

NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

Sunday, December 24, 2023

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

And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Matthew 2:9-11

*Hymn of Adoration - Insert

“The First Noel”

Prayer of Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Candle

.Chuck & Lyn Norris

Call to Confession

Oh how I love your law!

It is my meditation all the day.

Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is ever with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your testimonies are my meditation.

I understand more than the aged,
for I keep your precepts.

I hold back my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.

I do not turn aside from your rules,
for you have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way. Psalm 119:97-104

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he has visited and redeemed his people
and has raised up a horn of salvation for us

in the house of his servant David. Luke 1:76-77

*Hymn of Thanksgiving #204

“Away in a Manger”

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 and Special Music - “What Child is This” - Cathy Ellett, Nancy Hungerford, John Franklin, Kathy Rogers

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. James 1:17

*Doxology #731

(Tallis Canon)

Hymn of Preparation #216

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Reading of Scripture

Luke 2:1-21 (pg. 1090)

*Gloria Patri #735

(Gretorex)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon:

“Christmas: The Birth Story”

*Hymn of Response #214

“Angels We have Heard on High”

*Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Cor. 13:14

Announcements and upcoming events:

Tonight! Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Service - 5 pm

John will be on vacation with his family from December 25th - January 2nd.
Should you have any shepherding needs please contact one of the ruling elders.

Sunday, December 31 - Wayne Herring will be here teaching Sunday school and worship service

Nursery Schedule

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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