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## NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Prayer  
Requests:** [prayer@newcovpca.org](mailto:prayer@newcovpca.org)

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

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 25, 2022**

### **PRELUDE**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Michael Woodhead

**Meditation & Preparation for Worship**

### **GATHERING & PRAISE**

**Call to Worship**

Isaiah 9:6

**LEADER:** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called

**CONGREGATION:** *Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Songs of Praise:**

Salvation is Born  
Joy Has Dawned  
Wonderful Counselor

**Old Testament Reading:** Psalm 34:1-22

**\*Hymn:** #218 *Angels, From the Realms of Glory*

### **PRAYER**

**Pastoral Prayer**

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

**\*Hymn:** #200 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

## THE WORD

**New Testament Reading:** Luke 2:1-20

**Message:** *“Peace Train”*

## OUR RESPONSE & SENDING

\***Hymn:** #203 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

\***Benediction**

\***Hymn:** #735 *Gloria Patri*

\*Congregation will please stand

Pastor Wilson reads from the ESV (English Standard Version) Bible.

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## **ABOUT NEW COV**

**New Covenant PCA** is a young church with a family history going back more than seventy years. Our church was formed in 2008 by merging the former New Hope PCA (founded in 1981) and the former Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church (founded in 1937). Each brought significant strengths and gifts and the Lord has been abundantly blessing us together as one congregation. We are blessed with members of every age and stage and we welcome those interested in learning about the Bible and Christianity as well as those who have been Bible students and Christians for many years. The joy of the Lord is our strength as we seek to please Him by teaching and living His Word while loving and serving others.

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--before the first hymn). 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.

## **MISSION STATEMENT:**

*New Covenant Presbyterian Church is Christian in faith, Reformed in approach, and Presbyterian in organization. Our mission is to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit to the glory of God the Father, that we may worship our God and be equipped to love and serve our Lord and others.*

**This week:**

**Today** 10:00 am Worship  
*(Dec. 25)*

**Sunday** 10:00 am Worship  
*(Jan. 1)*

**Serving Today**

**Worship Leader:** M. Woodhead

**Nursery:**

**Children's Fellowship:** K. Minnigh, G. Minnigh

**D.A.D.** B. Minnigh

**Serving next week: January 1**

**Worship Leader:** A. Bovard

**Nursery:** E. Parsons, K. Minnigh, A. Miller

**Children's Fellowship:** A. Meyer, E. Galloway, E. Meyer

**D.A.D.** D. Faith

**Note:** Announcements for the bulletin should be submitted to the office by 3 p.m. Wednesday for printing on Thursday.

**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 located by the Welcome Desk*

**December 25, 2022**

**2023 Offering Envelopes** | Boxes are available in the narthex. If you don't see a box with your name, but would like one, please contact Laurie in the church office or claim an unassigned box and write your name on the sheet.

**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 check.

**2023 Remote Bible Study** | A new remote/online Bible study will be started on the book of Romans in early 2023. For more information, please contact TJ Kessler at [Tkess54@gmail.com](mailto:Tkess54@gmail.com) .

**Save the Date!** | February 17-18, 2023 for a Shepherding & Leadership Conference to be held at New Covenant. See the flyer on the Welcome Desk for more information.

**2023 High School & Middle School Snow Camp** | February 3-5 @ Ligonier Camp and Conference Center. Registration deadline is January 13. Contact Chris Bovard or any youth leader for more information or questions.

### **Thank you!**

*Janice and Steve Stricko want to express our thanks to our church family for the flowers, cards, prayers and condolences on the passing of Janice's mother Isabelle Ridgeway. Your kindness and support during this difficult time were appreciated.*

*A huge thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas goodie bag for widows. I was delighted to find such delicious, practical and creative items inside. Also enjoyable was the visit with Mike and Brad who delivered it. Blessed Christmas and New Year to my church family. ~ Love, Bobbie*

***“Peace Train”***  
Luke 2:1-20

I. No peace

II. True peace

III. Let there be peace...

**PRAYER AND PRAISES FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

~ **Ida Blevin's son, Matt**, had kidney stone surgery last week. Pray that he is recovering well from that.

~ **Jess Bovard asks for prayer for her friend** whose father was just diagnosed with leukemia. The prognosis is serious but they have a few treatment options. Pray that God will give them wisdom to make the best choices for him.

~ Give thanks for the good results that **Connie Close** received from her recent scans. She will continue with the treatment plan of chemo and radiation over the next several months. Please continue to pray for her as she goes through these treatments.

~ Please pray for the **family of Dawn Getz**, a supported missionary who passed away this week. Dawn and her husband Jay worked with Navigators in Colorado. Please pray for Jay, their kids and grandkids, as they mourn this loss but rejoice for her gain in heaven with her Savior.

~ Continue to pray for **Jeanette Miller's father, John May**. Pray for healing in his heart and lungs and that the possible infection they were treating him for will clear. Pray also for strength and encouragement for Jeanette's mother and the rest of the family.

~ The Motts remind us to pray for those in the New Orleans area who were affected by last week's outbreak of tornados. Give thanks that Ryan's sister and brother-in-law made it through safely.

~ **Rick Schroeder's brother, Bill**, is feeling a bit better after having some dialysis for his declining kidney function. The doctors feel he is suffering from an autoimmune disease and are hopeful that they can address it before his kidneys are permanently damaged. He will remain hospitalized with many tests and treatments planned. Please continue to pray for his full recovery and for strength for him and his family during this time.

**Remember the continuing prayer needs of:**

*Kurt & Susan Ahlers*

*Pat Arledge Benko (Zeta's mom)*

*John & Nancy Bernheisel*

*Luella Blough*

*Matt Blevins (Ida's son)*

*Connie Close (Andy's mother)*

*Colin (son of Tom Turner's cousin)*

*First responders, doctors & nurses*

*Florida residents (Hurricane Ian recovery)*

*Deane Fowler*

*Phil Gelston (friend of Strubles)*

*Addy George (Swearingen's granddaughter)*

*Wayne & Corney Griffith*

*John Howell (David's brother)*

*Tom Jordan*

*Joan Ludchak*

*John May II (Jeanette Miller's brother)*

*Jean Rizzi*

*Sofia Rollins (Siverd's daughter-in-law)*

*Doris Seath*

*Ukraine/Russia*

*Peggy Voll*

*Bobbie Watson*

*Bob & Anne Marie Whisner*

## **FOR OUR MILITARY:**

Pray for those serving or training in the military either here or overseas – especially those from our church family or who have friends or relatives in our church family: ***Chloe Christensen, David Daugherty, Alex Gabrielse, Ian Griffith, Ryan Grimm, Jason Hice, Naomi Howard, Craig Jordan, Dan McCrorey, Dan Parsons, Jeff Pifer, Steve Schroeder, Greg Schuelke, and Steve Spear.***

## **FOR MISSIONARIES AND OUTREACH PARTNERS:**

Bob Allums – SeeJesus

Callie Miller & Gavin Breeden – RUF

Phil and Amina – MTW India

Jay and Dawn – Navigators

Chris and Josephine – World Harvest- London, England

Dale and Linda McLane – MTW Int'l Christian Education

Josiah and Laryssa – Global Gates

B&P – France

PitCare, Inc.

Robbie and Jen Schmidtberger – Iron Works West Chester

Nate Keisel – Mosaic Church, Jeannette

David Eades – Dayspring Community Church

Linda Clark – Wheelchairs Restored – Uniquely the Same

Lucas Poole – YoungLife

Women's Choice Network