



## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

Please take a minute to complete the Worship Response Card in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate. This helps us record your attendance and show our appreciation for your presence. It also is an easy way to sign up for upcoming events.

Prayer requests may be submitted on your Worship Response Card, online under the "Connect/Care" tab or to Parish Nurse Mary Mattiacci (Mary.Mattiacci@covenantpresby.org).

### 2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Hear an update today from Lecia and Steve Shockley, our stewardship chairs. A team will begin making calls Tuesday to encourage pledges. Please consider returning a pledge card available in your pew. You can also use the scannable QR code at right via your smart phone or visit [CovenantPresby.org/pledge](http://CovenantPresby.org/pledge). Your commitment enables Covenant to position our ministries for the broadest impact.



### 2018 YEAR-END GIVING

Each year, Covenant receives 16 percent of annual contributions in December. Please consider a tax-deductible contribution in these ways:

- **During Sunday morning worship.** Contributions made during services through Sunday, Dec. 30, will be credited to 2018 unless otherwise noted.
- **Online at [CovenantPresby.org/give](http://CovenantPresby.org/give).** Any contribution must be complete before midnight Dec. 31. You can also use the scannable QR code at right.



To be deductible in 2018, your gift must be received or postmarked prior to midnight on Dec. 31. Church offices are open until 3 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 28. For information on stock gifts, contact Virginia Rumbley or Bill Keith at the church office.

## TODAY

### O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

10:30 to 11 a.m. in Chapel

Visit prayer stations in the Chapel to pray for the Holy Land, including our partners at Tomorrow's Youth Organization and Bright Stars of Bethlehem, organizations working for peace in a challenged part of the world.

### SHARE INPUT ON ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH

The Personnel Committee invites your thoughts on the qualities needed in Covenant's next associate pastor for congregational life and pastoral care. We also seek suggestions for people to serve on the search committee. Grady Moseley will serve as interim.

- Share your input at listening sessions today at 10:30 and noon in FH203.
- To give comments in writing, contact [CovenantAssociatePastorSearch@gmail.com](mailto:CovenantAssociatePastorSearch@gmail.com).

### RING IN THE SEASON WITH LESSONS & CAROLS

5 p.m. in Sanctuary

The choirs of Covenant, accompanied by majestic brass, timpani, organ and bells, will lead joyful worship. Arrive early to hear a prelude beginning at 4:30 p.m. During the service, a special offering will support the work of Crisis Assistance Ministry.

*Large-print bulletins and hearing devices are available from the ushers.  
Audio-induction hearing loops are installed for use with hearing aids.*

## WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS EVE

A special offering will support God's work with our mission partners at Highland Renaissance Academy in Charlotte, Renguti School in Kenya and Accion Ministries in the Yucatan. You can worship online on Facebook and at [Media.CovenantPresby.org](http://Media.CovenantPresby.org).

- **11 a.m., Children's Worship:** This child-centered service lasts 20 minutes and is followed by Nativity animals on the Circle and birthday cake for Jesus.
- **3 p.m., Music of Appalachia:** The worship team and special guests will showcase the banjo, mandolin, cello, fiddle and upright bass.
- **5 p.m., Traditional Candlelight Worship:** This Communion service features the Covenant Choir. A prelude begins 15 minutes before the service.

## HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS GATHERING

High school youth will gather today at 6:45 p.m. (after Lessons & Carols) at the home of Katherine and Andy Ball, 2121 Radcliffe Ave. Newcomers are welcome. To connect with youth, [write "Covenant Youth" on your WR card](#) and a leader will reach out.

## COLLEGE COUNCIL HOSTS DINNER

Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Covenant's College Council invites college students and college-age young adults to a Christmas dinner hosted by Mollie and Philip James at 4011 Churchill Road. Contact Isabel Bader at [isbader13@gmail.com](mailto:isbader13@gmail.com) or [write "College Council" on your WR card](#).

## SUMMER OPPORTUNITY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Sunday, Dec. 23 at 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall Library

Consider spending your summer on a life-changing urban mission experience sponsored by Covenant. Learn more at a coffee and Q&A session hosted by our missions team.

## CHOIR ALUMNI INVITED TO SING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, Dec. 23 at 11 a.m.

Is your young person in town for Christmas? College students, young adults and youth choir alums are invited to join the Covenant Choir to sing "Masters in This Hall," a carol beloved by our youth. Rehearsal is in the Peek Music Room at 10 a.m. To get connected, [write "Choir Alumni" on your WR card](#).

## TLC WILL VISIT DISCOVERY PLACE

Reserve a spot for trip on Wednesday, Jan. 9

Covenant's active adults group will visit Discovery Place for a new exhibit on bugs, including an IMAX film. We will leave the church at 9:15 a.m. RSVP by Wednesday to [Mary.Mattiacci@covenantpresby.org](mailto:Mary.Mattiacci@covenantpresby.org) or [write "TLC Discovery Place" on your WR card](#).

## CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNER

Bring a dish to share as Covenant hosts our Room in the Inn guests for a dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. We'll serve ham and turkey. Please RSVP and indicate if you can bring a side or dessert. To get connected, [write "RITI Potluck" on your WR card](#).

## GRIEF & HEALING: TAKING THE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Resumes Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Parlor

Covenant's care ministry offers a discussion and support group for adults experiencing the loss of a spouse, parent, sibling or friend. If you or someone you know is facing a difficult season, join us in healing together. Contact [Susan.Ferone@covenantpresby.org](mailto:Susan.Ferone@covenantpresby.org) or [write "Taking the Journey Together" on your WR card](#).

## MEN'S AND WOMEN'S ANNUAL GETAWAYS

Visit [CovenantPresby.org](http://CovenantPresby.org) for registration

Women in Pinehurst: Friday to Sunday, Feb. 1-3. Register by end of today.

Men in Etowah Valley, NC: Friday to Sunday, March 22-24. Register by Jan. 22.

## CURRENT JOB OPENING AT COVENANT

Director of Operations: Oversees technology, property, recreation, facilities and food service.

To apply, visit [CovenantPresby.org/news/current-job-openings](http://CovenantPresby.org/news/current-job-openings)