

# NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

Sunday, December 17, 2023

10:30 am

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## Welcome and Announcements

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

Arise, shine for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you and his glory will be seen upon you. Isaiah 60:1-2

## Prelude

### \*Call to Worship

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. For from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace. John 1:14,16

### \*Hymn of Adoration #195

“Joy To The World!”

## Prayer of Invocation

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

Sterling Dossett

### Choir Special

“How Far Is It to Bethlehem”

### Call to Confession

Forever, O Lord, your word  
is firmly fixed in the heavens.  
Your faithfulness endures to all generations;  
you have established the earth, and it stands fast.  
By your appointment they stand this day,  
for all things are your servants.  
If your law had not been my delight,  
I would have perished in my affliction.  
I will never forget your precepts,  
for by them you have given me life.  
I am yours; save me,  
for I have sought your precepts.  
The wicked lie in wait to destroy me,  
but I consider your testimonies.  
I have seen a limit to all perfection,  
but your commandment is exceedingly broad. Psalm 119:89-96

## Silent Confession of Sin

### Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?  
One thing have I asked of the Lord,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord  
and to inquire in his temple.  
I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living!  
Wait for the Lord;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the Lord! Psalm 27:1,4,13-14

### \*Hymn of Thanksgiving #224

“Go, Tell It On The Mountain”

## 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

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you. Deuteronomy 16:17

### \*Doxology #731

*(Tallis Canon)*

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

### \*Reading of Scripture

John 1:9-13 (pg. 1127)

### \*Gloria Patri #735

*(Greatorrex)*

### Prayer for Illumination

**Sermon:** "Christmas at the Incarnation"

**\*Hymn of Response #218** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

**\*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.

Sunday, December 24 - 5 pm - Christmas Eve Service

**Nursery Schedule**

**December 17:** David Timm

**December 24:** Beth Bee

**December 31:** Vicki Watts

**January 7:** Ruthie Hinton

**January 14:** Kati Trotter

**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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