

We glorify God by loving Him and loving people.



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP THE LORD'S DAY

**December 14, 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

Psalm 95:6-8a

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

⁷ For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture,
and the sheep of His hand.

Today, if you hear His voice,

⁸ do not harden your hearts,

† *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 297

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

† Please stand if able.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Thomas Cranmer

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; According to the promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

† *Please stand if able.*

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:5-6

But He was pierced for our transgressions;
He was crushed for our iniquities;
upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with His wounds we are healed.
⁶All 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.

† Hymn of Assurance

TPH 301

Song of Mary

† *Please stand if able.*

† Confession of Faith

*Westminster Confession of Faith
Ch. 8, sec. 3 “Of Christ the Mediator”*

The Lord Jesus, in His human nature thus united to the divine, was sanctified, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, above measure, having in Him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge; in whom it pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell; to the end that, being holy, harmless, undefiled, and full of grace and truth, He might be thoroughly furnished to execute the office of a mediator, and surety. Which office He took not unto Himself, but was thereunto called by His Father, who put all power and judgment into His hand, and gave Him commandment to execute the same.

† *Please stand if able.*

Pastoral Prayer

Minister

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

*Pew Bible page
number 807*

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

“Wise Men Seek Jesus”

Introduction

I. Wise Men Seek Jesus (v. 1)

II. Worshipping Jesus is Their Goal (v. 2)

III. Wicked Men Hate Jesus (v. 3-9)

IV. Worthy Gifts for the King (v. 10-11)

V. Warning to Avoid Danger (v. 12)

Conclusion

† *Please stand if able.*

Offertory **TPH 298**
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

† Gloria Patri **TPH 571**

† Prayer of Dedication *Minister*

† Hymn of Response **TPH 292**
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

† Benediction *Minister*

Postlude

† Please stand if able.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

EVENING WORSHIP

Prelude

First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-19

Jeff Chewning

† Hymn

TPH 322

Once in Royal David's City

Second Lesson

Isaiah 9:2 & 6-7

Jordan Carl

† Hymn

TPH 293

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Third Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-5

Harrison Howle

Choral Anthem

“And the Glory of the Lord”

by G. F. Handel

Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-9

Liam Carr

† Hymn

TPH 317

What Child Is This

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

Pete Golden

† *Please stand if able.*

† Hymn **TPH 300**
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Sixth Lesson **Luke 2:1-7**
Jordan Carl

Choral Anthem *“Star Carol”*
by John Rutter

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number 974

Scripture Reading **Galatians 4:4-5**

Homily Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan
“In the Fullness of Time”

† Hymn of Preparation **TPH 299**
Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Seventh Lesson **Luke 2:8-16**
Phil Schenewerk

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

Eighth Lesson **Matthew 2:1-12**
Liam Carr

† Please stand if able.

† Hymn **TPH 311**
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Ninth Lesson **John 1:1-14**
Paul Sagan

† Hymn **TPH 319**
O Come, All Ye Faithful

† **Benediction** *Minister*

Postlude

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WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

Monday	Matthew 2:1-2; Luke 2:4-7; Genesis 49:10; Micah 5:2; Revelation 22:16	What was the reason that the wise men came to seek the king Jesus? What was the sign of His birth?
Tuesday	Matthew 2:3-6; Psalm 23:1-6; Isaiah 40:11; John 10:11	What kind of rule does the promised messiah bring to His people?
Wednesday	Matthew 2:7-8; Revelation 12:1-5 & 22:16; 1 Kings 19:2	What do wicked rulers do when their reign is threatened by the reign of Jesus?
Thursday	Matthew 2:9; 2 Peter 1:19	What does the star over Bethlehem represent?
Friday	Matthew 2:10-11; Psalm 67::4, 105:3, 72:10; Acts 13:46-48; Romans 15:19	How does the worship of the Magi fulfil the promises of scripture?
Saturday	Matthew 2:12; Genesis 20:6, 31:11; Numbers 12:6 2 Kings 6:10	How did the Magi get warned to leave by another way? Why?

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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 15th. 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.

Please join us for our annual Lessons and Carols service during tonight's evening worship service. If you would like to bring a finger food for after the service, please contact Liesl Jarvis at 479-601-4400.

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.

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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.

Ladies, mark your calendars to celebrate the coming Maxey and Gaesswitz babies. We plan on having Samantha Maxey's baby shower on January 10th; Chandler Gaesswitz's date is TBD. We will have the showers at church members' homes. More details to come.

Covenant Kids Club will resume on January 14, 2026.

Mark your calendars for February 27th to March 1st for our annual Missions conference. Dave Culmer, one of the missionaries we support through Faith Promise will be the Plenary speaker. More details to follow.

Pastor Sagan will be teaching a New Member's Class today from 2-4pm at the church.

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NURSERY SCHEDULE

Date	Worship
Dec. 14	Gizelle Mrosak, Amy Gaesswitz
Dec. 21	Denise Sagan, Jordan Carl, Katie Welsch
Dec. 28	Liesl Jarvis, Wren Golden, Sherri Watson
Jan. 4	Joshua Shaw, Brittney Reynolds, Samantha Maxey

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	

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