

## Today's Scriptures

### **Genesis 1:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

### **Mark 1:4-12**

<sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." <sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup> And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

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## This Week at Covenant

Sunday, January 10		<b><i>Baptism of the Lord</i></b>
	9:00 AM	Worship Service in the Sanctuary *Registration required *Hunger Offering
	10:30 AM	Children's Sunday School (Zoom)
	11:00 AM	Youth Sunday School (Zoom)/Adult Sunday School (Zoom)
Monday, January 11	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
Tuesday, January 12	9:30 AM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
	7:00 PM	Child Protection Policy Sub-Group meets (Zoom)
Wednesday, January 13	10:00 AM	Holy Hunch Bible Study (Zoom)
	4:00 PM	Centering Prayer (Zoom)
	7:00 PM	CovYoGro Zoom Check-In <i>No Choir Practice</i>
Thursday, January 14	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30 PM	Centering Prayer (home)
	7:00 PM	Personnel & Policy Team meets (Zoom)
Saturday, January 16	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
Sunday, January 17	9:00 AM	Worship Service in the Sanctuary *Registration required
	10:30 AM	Children's Sunday School (Zoom)
	11:00 AM	Youth Sunday School (Zoom)/Adult Sunday School (Zoom)



### *Let Us Pray . . .*

**Church Members:** Christine Beck, the Dickenson Family, Cindy Eades (Maggie Moen), Mary Jane Fisher, Alice Garrett, Carol Gentry, Lynnemarie Hancock, Suellen Hodges, Lindsey Nanz, the Patterson Family, Ann Cecil Renick, June and Forrest Smith, Jo and Wayne Wilson, caregivers, military service members and families.

**Family and Friends:** Geraldine Barnes (Jerry Barnes' sister), Jim Barnette (Tom Floyd's friend), Lowell Bashlor, Jr. (Audrey Bashlor's son) Kenneth Benner (Lynnemarie Hancock's brother), Josh Birch, Rachel Erb Birch, Ann Caddell (Anne Currin's mother), Kevin Carter (Cheryl Floyd's brother), Patrick Dooley (Lynnemarie Hancock's friend), Dickie Hinchee (Leigh Singh's grandmother), Grant Holder (Angie Miller's brother), Rob Kidder's brother, Barry Martin (Ray Martin's brother), Will McVey (Melissa Cranwell's brother), Brian Mesko (Tom Floyd's friend), Bill Miller (Mike Miller's brother), Mike Overacker (Mark Overacker's brother), PCUSA Mission Workers Tyler and Rochelle Holm and Jim and Jodi McGill, Denise Pillow (Presbytery of the Peaks), Shirley Robertson (Barbara Robertson's mother), Mair Rubin (friend of Pranav Singh), Joe Slack and Family, Dr. Martha Sommers, Tim (Lynnemarie Hancock's friend), Geraldine Webb (Mandy Culley's mother), Norma Webb (Jeff Webb's mother), David Wiley (Mary Glenn Aydlett's nephew), Daniel Woodbury (Lynnemarie Hancock's cousin), Linda Woods (Joyce Woods' daughter-in-law).

## Announcements

January 10, 2021



**Sunday School for all ages resumes today on Zoom!** Check your email for Zoom links and a special preview of new classes for the new year!



**“Spirit of Giving” – It’s not too late for that last minute alternative gift!** You can still give a meaningful gift to support our mission outreach programs in Malawi and Guatemala. Forms and gift cards are available in Heritage Hall. Find more details in our weekly “Virtual Mission Travel” videos of Malawi and Guatemala! Thank you from all those in need of the hope that the birth of Christ brings!



**Red Cross Blood Drive @ Covenant this Thursday, January 14th from 10 AM to 4 PM in the Fellowship Hall.** We collected 47 units in September, which was fabulous – let’s see if we can do that again! Schedule your appointment now, online or by phone! Go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter “COVENANT” in the search box, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Spread the word to your neighbors, family, and friends!



**The Covenant Nominating Committee is seeking your nominations for the following offices:** Deacon Class of 2022 (to fill Joanne McElmurray’s unexpired term); Deacon Class of 2023; Elder Class of 2023. All active members of Covenant may make nominations. All nominees must be active members of the congregation. **Please submit nominations to the church office by January 15, 2021;** by email to [office@covroanoke.org](mailto:office@covroanoke.org) or by regular mail (Attn: Gail Schuler). All nominations will be forwarded to the Chair of the Nominating Committee for consideration by the Committee.

**Congregational Meeting:** The Session of Covenant Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 24, 2021 near the conclusion of morning worship to:

- Act on a temporary change to the quorum for a Called Meeting of the Congregation from 75 to 40 active members composed of members present physically and virtually due to Covid-19 limitations.
- Receive as information the Session-approved 2021 Covenant Church Operating Budget.
- Act on changes in the pastor’s terms of call for 2021.
- Receive the report and act on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee concerning the election of elders, deacons, and trustees whose terms begin in January 2021.

The meeting will be held with those worshipping in person and also virtually via a Zoom link to members asking for them to participate.



**The Souper Bowl of Caring is Sunday, February 7, 2021!** It’s almost time for our annual “co-opetition” so, gear up (i.e., start watching for soup sales) and stay tuned for more details coming soon!



**Valentine’s Day Care Packages for our College Students** – A tradition continues in 2021 with a different twist. Your Missions Team is asking you to **“Adopt a College Student!”** The care packages that have been enjoyed by past and present college students will be mailed off the week of February 7, in time for Valentine’s Day. Watch for instructions and guidelines in the January weekly announcements. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Anama by email ([steveaddsdad@gmail.com](mailto:steveaddsdad@gmail.com)) or call/text at 540-529-6907.

**New Contribution Envelopes may be picked up in Heritage Hall.** The new envelopes do not have numbers so please be sure to write your name on the envelope. Contributions may also be made online at [covenantroanoke.org/donation-page/](http://covenantroanoke.org/donation-page/).

**Watch your email for links to Zoom meetings, Bible Studies, and Sunday School classes. Video recordings of worship services and special events are available on Facebook and/or You Tube.**



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