2:8	Luke 21:5-19
Evening	Psalm 111, 112, 113	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	

MONDAY

Morning	Psalm 1, 2, 3	Amos 2:6-16	Matthew 21:1-11
Evening	Psalm 4, 7	2 Peter 1:1-11	

TUESDAY

Morning	Psalm 5, 6	Amos 3:1-11	Matthew 21:12-22
Evening	Psalm 10, 11	2 Peter 1:12-21	

WEDNESDAY

Morning	Psalm 119:1-24	Amos 3:12-4:5	Matthew 21:23-32
Evening	Psalm 12, 13, 14	2 Peter 3:1-10	

THURSDAY

Morning	Psalm 18:1-20	Amos 4:6-13	Matthew 21:33-46
Evening	Psalm 18:21-50	2 Peter 3:11-18	

FRIDAY

Morning	Psalm 16, 17	Amos 5:1-17	Matthew 22:1-14
Evening	Psalm 22	Jude 1-16	

SATURDAY

Morning	Psalm 20, 21	Amos 5:18-27	Matthew 22:15-22
Evening	Psalm 110, 116, 117	Jude 17-25	

SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY • SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Morning	Psalm 148-150	Amos 6:1-14	Luke 1:57-68
Evening	Psalm 114, 115	2 Thessalonians 1:5-12	