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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 15, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE

Welcome & Announcements

Dr. Joshua Howard

Meditation & Preparation for Worship

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

***Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Twilla Family
Reading: John 1:1-14

***Opening Prayer**

Brian Fisher

WE APPROACH GOD

***Songs of Praise:**

Before The Skies
O Holy Night
Noel

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 27:1-11

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: #213 *What Child Is This*

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 1:1-12

Message:

"Everything That's Left"

Rev. Christopher Bovard

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Hymn: #195 *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come.*

*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. 15)	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship Service
	11:45 am	Fellowship Lunch with Cookie Decorating Youth Group Christmas Party
	6:00 pm	
	6:00 pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	8:00 pm	Romans Online Bible study
Wednesday	9:30 am	Ladies' Bible Study Christmas Brunch @ Turner's
Friday	6:30 am	Men's Breakfast @ Jodi B's
Saturday	9:00 am	FLC Reserved
Sunday (Dec. 22)	9:00 am	Combined Sunday School with breakfast
	10:15 am	Worship Service

Serving Today

Greeters:	Gregory family
Worship Leader:	B. Fisher
Nursery:	J. Miller, L. Bauer, S. Bauer
Children's Fellowship:	O. Sannson, S. Sansone
D.A.D.	D. Iriana

Serving next week: December 22

Greeters:	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Worship Leader:	M. Woodhead
Nursery:	N. Casile, C. Berkenpas, T. Bovard
Children's Fellowship:	N. Schroeder, G. Minnigh
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

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December 15, 2024

“Everything That’s Left”

1 Peter 1:1-12

Rev. Christopher Bovard

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 ***David, Patty, Michael & Mark Iriana, Mary Jingles, and TJ & Kristen Kessler (Tyler, Ryan).***

New requests or updates:

Give thanks that ***Bobbie Watson*** was released from the hospital this week and that no surgical procedures are needed. Please keep praying for her continued recovery.

Please keep ***Nate Keisel and the Mosaic Church*** in prayer as they have suffered another loss in their church family & community. Pray for comfort, peace and strength for all affected by the loss of this child.

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 – *beginning a ministry in NC*

Suzanne Ralph

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: ***Jason Hice, Dan Parsons, Jeff Pifer.***

For Missionaries, Ministry and Outreach Partners:

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

***Wheelchairs Restored (Uniquely the Same) - Linda Clark
Network for Life***

Young Life (East Pittsburgh) - Lucas Poole

December Fellowship Lunch & Cookie Decorating

Today – Join us for food, fellowship and fun after the service. We are combining the monthly Fellowship Lunch with our annual cookie decorating event!

Officer Nominations - The Session is pleased to announce two more additions to the list of men that have successfully completed the nomination process for church officers: Brad Minnigh and Brad Campbell. 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 12, 2025, for the purpose of electing officers:

Deacon: Brad Campbell, Brad Minnigh, and 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 17**. If interested, contact TJ Kessler at tkess54@gmail.com for more information.

Ladies' Bible Study – Wednesday, December 18; 9:30 am. This week, they are having a Christmas Brunch with a craft project at the home of Zeta Turner (3405 Turnberry Ct., Murrysville). **Note: Please bring something to share for brunch and if you have your wreath from last year, you can bring it to update or make a small centerpiece.** Contact Zeta Turner or Emily Parsons with any questions.

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. See the insert in today's bulletin for more details.

2025 Offering Envelopes – If you have used offering envelopes in the past year or had a box assigned to you, there will be a box for you on the Welcome Desk. 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.

Mosaic Christmas Store – This Week

They still need a few volunteers. See the Sign-up sheet at bit.ly/4hrq9DF.

Gift and blanket/hat/glove donations are due today at New Covenant. If you still have donations that have not been dropped off, please contact Lauren Watt. **You can also buy gifts from Mosaic's wish list at amzn.to/4htZvdk. Items will ship directly to Mosaic.**

Holiday Schedule:

Sunday, December 22 9:00 am Combined Sunday School
 10:15 am Worship Service

Tuesday, December 24 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 29 No Sunday School
 10:15 am Worship Service

Next Week's (12/22) Sunday School will be a combined event (Adults and Children) with breakfast food and a discussion led by Pastor Chris. If you are able, please bring a breakfast casserole, fruit or treats (muffins, scones, donuts, etc.) to share. See the sign-up sheet at <https://bit.ly/4gxpmjB> and indicate what you plan to bring.

Thank you!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant, the cards, emails and prayers for my family on the recent death of my dad. It was very much appreciated. Blessings, Donna Shivers

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.

Snow Camp – Middle school and High School students are invited to the Pittsburgh Presbytery Snow Camp: **January 31-February 2**. Contact Chris Bovard if you would like to register.