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Prayer Requests: 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
DECEMBER 1, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Christopher Bovard

Meditation & Preparation for Worship

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

***Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Sansone Family
Reading: Psalm 2:1-12

***Opening Prayer**

David Howell

WE APPROACH GOD

***Songs of Praise:**

He Who Is Mighty
Oh, How Good It Is
Emmanuel

New Testament Reading: Matthew 3:13-4:11

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: #715 *Come, Ye Thankful People Come*

Old Testament Reading: Joshua 1:1-9

Message:

Sermon Series: Joshua

"The Advent of the Greater Joshua"

Dr. Joshua Howard

*Hymn: #196 *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (verses 1-2)*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Hymn: #196 *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (verses 3-4)*

*Benediction:

*Sending: #735 *Gloria Patri*

**Congregation please stand as able*

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:

Today (Dec. 1)	10:15 am	No Sunday School Worship Service
	11:45 am	Congregational Meeting
	7:00 pm	Christmas Caroling
Tuesday	4:30 pm	Discipleship/Christian Ed Committee meeting
Wednesday	9:30 am	Ladies' Bible Study
Thursday	6:30 pm	Outreach Committee meeting
Friday	6:30 am	Men's Breakfast @ Jodi B's
Saturday		FLC Reserved
Sunday (Dec. 8)	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship Service
	4:00 pm	Installation Service
	5:30 pm	Installation Dinner reception

Serving Today**Greeters:****Worship Leader:** D. Howell**Nursery:** O. Sansone, A. Miller
C. Miller**Children's
Fellowship:** A.Meyer, E.Meyer**D.A.D.** D. Iriana**Serving next week: December 8****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

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

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December 1, 2024

Sermon Series: Joshua
“The Advent of the Greater Joshua”

Joshua 1:1-9

Dr. Joshua Howard

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 **Andrew & Julie Gregory (Anna, Ryan, Lucas, Noah), Wayne & Cornelia Griffith, Richard & Sheila Harris.**

New requests or updates:

Please pray for **Scott Seigwart** (friend of New Covenant) who recently experienced some mild heart attacks. He is feeling better but he still has one blocked artery that needs to be treated. Pray for healing, peace, and comfort for Scott, Gina, and their entire family during this time.

Remember the prayer needs of:

Mike & Cheri Berkenpas – Mike's cancer surgery (12/31/24)
Angie Bortoluzzi
Francine Bovard
Howard Family
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: **Greg Schuelke, Steve Spear, David Daugherty.**

For Missionaries, Ministry and Outreach Partners:

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

Navigators - Jay
PitCare, Inc.
RUF @ Pitt - Gavin Breeden & Callie Miller

Sunday School – Sunday school resumes next Sunday, December 8.

Congregational meeting – Today immediately following the morning worship service. At this meeting, committee and board reports will be presented, and corporate officers elected.

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.

Annual Christmas Caroling Event - Join us for Christmas caroling at Seneca Manor in Verona OR at WeCare at Monroeville **this evening, 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 with any questions. **Note: Home Groups are not meeting, but are encouraged to participate in this outreach event.**

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>.

Communion Offering - The Communion offering supports the work of the deacons within our church and locally. If you would like to support this fund, please use the blue Communion Offering envelope or mark "Deacons" on your donation.

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

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.

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.

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.

Gift donations are also needed; you can buy gifts from Mosaic's wish list at 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.

Thank You!

Dear New Covenant family,

Barbara and I would like to express our deepest thanks you for your kind words and thoughtful gifts. We were blown away by your generosity!

We are grateful to the Lord and appreciated our short time with you and serving among you. Praying for the Lord's continued blessing as you embark on your next chapter of life together.

Though we will miss seeing you, you will always fondly remain in our hearts. Thank you.

~ Walt & Barbara Coppersmith