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**Prayer Requests:** [prayer@newcovpca.org](mailto:prayer@newcovpca.org)  
*Emailed prayer requests are shared with a church-wide email prayer chain.*

 Guest password: **Psalm122:1**

*Please note that as part of our Safe Church Policy, security cameras are running throughout the building.*



## **LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

### **NOVEMBER 17, 2024**

#### **PRELUDE**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Rev. Christopher Bovard

**Meditation & Preparation for Worship**

#### **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

**\*Call to Worship – Hebrews 12:1-2,28-29**

Michael Woodhead

Leader: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

***Congregation: Therefore, let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.***

**\*Opening Prayer**

#### **WE APPROACH GOD**

**\*Songs of Praise:**

*Bless the Lord (Psalm 103)*

*I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)*

**Old Testament Reading:** Nehemiah 1:1–2:8

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory:**

Angie Bortoluzzi & Janis Gomola

**\*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving: #731**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavn'ly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Prayers of the People**

*Children (3 years old – Kindergarten) may be dismissed for Children's Fellowship*

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

**\*Hymn:** #634 *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

**New Testament Reading:** Luke 18:1-8

**Message:**

**Sermon Series: The Parables of Jesus**

*"The Power of Persistent Prayer"*

Rev. Walt Coppersmith

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

**\*Hymn:** #678 *Trusting Jesus*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending:** #735 *Gloria Patri*

*\*Congregation please stand as able*

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If you are visiting with us today, **welcome!** We hope you are blessed by being here and that you feel comfortable and at home.

**For guests with children:** We welcome children in the service but if you need other resources, a **Nursery** is available for babies and toddlers up to 3 years old and, children 3 years old through kindergarten are welcome to attend **Children's Fellowship** (dismissed after the prayer). The nursery is located across the hall from the sanctuary and Children's Fellowship meets at the end of the hall in our education wing. Children are also welcome to pick up a Children's bulletin clipboard at the Welcome Desk.

**This week:**

<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Sunday School
(Nov. 17)	10:15 am	Worship Service
	11:45 am	Fellowship Lunch
	4:30 pm	Missions Committee meeting
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
	6:00 pm	Prayer Group

<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 am	Ladies' Bible Study
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<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 pm	Deacons' meeting
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<b>Friday</b>	6:30 am	Men's breakfast at Jodi B's
	10:00 am	Sr. Saints Bible Study

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Sunday School
(Nov. 24)	10:15 am	Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
	6:00 pm	Prayer Group

**Serving Today**

<b>Greeters:</b>	Cimas
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<b>Worship Leader:</b>	M. Woodhead
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<b>Nursery:</b>	S. Schmidt, A. Meyer, A. Campbell
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<b>Children's Fellowship:</b>	E. Faith, J. Faith A. Gregory
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<b>D.A.D.</b>	J. Miller
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**Serving next week: November 24**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
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<b>Worship Leader:</b>	M. Berkenpas
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<b>Nursery:</b>	N. Casile, J&A Partridge, K. Kessler
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<b>Children's Fellowship:</b>	K. Minnigh, G. Minnigh
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<b>D.A.D.</b>	J. Miller
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**Greeters** are always needed and you are welcome to volunteer at <https://bit.ly/greetatNCPC>.

**Announcements** for the bulletin should be submitted to the office by 3 pm on Wednesday.

**Connect**

I'd like more info about:

\_\_\_\_\_ Volunteering

\_\_\_\_\_ Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Bible study

\_\_\_\_\_ Home groups

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth ministry

\_\_\_\_\_ Other:

\_\_\_\_\_ name

\_\_\_\_\_ address

\_\_\_\_\_ phone

\_\_\_\_\_ email

\_\_\_\_\_ Please add me to the church email list

\_\_\_\_\_ Please add me to the email prayer chain

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*Place this tear-off strip in the offering plate.*

**November 17, 2024**

**Sermon Series: The Parables of Jesus**  
***“The Power of Persistent Prayer”***

Luke 18:1-8

Rev. Walt Coppersmith

**Prayer and Praises for our Church Family:****New Cov Family:**

Pray for the spiritual and all-around blessings for the following church members/friends and their families. This week, pray for **Brian & Laurie Fisher, John Fisher, and Ed, Lynn and Jackson Galloway.**

**New requests or updates:**

Please continue to pray for **Angie Bortoluzzi** as she adjusts to medication changes to help improve her breathing and stamina.

