



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICE SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

PRELUDE

Welcome & Announcements

Brian Fisher

Meditation & Preparation for Worship

GATHERING & PRAISE

***Call to Worship** from Isaiah 6:3 and Revelation 4:8; 5:23

LEADER: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

CONGREGATION: the whole earth is full of his glory!

LEADER: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

CONGREGATION: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

***Opening Prayer**

***Songs of Praise:**

*Grace Like Rain
From the Depths of Woe
Let All Things Now Living*

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 48

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

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

Offertory Hymn: #353 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

Offertory Prayer

THE WORD

New Testament Reading: Acts 11:19-30

Message: *“Building A Healthy Church”*

Rev. Seth Gurley

OUR RESPONSE & SENDING

***Hymn:** #347 *The Church’s One Foundation*

***Benediction**

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

*Congregation will please stand

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 <i>(Sept. 17)</i>	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
		Fellowship Lunch
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
	6:30 pm	Hymn Sing
Monday	5:30 pm	Alabaster Children's Theatre
Wednesday	9:00 am	Ladies' Bible Study
Friday	10:00 am	Sr. Saints Bible Study
Saturday		FLC Reserved
Sunday <i>(Sept. 24)</i>	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
	6:00 pm	Youth Group

Serving Today

Worship Leader:	B. Fisher
Nursery:	C. Miller, F. Mahtani, J. Gregory
Children's Fellowship:	C. Schroeder, S. Ahlers, E. Schroeder
D.A.D.	J. Miller

Serving next week: September 24

Worship Leader:	D. Howell
Nursery:	O. Sansone, H. Weiser, S. Schmidt
Children's Fellowship:	C. Bovard, T. Bovard
D.A.D.	J. Miller

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.

September 17, 2023

PRAYER AND PRAISES FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**Remember the continuing prayer needs of:**

<i>Kurt & Susan Ahlers</i>	<i>Kelly Howell</i>
<i>Pat Arledge Benko (Zeta's mom)</i>	<i>Joan Ludchak</i>
<i>Mary Berkenpas</i>	<i>Jim Partridge</i>
<i>John & Nancy Bernheisel</i>	<i>Pastoral Search Committee</i>
<i>Luella Blough</i>	<i>Jean Rizzi</i>
<i>Angie Bortoluzzi</i>	<i>Sofia Rollins (Siverd's daughter-in-law)</i>
<i>Connie Close (Andy's mother)</i>	<i>Bill Schroeder (Rick's brother)</i>
<i>Colin (son of Tom Turner's cousin)</i>	<i>Doris Seath</i>
<i>Covenant Church; Nashville, TN</i>	<i>Jordan (Agate) Stern</i>
<i>Dalbey Family</i>	<i>S. Struble/C. Nasman upcoming wedding</i>
<i>Deane Fowler</i>	<i>Ukraine/Russia</i>
<i>Phil Gelston (friend of Strubles)</i>	<i>Peggy Voll</i>
<i>Wayne Getz (Charlene's son)</i>	<i>Lauren Watt, RC Watt</i>
<i>Wayne & Corney Griffith</i>	<i>Bobbie Watson</i>
<i>Hanna Family</i>	<i>Bob & Anne Marie Whisner</i>

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 – Pitt RUF
 Phil and Amina – MTW India
 Jay – 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

Monthly Fellowship Lunch – Today | All are invited to join us for our monthly Fellowship Lunch following the morning service.

Third Sunday Hymn Sing – Tonight | Join the Watt family in the courtyard area for a hymn sing at 6:30 pm. Please note that this will be the last hymn sing for the year (it will resume again next summer beginning the 3rd Sunday of May). Lauren is working on details for a Christmas Caroling event—stay tuned for details on that. Contact Lauren Watt with any questions: lauren@laurenseasel.com.

Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study | Begins this week, **September 20; 9:00 a.m. at the church**. We are excited to begin a new study: *"Ezra & Nehemiah, the Good Hand of our God is Upon Us"*, by Sarah Ivill. Please join us as we meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 9-11am. Babysitting will be provided. Contact Zeta Turner or Emily Parsons with your participation or questions: tsnoil@yahoo.com or emily.parsons3@outlook.com.

****Note: We are kicking off this week with a brunch – if you can help with food, see the sign-up at <https://bit.ly/LBSbrunch>. Also, books are in the office on the window sill if you would like to pick one up before Wednesday.**

Sr. Saints Bible Study | **Friday, September 22 @ 10:00 a.m.** in the Conference Room | All are welcome to join them for fellowship, study and prayer.

Save the Date! Pittsburgh Presbytery Women's Ministry Fall 2023 Conference; **Saturday, November 4; 8:30 am to 3 pm** @ First Reformed Presbyterian Church. Guest Speaker: Rachel Craddock, Author of *Slowly Unraveled: Changed from the Inside Out*.

Concert at RPTS - Friday, September 29th; 7 pm | Jeremy Casella, Matthew David Montgomery, and Seth Jernigan will be performing a concert at RPTS in Rutherford Hall. This will be a time of Songs, Stories, and Psalms. Proceeds from the event will go to benefit the seminary's "100 Years in Rutherford Hall" campaign which will allow the seminary to make necessary updates to an aging facility. More information can be found at <http://rpts.edu/music>.

Small Groups | If you are interested in joining a small group, please contact Mike Berkenpas at frisian9@gmail.com or 412-712-9680.