

# WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

- ADVENT SERMON SERIES -

## COVENANT *Contemporary* An Interactive Service of Worship December 16, 2018 | 11 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

### Welcome to Covenant!

In this interactive hour, we'll sing, pray, listen to stories of faith, reflect on what we've heard and consider ways to turn our faith into action. Please take a minute to complete the Worship Response Card. **Special note:** In an effort to make this service more family-friendly, we have enhanced the children's space in the back of the room. Please return all materials to the children's area at the conclusion of worship.

### Today in Worship

*Carol Of The Bells*

*Awake O Sleeper* . . . . . I. Ndolo

#### Gathering and Welcome

*Born That We May Have Life* . . . . . E. Cash, M. Maher, C. Tomlin

**Minute for Ministry:** "Stewardship Update" . . . . . Lecia and Steve Shockley

#### Opening Song

*Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus* . . . . . R.H. Prichard, C. Wesley

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** . . . . . Nan, Ron and Summer Sledeski

#### Prayer and Response

*We Fall Down* . . . . . C. Tomlin

#### Invitation to Prayer and Offering

*Nothing More* . . . . . The Alternate Routes

#### Prayer of Dedication and Blessing

#### Introduction to Stories of Faith

**Scripture Reading** . . . . . John 14:15-21

**Sermon:** "Ever-Elusive Peace" . . . . . Bob Henderson

#### Interaction & Discussion

#### Closing Song

*Canticle Of The Turning* . . . . . R. Cooney

#### Benediction

*Jesus O What A Wonderful Child* . . . . . K. Bible, T. Fettke

### Leading Worship This Morning

Jason Graffis, contemporary worship leader; Jessica Patchett, associate minister; Ian Clark, pastoral resident; Mollie James, usher team leader

#### Sharing Gifts of Music

Gerard Benson (bass), Amber Brown (vocals), Paul Fisher (drums), Pam Jepsen (vocals), Zach Leitner (electric guitar), Charlie Trexler (electric guitar), Kym Randall (vocals)

#### Audio, Visuals and Worship Arts

David Balas (visuals), Ricko Hill (audio), Ron Boozer (prayer boards)

#### Leading Other Services

Katie Cornwell, carillonneur; Robert Dicks, associate director of traditional music and organist; Bob Henderson, senior minister; Heather Potter, director of traditional music; Kenney Potter, choral conductor; Julia Watkins, pastoral resident

Join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Circle – Today's preaching minister will be glad to greet you.

Interested in joining Covenant? We welcome new members each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building. We also welcome new members on the 4th Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall Library at noon.

You're invited to check out classes, guest speakers and small groups for all ages in the mornings and evenings. See the announcements insert to get connected.

Covenant expects and gladly welcomes many first-time and repeat visitors. Share a smile and a welcoming word with those around you.

Take part in our interactive Twitter discussion.  
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## Congregational Notes (as of December 13)

### Death in the Church

The congregation extends its sincere sympathy and love to Chad and Dana Dawson and their family on the death of her father, Allan Bruce Cox, on December 6, and rejoices with them in the assurance of the resurrection.

### In Need of Healing Prayer

- Judy Gaffney
- Edna Hamilton
- Lamont Hudson
- Frank Mansfield
- Mary Nell McPherson
- Lillian Neal
- Helen Neubauer
- Bob Taylor
- Barbara White

Notes from worship: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thoughts and prayers for the week: \_\_\_\_\_

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