

# WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

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## COVENANT *Contemporary*

An Interactive Service of Worship | December 23, 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

*Joy* . . . . . Rend Collective Experiment  
**Gathering and Welcome**  
*Happy* . . . . . P. Williams  
**Opening Song**  
*Joy* . . . . . Rend Collective Experiment  
**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**  
Nathan Walsh and Deb Gray  
**Prayer and Response**  
*We Fall Down* . . . . . C. Tomlin  
**Invitation to Prayer and Offering**  
*Good Light* . . . . . D. Holcomb

**Prayer of Dedication and Blessing**  
**Introduction to Stories of Faith**  
**Scripture Reading** . . . . . Luke 1:39-45  
**Sermon: "Joy"** . . . . . Bob Henderson  
**Interaction & Discussion**  
**Closing Song**  
*Angels We Have Heard On High* . . . . . E. Barnes, J. Chadwick  
**Benediction**  
*Jesus O What A Wonderful Child* . . . . . K. Bible, T. Fettke

### Leading Worship This Morning

Jason Graffis, contemporary worship leader; Jessica Patchett, associate minister; Mollie James, usher team leader

#### Sharing Gifts of Music

Gerard Benson (bass), Paul Fisher (drums), Pam Jefsen (vocals),  
Kym Randall (vocals)

#### Audio, Visuals and Worship Arts

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

#### Leading Other Services

Ian Clark, pastoral resident; Robert Dicks, associate director of  
traditional music and organist; Bob Henderson, senior minister;  
Heather Potter, director of traditional music; Kenney Potter,  
choral conductor; Sherry Ward, carillonneur

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 20)

Baptism Today at Covenant (9:30 Sanctuary)

Tasher James Hicks, son of Andrea and Justin Hicks

### Deaths

The congregation extends its sincere sympathy and love to Dana and Chad Dawson and their family on the death of her father, Allan Bruce Cox, on December 6, and to

Ellen Rhyne and her family on the death of her daughter, Mary Kathryn Rhyne, on December 17, and rejoices with them all in the assurance of the resurrection.

### In Need of Healing Prayer

Judy Gaffney  
Lamont Hudson  
Frank Mansfield  
Edna Hamilton  
Lillian Neal  
Bob Taylor  
Barbara White

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

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

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