

Worship Attendance

Sunday, January 12, 2020—126

Yearly Average—133

Last Year's Average to Date—136



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This Week at Covenant:

*Jan. 20th, Church office closed

*Jan. 22nd, Labyrinth available

Next Week:

*Jan. 26th, BiAnnual meeting after worship.

*Jan. 26th, Confirmation class, 2:00 P.M.

*Jan. 26th, Covenant Public Concert, 3:00 P.M.

*Jan. 28th, Men's Breakfast, 7:00 A.M.

*Jan. 28th, Trustees, 6:30 P.M.

Dates to Remember

Jan. 26th—BiAnnual Meeting after worship

Jan. 26th—Covenant Public Concert, 3:00 P.M.

Feb. 2nd—Covenant Women's Association

Annual Meeting after worship in the sanctuary—all women members of Covenant Church are invited to attend.

Feb. 23rd—Covenant Public Concert, 3:00 P.M.

Today's Ushers: Team 5

Ken Pembridge, Michael Carr, Roy Pauli, Jack Neuls, Joseph Nusbaum

Jan. 26th: Team 1

Alice Goodall, Robin Nash-Arneil, Carol Winn, Pam Huddy, Karen Fogley, Gregg Sandercock, Cody Brooks, Siemong Wang, Rich & Kate Hollenberg, Bob & Kathy Kintzer

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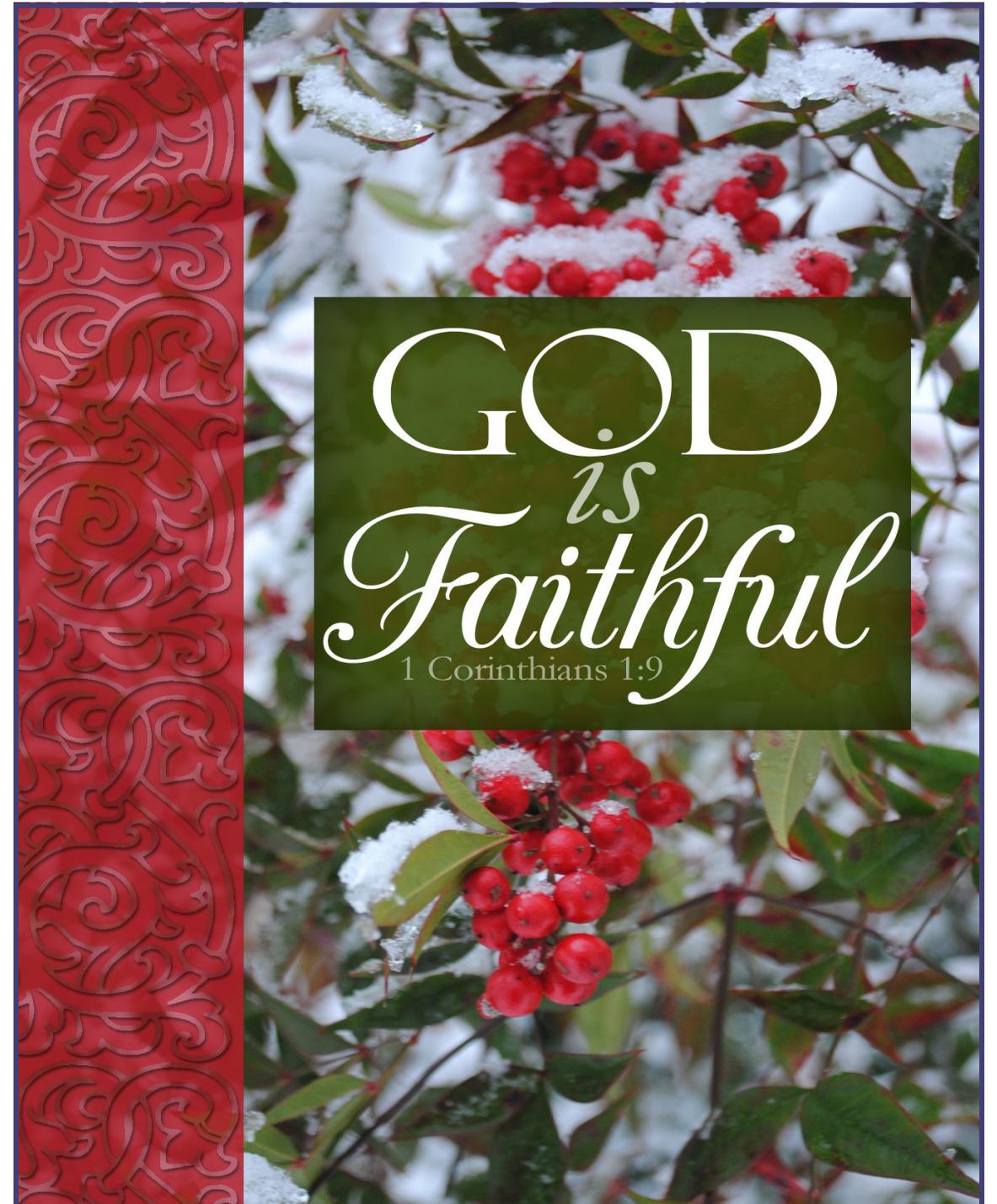
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GOOD MORNING!

