

NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

Sunday, December 10, 2023

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

*Congregation asked to stand if able when indicated by **

Prelude

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.
2 Corinthians 8:9

*Call to Worship

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now
on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great
things for me. Holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from
generation to generation. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of
his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.
Luke 1:47-50, 55

*Hymn of Adoration #194

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Prayer of Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Candle

. Cathy & Tommy Ellett

Call to Confession

My soul longs for your salvation;

I hope in your word.

My eyes long for your promise;

I ask, “When will you comfort me?”

For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke,
yet I have not forgotten your statutes.

How long must your servant endure?

When will you judge those who persecute me?

The insolent have dug pitfalls for me;

they do not live according to your law.

All your commandments are sure;

they persecute me with falsehood; help me!

They have almost made an end of me on earth,

but I have not forsaken your precepts.

In your steadfast love give me life,

that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth. Psalm 119:81-88

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that
God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

*Hymn of Thanksgiving #208

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Children's Sermon

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive
our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen*

Tithes and Offerings

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce.
Proverbs 3:9

*Doxology #731

(Tallis Canon)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Preparation #221

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

*Reading of Scripture

Isaiah 7:14 (pg. 728)

*Gloria Patri #735

(Creatorex)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon:

“Christmas in the Old Testament”

*Hymn of Response #213

“What Child is This?”

*Benediction

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the
power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

Announcements and upcoming events:

There will be NO Thursday Bible Study thru December.

Today! Congregational meeting immediately following the morning worship service.

Tonight! 5:30 pm New Covenant Church Christmas party - Decker Hall. Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres, finger sandwiches, dip and chips, cake or whatever you wish. We play cajun Christmas with a \$15-20 gift limit

Nursery Schedule

December 10: Sterling Dossett

December 17: David Timm

December 24: Beth Bee

December 31: Vicki Watts



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Church Leadership at New Covenant

Ruling Elders (Session) – Joseph Byrne, Tommy Ellett, Richard Griffing

Elder Emeritus – Frank Heard *Teaching Elder* - John Franklin

Treasurer- Andy Montgomery *Pianist* - Kathy Rogers

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