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NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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 22, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE

Welcome & Announcements

Michael Woodhead

Meditation & Preparation for Worship

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Gregory Family
Reading: Jeremiah 33:12-16

***Opening Prayer**

WE APPROACH GOD

***Songs of Praise:**

Emmanuel
Joy Has Dawned
Wonderful Counselor

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 45:14-25

Rev. Christopher Bovard

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Brass

***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.*

Pastoral Prayer

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

GOD SPEAKS TO US

***Hymn:** #226 *As With Gladness Men of Old*

***New Testament Reading:** Luke 2:8-20

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***Reading Response:**

Leader: "This is the Word of the Lord."

People: "Thanks be to God!"

Message: *"The Bright Shining Glory of Christ"*

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

***Hymn:** #224 *Go Tell It On the Mountain.*

***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	9:00 am	Sunday School
(Dec. 22)	10:15 am	Worship Service

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
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Wednesday	<i>Merry Christmas!</i>	
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Saturday	8:00 am	FLC Reserved
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Sunday	No Sunday school	
(Dec. 29)	10:15 am	Worship Service

Serving Today

Greeters:	Campbell family
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Worship Leader:	M. Woodhead
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Nursery:	N. Casile, C. Berkenpas, T. Bovard
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Children's Fellowship:	N. Schroeder, G. Minnigh
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D.A.D.	D. Iriana
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Serving next week: December 29

Greeters:	M&K Cima
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Worship Leader:	A. Bovard
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Nursery:	J. Faith, O. Sansone, S. Sansone
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Children's Fellowship:	R&R Mott
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D.A.D.	D. Iriana
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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

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_____ Please add me to the email prayer chain

_____ Please add/change above information to church directory

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December 22, 2024

“The Bright Shining Glory of Christ”

Luke 2:8-20

Dr. Joshua Howard

1. Christ Appeared Unexpectedly
2. Christ Came to Save the World
3. Christ Came that we may Glorify God

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 **Ben, Bree, Morgan & Luke Kost, Allan Kuenzel, and Joan Ludchak.**

Remember the prayer needs of:

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

Bobbie Watson

Suzanne Ralph

Coppersmiths – *preparing for ministry in NC*

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: **Steve Schroeder, Greg Schuelke, Steve Spear.**

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

Holiday Schedule:

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

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

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.

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.

Snow Camp – Middle school and High School students are invited to the Pittsburgh Presbytery Snow Camp: **January 31-February 2**. Contact Chris Bovard at cbovard@newcovpca.org if you are interested.

2025 Offering Envelopes – Please remember to pick up your offering envelopes from the Welcome Desk. If you do not see a box with your name but would like one, feel free to take an unassigned box and write your name on the sheet.

Greeters Needed! - Volunteers are needed to welcome people and hand out bulletins on Sunday mornings at the sanctuary doors. Sign up for dates January and February 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.