

NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

Sunday, December 18, 2022

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

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

Prelude

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. Galatians 4:4

*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 #208

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Prayer of Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Brenda & Hal Hicks

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q171: How are they who receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to prepare themselves before they come to it?

A171: They who receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper are, before they come, to prepare themselves for it; by examining themselves, of their being in Christ, of their sins and wants; of the truth and measure of their knowledge, faith, repentance, love to God and the brothers, charity to all men, forgiving those who have done them wrong; of their desires after Christ, and of their new obedience; and by renewing the exercise of these graces, by serious mediation and fervent prayer.

Call to Confession

Your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. Isaiah 59:2

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Hebrews 10:19-22

Hymn of Thanksgiving #194

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Children's Sermon

Missionary Report - Keith and Elizabeth Franklin, Wycliffe Bible Translator

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 - Special Music

Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. Malachi 3:8-10

Special Music - The Birthday of a King (please join in when instructed)
Chorus: Alleluia! Oh, how the angels sang. Alleluia! How it rang! And the sky was bright with a holy light, Twas the birthday of a King.

*Doxology #731

(Tallis Canon)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Preparation - Insert #265

“The First Noel”

***Reading of Scripture**

John 1:14 (page 1127)

***Gloria Patri #735**

(Greateorex)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "The Word: His Presence = our Present"

***Communion Hymn #253** There is a Fountain Filled with Blood (vs. 1-3)

***The Apostles Creed** (page 845)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

***Communion Hymn #253** There is a Fountain Filled with Blood (vs. 4-5)

***Benediction**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13:20-21

Postlude

Announcements and upcoming events

No Christmas Eve service

Sunday, December 25th - No Sunday school

Worship will begin at 10 am

Nursery Schedule

December 18: Kati Trotter

December 25: no nursery

January 1: Beth Bee

January 8: Sandra Tipton

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

Nursery is provided in Decker Hall for children under 5 years old.

Sermon audio is available on our website.



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