**Remember the prayer needs of:**

**Simeon Baird** – recovery from surgery

**Mike & Cheri Berkenpas** – Mike's cancer treatment

**Howard Family** – transition to Pittsburgh and ministry at New Covenant.

**Family of Bob Whisner** – for Sheila & Rich Harris and others who mourn this sudden and unexpected loss

**For our Military:**

Pray for those serving or training in the military – especially those from our church family or who have friends or relatives in our church family:

This week pray for: **Ryan Grimm, Jason Hice, Naomi Howard.**

**For Missionaries, Ministry and Outreach Partners:**

Remember the organizations and individuals that we partner with prayerfully and financially. This week, pray for:

**Dayspring Community Church - David Eades**

**Global Gates - Josiah & Laryssa**

**Mosaic Church - Nate Keisel**

**November Fellowship Lunch – Today!** - All are invited to join us for our monthly fellowship lunch today following the service.

**Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study – November 20 @ 9:30 a.m.** Babysitting is available. Contact Zeta Turner or Emily Parsons with any questions: [tsnoil@yahoo.com](mailto:tsnoil@yahoo.com) or [Emily.parsons3@outlook.com](mailto:Emily.parsons3@outlook.com) .

**Sr. Saints Bible Study – Friday, November 22; 10 a.m.** in the Conference Room. All are welcome to join them for fellowship, study and prayer.

**Congregational meeting** – Session has called a meeting for **Sunday, December 1** immediately following the morning worship service. At this meeting, committee and board reports will be presented, and corporate officers elected. The election of elders and deacons will be held at a special Congregation meeting on January 5 after morning worship. Nominees being examined by the Session that are confirmed will be announced publicly in December.

**Annual Christmas Caroling Event** - Join us for Christmas caroling at Seneca Manor in Verona OR at WeCare at Monroeville on **Sunday, December 1 @ 7 pm**. Both caroling groups will happen simultaneously. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/40H8MJ6> and contact Lauren Watt at [wattlauren01@gmail.com](mailto:wattlauren01@gmail.com) with any questions.

**RPTS Fundraiser Event** - Join the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary on **December 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** for a 1920's themed fundraising event featuring a murder mystery style game, hors d'oeuvres, and historical displays from the seminary's past. All funds raised will go toward the *100 Years in Rutherford Hall Campaign* to preserve, renew, and beautify Rutherford Hall, purchased 100 years ago. For registration and more information, go to <https://rpts.edu/whodunit/> . Registration closes 11/22.

**Save the Date!** The installation service for Senior Pastor, Dr. Joshua Howard, will be **Sunday, December 8th at 4:00 pm** with a dinner reception to follow. All are invited! Please be sure to **RSVP by 11/24** with the number of people in your party: <https://bit.ly/JHowardinstallation>.

**Collecting Baby Supplies** – Women's Choice Network needs baby supplies for the new mothers they serve at their Monroeville location. A collection area will be available in the narthex through December 1 if you would like to donate supplies. See the flyer for more details.

**Gifts of Hope Fair Trade Market - December 6 & 7** – Pick up a flyer from the Welcome Desk for more details.

# Help New Moms!

A Needs List for

## WOMEN'S CHOICE NETWORK

*Can You Provide...*

- Onsies (boy & girl, all sizes)
- Socks
- Diapers Sizes 1 & 5-6 especially
- Wipes
- Bibs/burp cloths
- Small baby toys like teething rings, rattles, etc.
- Personal care items: (baby shampoo, lotion, diaper cream)
- Baby bath items
- Hooded towels



**We will be collecting items from 11/17 - 12/1. Please bring donations to the table in the narthex.**