



**LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICE
DECEMBER 3, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

PRELUDE

Welcome & Announcements

Brian Fisher

Meditation & Preparation for Worship

GATHERING & PRAISE

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Campbell Family
Reading: John 1:1-14

***Opening Prayer**

***Songs of Praise:**

Before the Skies

Psalm 62

Wonderful Counselor

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

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

Offertory Hymn: #194 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Offertory Prayer

THE WORD & SACRAMENT

New Testament Reading: John 14:15-27

Message: *“Wonderful Counselor”*

Rev. Walt Coppersmith

***Hymn:** #196 *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (verses 1-2)*

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

OUR RESPONSE & SENDING

***Hymn:** #196 *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (verses 3-4)*

***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. 3)</i>	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Forest Hills Home Group in FLC
	5:00 pm	Monroeville and Murrysville Home Groups

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Girl Scouts in FLC
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Wednesday	9:00 am	Ladies' Bible Study
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Friday	10:00 am	Sr. Saints Bible Study
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Saturday		FLC Reserved
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Sunday <i>(Dec. 10)</i>	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
		Congregational meeting
	6:00 pm	Caroling @ Walden's View Senior Living
	6:00 pm	Youth Group

Serving Today

Worship Leader:	B. Fisher
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Nursery:	N. Casile, O. Sansone, S. Sansone
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Children's Fellowship:	C. Bovard, T. Bovard
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D.A.D.	B. Minnigh
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Serving next week: December 10

Worship Leader:	M. Woodhead
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Nursery:	L. Bauer, S. Bauer, L. Donatucci
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Children's Fellowship:	K. Minnigh, G. Minnigh
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D.A.D.	B. Minnigh
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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.

December 3, 2023

“Wonderful Counselor”

John 14:15-27

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PRAYER AND PRAISES FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Gary and Carol Agate ask for your continued prayers for their daughter, Jordan Stern. Pray that the tests she had this week will give a clear diagnosis and direction for treatment.

Give thanks for the formation of the **Presbyterian Church of America** (PCA) as December 3 marks 50 years since our founding and the first General Assembly. With nearly 400,000 members and 2,000 churches, we give thanks to God for His blessings and pray for His continued ministry through the PCA for His glory!

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 Home Groups | Home Groups meet monthly for fellowship, Bible study and prayer. If interested in joining a Home Group, please see the contact information below.

Group	Details:
Forest Hills	Sun. 12/3; after worship in FLC. Contact Mike Berkenpas 412-712-9680.
Monroeville	Sun. 12/3; 5 pm @ the church FLC. Contact Andy Bovard 412-229-8489.
Murrysville	Sun. 12/3; 5 pm @ Gregory's home. Contact Rob Dalbey 724-325-9571.

Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study – December 6 @ 9 a.m. | Babysitting is provided. Contact Zeta Turner or Emily Parsons with any questions: tsnoil@yahoo.com or emily.parsons3@outlook.com.

Sr. Saints Bible Study | Friday, December 8 @ 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room | All are welcome to join them for fellowship, study and prayer.

Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, December 10 | Please plan to attend our Congregational meeting scheduled for 12/10 after the worship service. If you are a committee or ministry head, please have written reports to the office by Monday, December 4.

Christmas Caroling – Next Sunday, December 10; 6-7 pm at Walden's View Senior Living in N. Huntingdon. RSVP at <https://bit.ly/3QbqRs5> or email Lauren Watt (lauren@laurenseasel.com) with any questions.

Mosaic Christmas Store – December 12, 14 & 16 | There are still several openings in the volunteer list for next week's store hours. See the sign-up sheet at <https://bit.ly/2023Mosaicvolunteer>.

New Cov Annual Cookie Decorating Party – December 16 @ 10 am. This is a fellowship event for the whole family! Sign up at <https://bit.ly/NCcookiedecorating>. The Fellowship Committee will provide the cookies, icing and decorations; bring your own container to transport your creations.

Mom's Morning In – Friday, December 15; 9:30 a.m. @ Murrysville Community Church | Moms and young children are invited to a time of fellowship and play time. Contact Bethany Nemit with any questions at 412-443-5673.

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