

THE LORD'S DAY ~ December 20, 2009
Fourth Sunday in Advent

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

Pastor's Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship Isaiah 9:6-7

*Medley of Praise *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"* (C279)
"One Small Child" (C280)
"What Child Is This" (C281)

*Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Dax Williams Family

*Hymn of Adoration (C249) *"O Come All Ye Faithful"*

Scripture Reading (PB830) Matthew 24:36-44

Confession of Sin

Leader: *God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.*

People: But we are often at war with one another. In a thousand little ways we demand to be catered to. We seldom esteem others as more important than ourselves. We often create strife by demanding our way rather than by walking in God's Spirit.

Leader: *God blesses those who are persecuted because they live for God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.*

People: But we have too often retreated from the disapproval of others. We've sought to please the world, rather than risking the disapproval of those who need the Messiah. We regard rejection for righteousness as a burden to be borne, rather than an honor to be humbly received.

Leader: *Lord, please show us your mercy.*
People: Lord, have mercy upon us in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 54:8, 43:25, 44:22

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Proverbs 15:16

Offertory Anthem *"Sing Noel, Ring the Christmas Bell"*
Adult Choir

Prayer of Illumination Psalm 119:112

Sermon Psalm 98

"Joy to the World"
Rev. Cory D. Colravy

*Hymn of Response (T195) *"Joy to the World"*

*Charge and Benediction I Corinthians 16:23-24

*Hymn of Benediction (C243) *"Emmanuel"*

*Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders:

Rev. Cory D. Colravy, Pastor

Rev. Robert S. Hayes, Associate Pastor

Ken Gray, AM Music Leader

Mark J. Knetzer, PM Music Leader and Service Deacon

* For those who are able, please stand at these times.

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 P.M.

Prelude

*Call to Worship Isaiah 40:9

*Medley of Praise *"The Birthday of a King"* (C284)
"O Holy Night" (C285)

*Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration *"Away In a Manger"* (C261, vv 1&2/C262, V3)

*Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 124-126

Leader: What does the Third Request in the Lord's Prayer mean?

People: Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven means ~ Help us and all men to reject our own wills and to obey your will without any back talk. Your will alone is good. Help everyone carry out the work he is called to as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven.

Leader: What does the Fourth Request mean?

People: Give us this day our daily bread means ~ Do take care of all our physical needs so that we come to know that you are the only source of everything good, and that neither our work and worry nor your gifts can do us any good without your blessing. And so help us to give up our trust in creatures and to put trust in you alone

Leader: What does the Fifth Request mean?

People: And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors means ~ Because of Christ's blood do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are, any of the sins we do or the evil that constantly clings to us. Forgive us just as we are fully determined, as evidence of your grace in us, to forgive our neighbors.

Scripture Reading (PB950)

Romans 16:17-27

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Acts 20:35b

Offertory Hymn (T26)

"Tell Out My Soul"

Prayer of Illumination

Psalms 119:113

Sermon

Isaiah 9:6

"To Us a Child of Hope Is Born"

Rev. Robert S. Hayes

*Hymn of Response (T233)

"To Us a Child of Hope Is Born"

*Benediction

Titus 3:15c

*Postlude

THIS WEEK, December 20 ~ 26, 2009

Today •Prayer Meeting, Conference Room, 8:30 a.m.
•Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
•Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 - 10:25 a.m.
•Praise Band practice, Sanctuary, 5:30 p.m.
•Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
•Advent Soup Supper, Fellowship Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday •Men's Group, Conference Room, 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday •No Activities

Thursday •Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:00 p.m.

Friday •*Christmas Day*

Covenant Presbyterian Church

(Presbyterian Church in America)

Covenant Christian School

2350 Frankford Avenue ~ Panama City, FL 32405-2297

www.covenantpca.net (Church) ~ www.ccs-pc.net (School)

WPCU-LP ~ 106.9

(850) 769-7448

Telephone (850) 769-7448
Sunday Telephone (Nursery Extension) 31
Fax Line (850) 763-2104
Toll Free (866) 367-2553

Cory D. Colravy (13)	Senior Pastor
Robert S. Hayes (12)	Associate Pastor, CCS Headmaster
Rev. R. Todd Mitchell (27)	Business Manager
S. Roseanne Culpepper (14)	Church Bookkeeper
Martha A. Middleton (18)	Organist, Church Secretary
Glenda L. Delmar (19)	Pianist, CCS Director of Instruction
Warren H. Kline, Jr. (20)	CCS Assistant Administrator
John C. Rogers (21)	Covenant Christian School Bookkeeper
Becki Swartz (10)	Covenant Christian School Secretary
Glenn E. Hayes (32)	Facilities Manager
Jon Georgiadis	Facilities Assistant

The Session

Cory D. Colravy, Moderator	Robert S. Hayes
J. Lamar Allen	James R. Middleton
William K. Daughdrill	J. Richard Post, Sr. (Emeritus)
R. Leigh Hinkle	Richard A. Simpson
Russell M. Jinks	Jay N. Trumbull, Sr.
Warren H. Kline, Jr. (Emeritus)	J. Rod Webb, Clerk

The Diaconate

Douglas A. DeVries	Robert H. Moss, Jr.
Glenn E. Hayes	John C. Rogers
Jonathan H. Hayes, Chairman	Jeffrey S. Wit, Secretary/Treasurer
Mark J. Knetzer	