



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICE
DECEMBER 17, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE

Welcome & Announcements

Rick Schroeder

Meditation & Preparation for Worship

GATHERING & PRAISE

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Miller Family
Reading: Psalm 2:1-12

***Opening Prayer**

***Songs of Praise:**

Joy Has Dawned
Noel
Salvation is Born

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 33:7-23

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

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

Offertory Hymn: #211 *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

Offertory Prayer

THE WORD

New Testament Reading: John 14:5-14

Message: *“Everlasting Father”*

Rev. Walt Coppersmith

OUR RESPONSE & SENDING

***Hymn:** *#223 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*

***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.

This week:

Today <i>(Dec. 17)</i>	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Fellowship Lunch
	11:30 am	Worship Committee meeting
	6:00 pm	Youth Group Christmas Party
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Girl Scouts in FLC
Wednesday	9:00 am	Ladies' Bible Study Christmas Brunch at Zeta Turner's
Thursday	7:00 pm	Discipleship meeting
Friday	11:30 am	Sr. Saints Christmas Lunch @ DeNunzio's
Sunday <i>(Dec. 24)</i>		No Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Serving Today

Worship Leader:	R. Schroeder
Nursery:	N. Woodhead, S. Ahlers, E. Fischer
Children's Fellowship:	A.Meyer, E.Galloway, E.Meyer
D.A.D.	B. Minnigh

Serving next week: December 24

Worship Leader:	C. Bovard
Nursery:	C. Berkenpas, E. Parsons, A. Miller
Children's Fellowship:	E. Twilla, A. Bender
D.A.D.	B. Minnigh

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.

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PRAYER AND PRAISES FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Kathleen Struble: Please pray for Kathleen's brother-in-law, Gene Wilson. He was hospitalized for double pneumonia due to his myeloma and went home last weekend but both he and Kathleen's sister have now contracted the flu.

Remember the continuing prayer needs of:*Kurt & Susan Ahlers**Pat Arledge Benko (Zeta's mom)**Mary Berkenpas**John & Nancy Bernheisel**Luella Blough**Connie Close (Andy's mother)**Denise Dalbey**Deane Fowler**Phil Gelston (friend of Strubles)**Wayne & Corney Griffith**Joan Ludchak**Jim Partridge**Pastoral Search Committee**Jean Rizzi**Sofia Rollins (Siverd's daughter-in-law)**Bill Schroeder (Rick's brother)**Jordan (Agate) Stern**Pat Stotler**Peggy Voll**Wars in Ukraine / Israel**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 – 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

December Fellowship Lunch - TODAY | All are welcome to join us for a pizza fellowship lunch after the service today.

Help Needed | Leaders and assistants are needed for our Children's Fellowship program. If interested, please reach out to Katie Minnigh (kminnigh@gmail.com). This is a great opportunity to serve and mentor our young families.

A Praying Church Seminar | Friday-Saturday, January 19-20, 2024 @ City Reformed Presbyterian Church. See the flyer on the Welcome Desk for more details.

2024 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 see the information on the Welcome Desk to donate directly.

Holiday Schedule: Reminder: we will not have Sunday school 12/24 or 12/31.

Sunday, December 17	9:00 am	Sunday school
	10:15 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Pizza Fellowship Lunch
	6:00 pm	Youth Group Christmas Party
Sunday, December 24	10:15 am	Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Sunday, December 31	10:15 am	Worship Service

Baby shower for Hannah Weiser – Saturday, January 20 @ 10 a.m.

We are planning a Baby Shower Brunch to honor Hannah as she prepares for her new little one. The brunch will be held in the narthex area. Please RSVP at <https://bit.ly/HWbabyshower> and if you can help with food, see the sign-up sheet at <https://bit.ly/HWshowerfood>. Hannah is registered at <https://www.babylist.com/list/baby-hannah-weiser>.

Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study – Wednesday, December 20; 9:00 a.m. | The Bible study will meet at the home of Zeta Turner this week for a Christmas Brunch (3405 Turnberry Ct., Murrysville). Babysitting will be available. If you would like to bring something, see the sign-up sheet at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054CABA728A1FE3-46679288-ladies>. Contact Zeta Turner or Emily Parsons with any questions: tsnoil@yahoo.com or emily.parsons3@outlook.com.

Senior Saints Christmas Lunch – Friday, December 22; 11:30 am | The Sr. Saints Bible study will meet at DeNunzio's Italian Restaurant (2644 Mosside Blvd., Monroeville) at 11:30 am on Friday. All are welcome - contact Chris Bovard with any questions.