



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICE JANUARY 5, 2025

PRELUDE

Welcome & Announcements

David Howell

Meditation & Preparation for Worship

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 77:11-15

Leader: I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old.

People: *I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.*

Leader: Your way, O God, is holy.

People: *What god is great like our God?*

Leader: You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples.

People: *You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.*

***Opening Prayer**

WE APPROACH GOD

***Songs of Praise:**

*Go Tell It On the Mountain
Man of Sorrows*

New Testament Reading: James 2:14-26

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.*

Pastoral Prayer

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

GOD SPEAKS TO US

*Hymn: #97 *We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator*

*Old Testament Reading: Joshua 2:1-24

*Reading Response:

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

People: "Thanks be to God!"

Message: "*Spies, Lies, and a Scarlet Woman*" Dr. Joshua Howard

*Hymn: #66 *God Is Known Among His People (verses 1-3)*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Hymn: #66 *God Is Known Among His People (verse 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 (Jan. 5)	9:00 am	Sunday school
	10:15 am	Worship Service
	evening	Home Groups
Wednesday	9:30 am	Ladies' Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Connections Leader Training
Thursday	6:30 pm	Outreach Committee meeting
Friday	6:30 am	Men's Breakfast at Jodi B's
	10:00 am	Sr. Saints Bible Study
Sunday (Jan. 12)	9:00 am	Sunday school
	10:15 am	Worship Service
		Congregational meeting
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
	6:00 pm	Prayer Group

Serving Today

Greeters:	Gregory family
Worship Leader:	D. Howell
Nursery:	K. Kessler, N. Casile, J. Partridge
Children's Fellowship:	D. Bauer, S. Bauer
D.A.D.	D. Parsons

Serving next week: January 12

Greeters:	Campbell family
Worship Leader:	R. Dalbey
Nursery:	E. Faith, F. Mahtani, N. Woodhead
Children's Fellowship:	ML Zolko, S. Ahlers
D.A.D.	D. Parsons

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.

January 5, 2025

“Spies, Lies, and a Scarlet Woman”

Joshua 2:1-24

Dr. Joshua Howard

1. Spies... and the providence of God
2. Lies... and righteous deception
3. A Scarlet Woman... and her faith

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 & Angela Meyer (Emily, Octavia), Chris & Jeanette Miller (Graham, Cole, Ethan), Joel, Amy, Ella & Chloe Miller.**

New Requests & Updates:

Minnighs – Please keep Brad’s parents, Joel and Beth, in prayer. Joel recently suffered a fall and is dealing with broken ribs, a punctured lung and swelling and bruising. Pray for a complete healing and recovery and that no further complications will arise.

Mike & Cheri Berkenpas – Give thanks that Mike’s surgery this week went well. Continue to pray for his recovery.

Kathleen Struble requests prayer for her father recovering from another kidney stone surgery, her mother who is having problems with high blood pressure and Rob as he continues with cardiac rehab.

Remember the prayer needs of:

Bobbie Watson – continuing rehab

Rizzi Family – comfort following their recent loss

Rob Struble – continuing cardiac rehab

Angie Bortoluzzi – recovery from recent illness

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: **Ryan Grimm, Jason Hice, Dan Parsons.**

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

Communion Offering - The Communion offering is designated to support 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.

January Home Groups: Home Groups normally meet on the first Sunday for fellowship, Bible study and prayer. If interested in joining a Home Group, please see the contact information below.

Group:

Forest Hills Contact Mike Berkenpas @ 412-266-5325.

Monroeville Contact Andy Bovard @ 412-512-3044

Murrysville Meeting @ the Campbells. Contact Rob Dalbey @ 724-664-9928

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 **next Sunday, 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.

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>.

Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study – **January 8 @ 9:30 a.m.** Babysitting is available. Contact Zeta Turner or Emily Parsons with any questions: tsnoil@yahoo.com or Emily.parsons3@outlook.com.

Sr. Saints Bible Study – **Friday, January 10; 10 a.m.** in the Conference Room. All are welcome to join them for fellowship, study and prayer.