We're glad you have joined us for worship this Sunday! If you are a visitor or guest, let us know of your presence by filling out one of the Welcome envelopes located in each pew to receive The Covenanter, (newsletter) filled with the church's activities. Large print bulletins and hymnals are available—please ask an usher. Childcare is available during worship. **Godly Play** meets on the 3rd floor after the Children's Sermon (during worship) for children age 4 through 3rd grade.



Children's Worship Bags are located in the basket in front of the sanctuary. Please return bags to the basket after worship.

There will be a Fellowship Hour today following worship in the Sawtelle Auditorium (1st floor) hosted by Jim & Linda Frangos

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Pappy Dom Ducato
Pappy Francis & Nana Ellie Rudolph
Noelle Reese Edwards
By Ken & Leah Rudolph

Participating in Worship Today

Rev. Scott G. Loomer, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Martha Jordan, Associate Pastor
Dr. Tim Smith, Organist/Director of Music
Mrs. Catherine Carter, Liturgist

Annual Reports

Annual reports are available on the Welcome tables and in the Ambulatory. Please take only one per family.

Covenant Women's Association Annual Meeting

The women will hold their annual meeting after worship on Sunday, February 2, 2020, in the sanctuary. All women are invited to attend.

Response No. 572

"Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"

Kyrie

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon and Grace

*Response of Praise

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

Welcome, Joys & Concerns

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 40: 1-11

NRSV

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

Anthem Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts *Claude Bass*
Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of all, from the blest bliss that earth imparts, we turn unfilled to thee again. Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call; to them who seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee all in all. Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where e'er our changeful lot is cast; glad when thy gracious smile, we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast. O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright; chase the dark might of sin away, shed o'er the world thy holy light.
Chancel Choir

New Testament Lesson I Corinthians 1: 1-9 *NRSV*
Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Children's Sermon and The Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*)
***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;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.***

*Sharing the Peace of Christ
*You are invited to greet one another saying,
'The peace of Christ be with you...and also with you'*

*Hymn No. 326 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart *Morecambe*

GOD'S WORD REVEALED

Sermon "Living by Grace . . . Gracefully" *Rev. Scott G. Loomer*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Text Giving: 570-363-4324



Offertory Immortal, Invisible *Eric Thiman*
Immortal, Invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise. Unresting, unhasting and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might, Thy justice like mountains high soaring above, Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love. To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small; in all life Thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee. Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light, thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O Help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.
Chancel Choir

*Doxology *Old Hundredth*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.
*Prayer of Dedication

Sung Call to Prayer "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" *J. Berthier*
***O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me. (Sing Twice)***

Prayers of the People

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn No. 276 Great Is Thy Faithfulness *Faithfulness*

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

*Those who are able, please stand
NRSV – New Revised Standard Version of the Bible