

We glorify God by loving Him and loving people.



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP THE LORD'S DAY

**December 7, 2025
10:30AM & 5:00PM**

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Apart from Christ we can do nothing.

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

† Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:6-7

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon His shoulder,
and His name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Of the increase of His government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over His kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

† *Please stand if able.*

† Invocation

Minister

† Lord's Prayer

Unison

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.

† Hymn of Praise

TPH 305

Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming

† Please stand if able.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Holy and righteous God, we confess that like Isaiah, we are a people of unclean lips. But it is not only unclean lips we possess. We are people with unclean hands and unclean hearts. We have broken Your law times without number, and are guilty of pride, unbelief, self-centeredness, and idolatry. Affect our hearts with the severity of our sin and the glory of Your righteousness as we now acknowledge our sins in Your holy presence. We have had other gods before You. We have taken Your name in vain. We have not kept Your Day holy. We have murdered in our hearts. We have committed adultery with our eyes. We have stolen what is not ours and coveted what belongs to others. We have lied to You and to others. God, we have sinned against Your mercy times without number. Our iniquities have gone over our heads. If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? How shall we answer You? We lay our hands on our mouths. We have no answer to your righteous wrath and just judgment, except for the one you have provided for us through the death of Christ. Amen.

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Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:6-7

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on Him
the iniquity of us all.
⁷ He was oppressed, and He was afflicted,
yet He opened not His mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so He opened not His mouth.

† Hymn of Assurance

TPH 294

Song of Zechariah

† *Please stand if able.*

† Confession of Faith

*Westminster Confession of Faith
Ch. 8, sec 2 “Of Christ the Mediator”*

2. The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon Him man's nature, with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.

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Pastoral Prayer

Minister

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

*Pew Bible page
number 808*

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

“The Birth of Jesus the Messiah”

Introduction

I. Mary’s Engagement to Joseph (v. 18-19)

II. Mary’s Pregnancy (v. 19-20)

III. God’s Answer to Joseph’s Perplexity
(v. 19-21)

IV. God’s Plan is Fulfilled (v. 22-25)

Conclusion

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Offertory **TPH 320**
As with Gladness Men of Old
verses 1-2

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

† Doxology **TPH 567**

† Prayer of Dedication *Minister*

† Hymn of Preparation **TPH 320**
As with Gladness Men of Old
verses 3-4

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

† Hymn of Response **TPH 318**
Angels We Have Heard on High

† Benediction *Minister*

Postlude

† Please stand if able.

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Minister

† Hymn of Praise

TPH 307

All My Heart This Night Rejoices

Pastoral Prayer

Minister

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Scripture Reading

Daniel 3:1-20

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

“God Vindicates His Servants”

Introduction

I. Nebuchadnezzar’s Idol (v. 1-7)

II. Charges Are Brought (v. 8-18)

III. Sentence is passed, Carried, and Fails
(v. 19-27)

IV. God is Glorified (v. 28-30)

Conclusion

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† Hymn of Response

TPH 324

Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

† Benediction

Minister

Postlude

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WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

Monday	Matthew 1:18; Acts 5:3-4; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Ecclesiastes 11:5; Psalm 139:13-16	What does the fact that Mary was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit tell us about the Holy Spirit?
Tuesday	Matthew 1:19; Deuteronomy 20:7, 23-24, & 24:1; John 8:4-5	On what basis did Joseph plan to break off his engagement to Mary?
Wednesday	Matthew 1:20; Hebrews 10:5; Luke 1:42; 1 Corinthians 15:47; Galatians 4:4; Genesis 1:1-2	How is the Holy Spirit's presence at creation related to His presence at the Incarnation?
Thursday	Matthew 1:21; Acts 7:45; Hebrews 4:8; Zechariah 6:11-12; Numbers 13:16	What is the significance of the two Joshua's named in Joshua in the Old Testament?
Friday	Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 7:14, 8:8 & 9:6-7; Psalm 46:7 & 11; John 1:14	How does the birth of Jesus Christ change forever the prophecy of Isaiah 7:14?
Saturday	Matthew 1:24-25; Luke 2:1-21; Revelation 1:5, & 2:5; Ephesians 5:25-27	What does Joseph's obedience teach us about what God desires for us? How do we submit to His will in difficult circumstances?

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday	12:00pm Men's Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30 pm Fellowship Meal 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting (childcare provided) Youth Group (6-12 th grade) 7:00pm Choir Meeting
Thursday	9:30am Men's Coffee at Rick's Bakery 9:30am Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Men's Thursday Evening Fellowship <i>1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month</i>
Friday	6:00am Men's Larger Catechism Study
Saturday	9:00am Spanish/English Bible Study <i>Springdale Public Library</i>

Events with no listed location will meet at the church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church officer nominations are now open and will remain open through January 1, 2026. Nomination forms are available at the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to nominate someone, please confirm that he is willing to serve **before** submitting the form.

Men of Covenant, come enjoy food and fellowship on Monday, at 6:30pm on December 8th at Wood Stone Pizza on N. Mall Ave in Fayetteville. Please RSVP to Jordan Carl at 469-450-5978. Everyone is responsible for their own meal.

Kids' Christmas Workshop will be Saturday, December 13 10am-12pm. Drop off ages 3-11, and they will have an opportunity to make Christmas gifts for family and friends.

Please join us for our annual Lessons and Carols service during our evening worship service on December 14th. If you would like to bring a finger food for after lessons and Carol's Sunday evening, the 14th, please contact Liesl Jarvis at 479-601-4400. There is also a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.

The Youth group will be having a Christmas party at the church at 6pm on Wed. December 17th. Please join us for a time of fellowship, games, Christmas cookies and other fun treats! Festive Christmas outfits are encouraged. Contact Pete Golden or Nathan Taylor to RSVP or if you have any questions.

There will be no Sunday School or fellowship meal on December 28th since that Sunday falls between the holidays.

Please plan to join us for our annual Christmas Eve Service at 6pm on December 24th.

Covenant Kids Club will resume on January 14, 2026.

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NURSERY SCHEDULE

Date	Worship
Dec. 7	Kathi Stayman, Tirzah Shaw, Katie Alberty
Dec. 14	Gizelle Mrosak, Amy Gaesswitz
Dec. 21	Denise Sagan, Jordan Carl, Katie Welsch
Dec. 28	Liesl Jarvis, Wren Golden, Sherri Watson

ELDERS & DEACONS OF COVENANT CHURCH

SESSION

Jordan Carl	Jeff Chewning, <i>Stated Clerk of Session</i>
Pete Golden	Harrison Howle
Nathan Jarvis	Rick (Dow) Pursley <i>Emeritus</i>
Paul Sagan, <i>Moderator</i>	Phil Schenewerk Phil Schenewerk

Deacons

Darin Akerman	Ken Andersen
Jim Dooley <i>Emeritus</i>	Mike Golden
John Smith	Dennis Smith <i>Emeritus</i>
Nathan Taylor	