



Counter-Clockwise: The Strange Time

Galatians 3:23-4:7

(A Strange Way to Save the World #3)

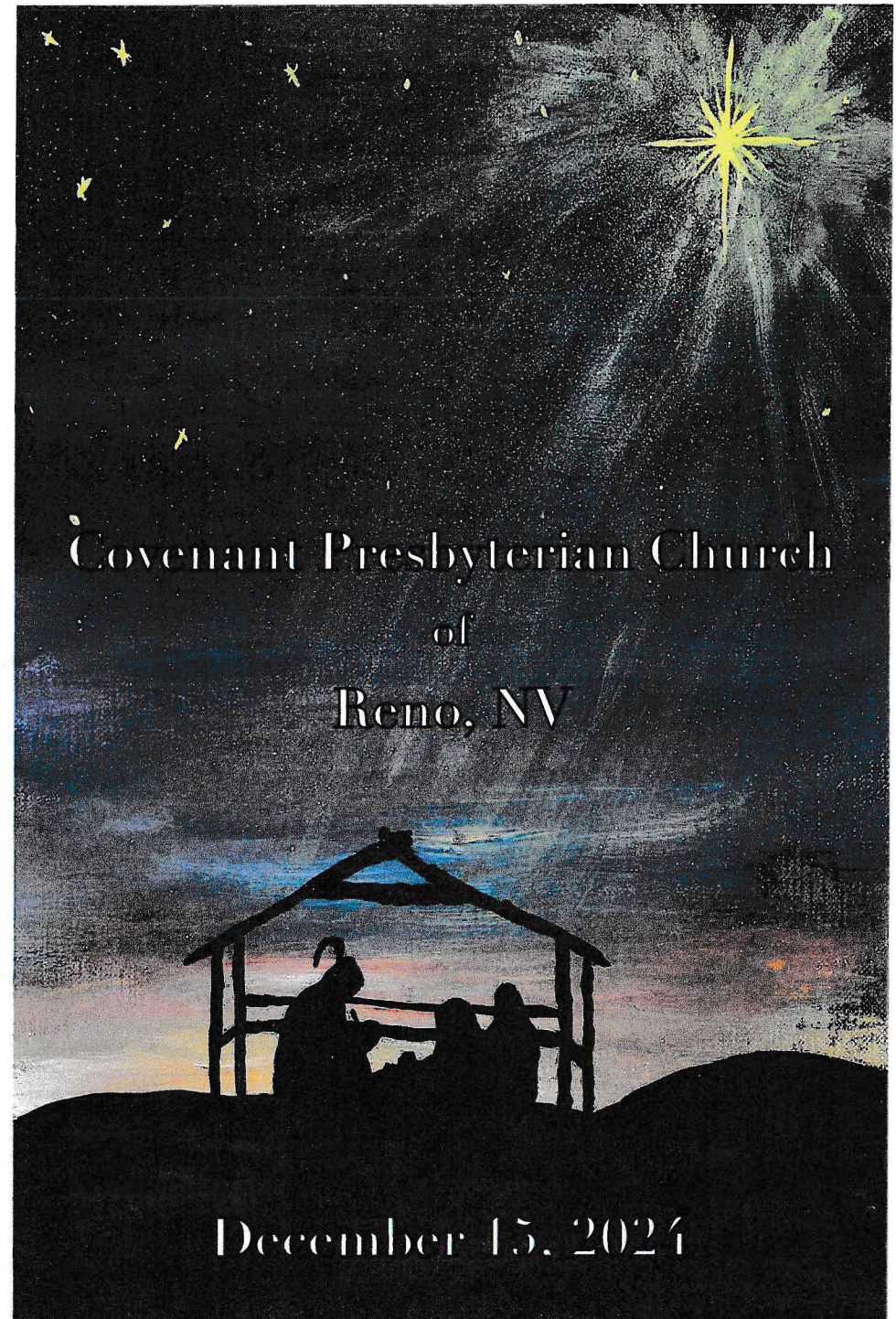
The time in which we live, right now and as long as it lasts, is God's time... His Big, Real, Full, and Right Gift to us!

Notes:

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Advent 2024

Dec. 1 -	<i>Strange War to Wage</i>	Gen. 3:14-15; Rev. 12:1-12
Dec. 8 -	<i>Strange Place for a King</i>	Micah 5:1-5
Dec. 15 -	<i>Strange Time for The Fullness</i>	Gal. 3:23-4:7
Dec. 22 -	<i>Strange Cast for the Play</i>	Luke 2:1-20
Dec. 24 -	<i>Strange Star of the Show</i>	Matthew 12:1-12



Service for The Third Sunday in Advent December 15, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. – Galatians 4:4-5

The Time Has Come for Us to Gather in God's House

Prelude Nancy Tedford, piano

Greetings and Church Family News Pastor Jay

Candle Lighting for the Third Sunday in Advent

The Guerrero Family

Leader: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light our third candle, called the Angels' Candle. Following the Prophecy Candle and the Bethlehem Candle, this one signals again that the Light which came to the world at Christmas caused even the hosts of heaven to burst forth in song. And the Light was Jesus Christ.

People: *Angels, help us hear your wonderful song again today. Glory to God in the highest!*

Leader: And suddenly there was with the angel multitudes of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests!" (Luke 2:13-14)

People: *Glory to God in the highest! Peace on earth! God's favor rests upon the human family. Christ the Savior is born. The King has come. Glory to God in the highest!*

Choral Introit Covenant Children's Choir
"Go Tell It on the Mountain" – Arr. John Work

Children's Prayer Time Katie Guerrero
(Children preschool to early grade school excused to Children's Church)

We Praise Our God To Whom All Time Belongs

***Songs of Praise** *Samuel Dueñas & the Covenant Praise Band*
"Angels We Have Heard on High / Glorious"
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
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Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon & Gloria Patri

Reception of Tithes & Offerings & Prayer of Thanksgiving
Offertory Anthem Covenant Choir w/Hyeyoung Choi, cello
"Emmanuel, Expected Jesus" – Schram

God's Word Tells Us What Time It Is

***Hymn of Preparation** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* #203

Scripture Reading **Galatians 3:23-4:7** (p.974)
Message *Counter-Clockwise: The Strange Time* Pastor Jay
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We Depart to Enjoy & Make Good Use of the Time God Gives

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* #200

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

* indicates to stand if you are able

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