

WE'RE PLEASED YOU JOINED FOR WORSHIP TODAY
PLEASE CONNECT WITH US

Name(s): _____

Phone/Email: _____

- I would like more information

– I would like to be contacted
- I want to volunteer

– I have updated information

Prayer Request

Visit us at www.CovenantRuston.com
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Announcements

- ◆ Sunday Morning Service on radio at FM 88.3
- ◆ Newsletters Signup on our website to stay connected.
- ◆ Volunteers needed for nursery, greeter, and help.

- ◆ Calendar:

Nursery Workers:

Dec-12 Niemiowski

Dec-19 Dickerson
- Helpers:

McGovern, Cottom

Lauck

We need volunteers to rotate through nursery. Please see Chris about serving in such a helpful way.

Candy Catechism:

The 10 Commandments— *aka* Decalogue, 10 Words

Gathering of God's People

**Indicates standing if you are able.*

* The Call to Worship

Leader: Psa 95:6 Come, let's worship and bow down;
let's kneel for the Lord our Maker

People: **Exo 15:2 The Lord is our strength and
our song, he has become our salvation**

* Song #196 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

* God's Greeting Jude 1-2

Confession and Purification

God's Law Psalm 147:10–11

Silent Confession
*Kneelers are under the pew in front of you if you would like to use the
for confession.*

Corporate Confession of Sin

Triune God, we confess that you are all powerful, creator, and sustainer of all. But we live as if *we* were in control. We trust in our strengths, we fear the strengths of others, and we fret over the darkness. Forgive us for our misplaced trust and fear. Every faculty of our mind and body are gifts from your hand. Every so-called power of this age is but in the palm of your hand. Ever bump in the night is watched over by you. Cleanse us of pride, thoughts of self-sufficiency, and doubt. May the Spirit infiltrate our hearts with the grace and passions of Christ.

Declaration of Forgiveness

* Song #345 Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Proclamation of God's Word

Scripture Reading

Joshua 5:10–15; 23:6, 9–13; 24:14–15, 19–20

Pastoral Prayer

(End with the Lord's Prayer corporately)

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!

* Sing: 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.

Sermon 1 Sam 17:33, 37; 2 Sam 8:13–14; Bathsheba, Census
Hopes & Hurts: Hoping in Human Heroes
Pastor Chris Stevens

* Song #195 Joy to the World!

Response of God's People

Our Gifts and Offerings

* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Celebration of Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

We warmly welcome to the table all who trust in Jesus Christ for their salvation, have been baptized, and are in good standing at a true, Bible proclaiming church. There is no pressure to take communion if you are not ready. As Christ gave wine to the first disciples we use wine for Communion, but the inner rings are juice if you prefer.

Confession of Faith

HC Q&A 1: What is my only comfort in life and death?

That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful savior Jesus Christ, who with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head. Indeed, all things must work together for my salvation; therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready to live for him.

Prayer and Consecration

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Minister: [prayer]

Words of Institution and Celebration

Celebrating our unity, please hold the bread and wine until everyone has been served, then we will partake together.

Prayer After the Supper

Father, we have received again in this meal the grace of Jesus Christ, the lord and giver of life. Though poor sinners, we have dined with the King. You have nourished our souls again. May we go forth strengthened by the Spirit, renewed in your love, and bearing fruit for your name. For Yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the Glory forever and ever.

Blessing and Benediction

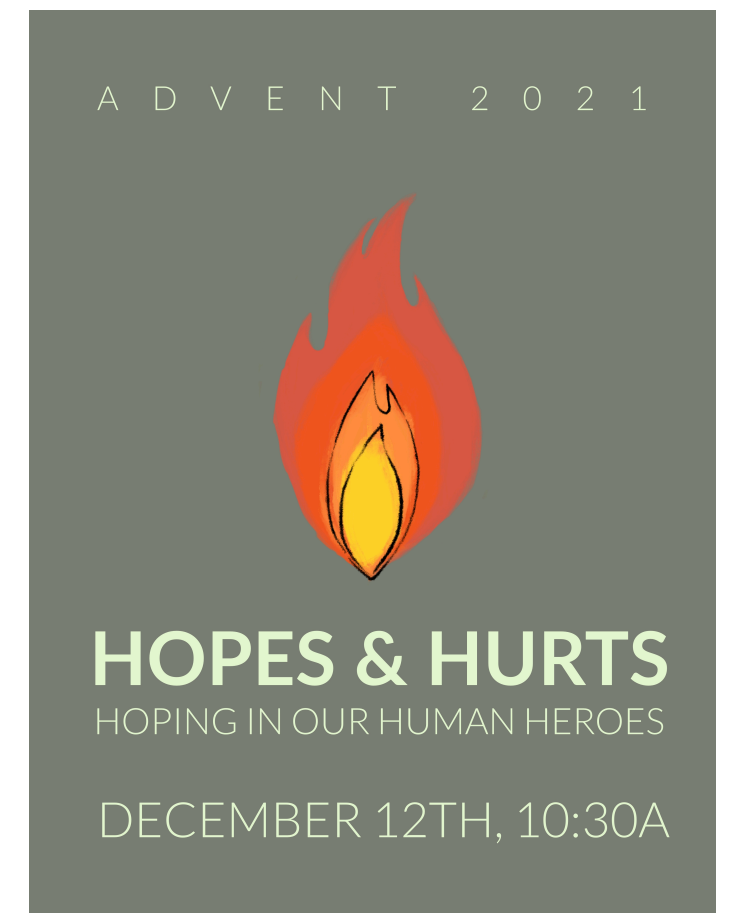
* Song #208 O Come, All Ye Faithful

* Benediction

* Song #740 Threefold Amen

Welcome

Lord's Day
December 12, 2021



**COVENANT
REFORMED**
A PCA Congregation

CovenantRuston.com
2106 Cooktown Rd
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Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 5:30 pm
Christmas Eve Service 7 Pm

Church's Mission—

To Know Christ and the Power of His Resurrection, Phil 3:10