

# TAMPA COVENANT CHURCH

## **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

The Ringing of the Bell

## **WE GATHER INTO HIS HOLY PRESENCE**

Gathering Song: *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Announcements: Lou Kaloger, Associate Pastor

## **WE STAND IN AWE OF GOD'S HOLINESS**

Song: *We Are Waiting*

Advent Prayer: Adam & Amber Farmer

Song: *We Are Waiting*

## **WE ARE CONVICTED OF OUR SIN, AND OUR NEED OF SALVATION**

Advent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

## **WE CELEBRATE GOD'S REDEMPTION AND OUR RESTORATION**

Song of Grace: *Hope For Everyone*

Song of Celebration: *Come We Plead*

Affirmation of Faith: Advent Creed

Offertory Prayer & Song: *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

## **WE LINGER IN GOD'S PRESENCE AWAITING HIS WORD**

Confirmation of the Children

The Children's Blessing

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

New Testament Reading: Luke 2:8-20

Sermon Title: "People of Peace"

Preaching: Lou Kaloger, Associate Pastor

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH THANKSGIVING**

Song of Preparation: *Prepare The Way of The Lord*

Prayers of the People

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The Words of Institution: I Corinthians 11:23-26

Song: *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

Song: *He Shall Reign Forevermore*

## **GOD SENDS US OUT**

Benediction & Memorial Acclamation

Postlude

Prayer in the Chapel

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## **MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2022**

### **Sunday:**

Sunday Morning Prayer, 9:15 a.m., Library

Sunday Morning Worship, 10 a.m.

Christmas Concert, 7 p.m.

### **Monday:**

North Tampa Home Group, 7 p.m.

### **Tuesday:**

W.O.W., 6:45 p.m. via zoom

Lutz Home Group, 7 p.m.

### **Thursday:**

Family Fellowship Home Group

### **Friday:**

Tampa Covenant Students Christmas Party, 6:30 p.m.

### **Saturday:**

Ladies' Christmas Brunch, 10 a.m. @ Hess Home

West Side Home Group, 5:45 p.m.

### **Sunday:**

Team 2

Honoring Directors

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Christmas Concert:** Join us (**TONIGHT!**) December 4th at 7 p.m. for our second annual Christmas concert entitled "An Appalachian Christmas" featuring a musical and visual journey of Americana and it's Celtic and Irish roots... with a little TCC holiday spin! Bring the whole family (and the neighbors!). Refreshments and coffee to follow.

**Youth Ministry Christmas Party** We want our Youth, grades 6-12, to don their ugly sweaters and crazy socks for a fun holiday hangout on Friday, December 9th, 6:30pm at the Farrell house! We ask that attendees bring a dessert or side dish to share and a gift for a white elephant exchange (\$10 max limit). RSVP by 11/28. See Gabe Bush for more details.

**Women's Christmas Brunch:** Will be held on Saturday, December 10th from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the home of Marissa Hess (5607 N. 15th St, Tampa 33610). The theme this year is 'My Favorite Things'. Visit TCC website, Women's Ministry to view a video on how it works. Join us as we celebrate the season of Christmas.

**Longest Night Service:** The holiday season can be a painful and difficult time for some: the first Christmas without a family member, anguish over broken relationships, reminders of what we have lost or never had. Join with us December 14th at 7 p.m. in sharing and hearing prayer, Scripture, and music that acknowledges God's presence for those who mourn and struggle as we remember that God's Word comes to us in Jesus who stands with us in our darkness as we groan together in eager expectation for Christ's final return.

***Announcements continued on back...***

**Men's Tool/Sports Exchange & Breakfast:** Attention Men of TCC! Please join us Saturday, December 17th at 8:30 a.m. for the annual Men's Tool Exchange in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring an unwrapped gift of no more than \$20 in value; breakfast will be provided. Looking forward to a great time of fellowship and camaraderie!

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**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNER**

Isaiah 9:6 (ESV)

"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."

*Please visit the Children's Ministry Table in the narthex to check your children in and receive detailed instructions on where your child should go. All Children 5th grade and younger should be checked in before going to class. Older children will leave the Sanctuary following the Children's Blessing and will return to the Sanctuary for Communion.*

Mary Lynch, Children's Director | Email: [tcckids@tampacovenant.org](mailto:tcckids@tampacovenant.org)

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**TCC FINANCIAL RESOURCES  
(as of 11/27/2022):**

Amount needed for budget (48 weeks)	\$946,154
TOTAL Tithe & Offering	\$983,292
Difference	\$37,138

\*Based on FY 2022 budget of \$1,025,000

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**Holy Communion:** The sacrament of The Lord's Supper is a joyful part of Christian worship, which we celebrate weekly. If you are a Christian, we invite you to join us even if you are not a member of Tampa Covenant Church. If you are not a Christian, to partake of Communion would be to express a faith you do not presently embrace. If you have uncertainties about whether or not you should partake of the sacrament, seek out one of the pastors or elders before the service.

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