





# NEW COVENANT

Presbyterian Church PCA

## **LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICE DECEMBER 8, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### **PRELUDE**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Rev. Christopher Bovard

**Meditation & Preparation for Worship**

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

**\*Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Kennedy & Beth Henriquez

Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

**\*Opening Prayer**

Rob Dalbey

### **WE APPROACH GOD**

**\*Songs of Praise:**

*Glory In the Highest*

*Psalm 62*

*Salvation Is Born*

**New Testament Reading:** 2 Timothy 2:1-13

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

Angie Bortoluzzi and 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: #94 *How firm a Foundation*

Old Testament Reading: Joshua 1:1-9

Message:

**Sermon Series: Joshua**

*"Marching Orders for Courageous Conquest"* Dr. Joshua Howard

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

\*Hymn: #194 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

\*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> (Dec. 8)	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship Service
	4:00 pm	Installation Service
	5:30 pm	Installation Dinner

<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 pm	Session meeting
	8:00 pm	Romans Online Bible study

<b>Wednesday</b>	5:30 pm	Girl Scouts in the FLC
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<b>Friday</b>	6:30 am	Men's Breakfast @ Jodi B's
	11:30 am	Sr. Saints Christmas Lunch @ DeNunzio's

<b>Saturday</b>	1:00 pm	FLC Reserved
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<b>Sunday</b> (Dec. 15)	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship Service
	11:45 am	Fellowship Lunch with Cookie Decorating
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
	6:00 pm	Prayer Group

**Serving Today**

**Greeters:** M&K Cima

**Worship Leader:** R. Dalbey

**Nursery:** J. Gregory, A. Gregory, S. Ahlers

**Children's Fellowship:** E. Twilla, A. Bender

**D.A.D.** D. Iriana

**Serving next week: December 15**

**Greeters:** Gregory family

**Worship Leader:** B. Fisher

**Nursery:** J. Miller, L. Bauer, S. Bauer

**Children's Fellowship:** O. Sannsonne, S. Sansone

**D.A.D.** D. Iriana

**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

\_\_\_\_\_ Please add/change above information to church directory

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

**December 8, 2024**

**Sermon Series: Joshua**  
***“Marching Orders for Courageous Conquest”***

Joshua 1:1-9 (part 2)

Dr. Joshua Howard

1. Train and Cultivate Leaders

2. Take the Land

3. Keep the Law

4. Be Strong and Courageous

**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 ***Kennedy & Beth Henriquez, Josh & Marci Howard (Bailey, JP, Andrew, & Johanna), and David & Kelly Howell.***

**New requests or updates:**

Please remember ***Donna Shivers*** and her family as they mourn the loss of her father. There will be a private memorial service this week.

Pray for comfort for ***Patti Iriana*** and her family as they mourn the loss of her brother, David Warden.

Pray for healing and comfort for ***Suzanne Ralph*** as she is having back pain. Pray she will be able to get treatment and relief from that soon.

Keep ***Bobbie Watson*** in prayer as she continues to undergo tests to determine the source of infection.

**Remember the prayer needs of:**

***Mike & Cheri Berkenpas*** – *Mike's cancer surgery (12/31/24)*

***Scott Seigwart*** – *healing and recovery from heart procedure*

***Francine Bovard*** – *healing from surgery*

***Coppersmiths***

**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: **Alex Gabrielse, Ian Griffith, Ryan Grimm.**

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

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

***SeeJesus - A Praying Life Ministry***

***St. James Fellowship - John Patterson***

***Third Millennium Ministries - Chris and Josephine***

**Installation Service** – All are invited to celebrate the installation of Dr. Joshua Howard as our new Senior Pastor today at 4:00 pm.

**Officer Nominations** - The Session is pleased to announce the successful completion of the nomination process for church officers. A letter will be sent to all members in the coming weeks to explain the process. The following nominees will appear on a slate for voting by members of New Covenant at a Congregational Meeting called by the Session to be held on January 5, 2025 for the purpose of electing officers:

**Deacon:** Christian Sansone

**Elder:** Russell Cardwell, Kennedy Henriquez, David Howell, and Michael Woodhead.

**Romans Bible Study** – every other Tuesday 8 – 9:00 pm. Online meeting via Microsoft Teams; this week, **December 10**. If interested, contact TJ Kessler at [tkess54@gmail.com](mailto:tkess54@gmail.com) for more information.

**Senior Saints Christmas Lunch** – Friday, December 13; 11:30 am. The Sr. Saints Bible study will meet at DeNunzio's Italian Restaurant (2644 Mosside Blvd., Monroeville) at 11:30 am on Friday. All are welcome! Contact Chris Bovard with any questions.

**Greeters Needed!** - Volunteers are needed to welcome people and hand out bulletins on Sunday mornings at the sanctuary doors. Sign up for dates in December or January at <https://bit.ly/greetatNCPC>.

**Save the Date!** The Missions committee would like you to save July 19-25, 2025, for next year's Fairmont mission trip. More details will follow.

### **December Fellowship Lunch & Cookie Decorating**

**Sunday, December 15** - We are combining the Fellowship Lunch with our annual cookie decorating event! Join us for a potluck lunch -- bring a main dish or side to share (your family +4) and the Fellowship Committee will provide cookies, icing and sprinkles to decorate your own dessert. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/FLDec2024>. Hope to see you there!

## **Mosaic Christmas Store**

Volunteers are needed and dates are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday: **December 16, 17, 19, and 21**. Sign up at [bit.ly/4hrq9DF](http://bit.ly/4hrq9DF).

Gift donations are also needed; you can buy gifts from Mosaic's wish list at [amzn.to/4htZvdk](http://amzn.to/4htZvdk). Items will ship directly to Mosaic. You can also donate new blankets, hats, and gloves. Gifts, not purchased on the wishlist, may be placed on a table in the narthex from Sunday, December 8th through Sunday, December 15th. See the insert for more details.

**Christmas Offering** - Our Christmas offering is designated to the PCA Geneva Relief Fund which supports pastor's widows and pastors in need. If you would like to contribute to this special offering, please use the Christmas offering envelope or write "Christmas Offering" on your donation. There are also flyers on the Welcome Desk with instructions for giving directly to Geneva Relief Fund.

**2025 Offering Envelopes** – If you have used offering envelopes in the past year or had a box assigned to you, then there will be a box for you on the Welcome Desk. Boxes have not been assigned to those who have used other means for giving. If you do not see a box with your name but would like one, please feel free to take an unassigned box and write your name on the sheet.

## **Holiday Schedule:**

<b>Sunday, December 15</b>	9:00 am	Sunday school
	10:15 am	Worship Service
	11:45 am	Potluck Fellowship Lunch & Christmas Cookie Decorating
	6:00 pm	Youth Group Christmas Party
	6:00 pm	Prayer Group
<b>Sunday, December 22</b>	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship Service
<b>Tuesday, December 24</b>	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
<b>Sunday, December 29</b>		No Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship Service