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Emailed prayer requests are shared with a church-wide email prayer chain.



Guest password: **Psalm122:1**

Name

Email or phone

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



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICE DECEMBER 29, 2024

PRELUDE

Welcome & Announcements

Andy Bovard

Meditation & Preparation for Worship

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

***Call to Worship**

taken from Psalm 48

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

People: *He is our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.*

Leader: We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

People: *As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness.*

***Opening Prayer**

WE APPROACH GOD

***Songs of Praise:**

*Salvation Is Born
All Must Be Well
Speak O Lord*

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 1:13-25

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Pete Fiscus 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: #30 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past**

***Old Testament Reading: Joshua 1:10-18**

***Reading Response:**

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

People: "Thanks be to God!"

Message: "Taking What is Given to Us"

Dr. Joshua Howard

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

***Hymn: #598 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

***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. 29) 10:15 am Worship Service

Tuesday

6:00 pm FLC Reserved

Wednesday

Happy New Year!

Thursday

6:30 pm Outreach Committee meeting

Friday

6:30 am Men's Breakfast at Jodi B's

Sunday

9:00 am Sunday school

(Jan. 5) 10:15 am Worship Service

evening Home Groups

Serving Today

Greeters: M&K Cima

Worship Leader: A. Bovard

Nursery: J. Faith, O. Sansone, S. Sansone

Children's Fellowship: R&R Mott

D.A.D. D. Iriana

Serving next week: January 5

Greeters: Gregory Family

Worship Leader: D. Howell

Nursery: K. Kessler, N. Casile, A. Meyer

Children's Fellowship: TBD

D.A.D. TBD

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

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_____ email

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December 29, 2024

“Taking What is Given to Us”

Joshua 1:10-18

Dr. Joshua Howard

1. God’s People Need Strong Leadership
2. God’s Provision Demands our Response
3. God’s Provision Requires Proper Preparation

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 & Faith Mahtani (Israel, Judah, Ezekiel, Trinity)**, **Alycia McMichael**, **Vance & Jerri McMichael**.

New Requests & Updates:

Gino & Jeanne Rizzi request prayer for their family – specifically the family of their niece Terri Day who was killed in a murder-suicide. They are all going through a very difficult time.

Give thanks that **Rob Struble** is doing better and that no further surgical procedure is needed after the heart catheterization last Monday.

Angie Bortoluzzi has been hospitalized with a severe case of covid. Please pray for her healing and recovery.

Remember the prayer needs of:

Mike & Cheri Berkenpas – *Mike's surgery this week*

Bobbie Watson – *has returned to Seneca Manor but is still very weak*

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: **David Daugherty, Alex Gabrielse, Ian Griffith.**

For Missionaries, Ministry and Outreach Partners:

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

Mosaic Community Development Center - Kelly Bender

MTW France - B&P

MTW India - Phil and Amina

Officer Nominations - The Session is pleased to announce two final additions to the list of men that have successfully completed the nomination process for church officers: Mike Berkenpas and Brian Fisher. The following nominees will appear on a slate for voting by members of New Covenant at a Congregational Meeting called by the Session **January 12, 2025**, for the purpose of electing officers:

Deacon: Brad Campbell, Brad Minnigh, and Christian Sansone

Elder: Mike Berkenpas, Russell Cardwell, Brian Fisher, Kennedy Henriquez, David Howell, and Michael Woodhead.

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 in January and February at <https://bit.ly/greetatNCPC> .

Thank You!

Christmas Greetings to the Elders, Deacons, and Congregation,

I want to thank you for the friendship and support that you have given to St. James Fellowship not only this past year, but for the past seven or eight years. I am grateful to all of you. May the remembrance of our Savior's Incarnation bless you and may his Spirit guide you this season and beyond. ~ Rev. John Patterson

Dear New Cov Family,

Thank you for your kind words and gift of a poinsettia on the recent passing of my brother David Warden. Dave had a difficult last few years, and suffered with both his physical and mental health. My other brothers and I have tried to honor our mother and father by caring for him as best we could. The whole experience just amplifies the blessing of having a church family. ~ Your sister in Christ, Patty Iriana