

# NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

Sunday, December 25, 2022

10:00 am

## Welcome and Announcements

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

## Prelude

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

## \*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 #195** "Joy To The World! The Lord Is Come"

## Prayer of Invocation

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

Rachel & Richard Griffing

## Call to Confession

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me. Psalm 51:1-3

## Silent Confession of Sin

## Assurance of Pardon

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Psalm 51:17

**Hymn of Thanksgiving #214** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

## 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 - Special Music

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Psalm 118:1

**Special Music** - The Birthday of the 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 the King.**

**\*Doxology #731**

*(Tallis Canon)*

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Hymn of Preparation #204

"Away in a Manger"

## \*Reading of Scripture

Luke 2:1-21 **(page 1090)**

**\*Gloria Patri #735**

*(Gretorex)*

## Prayer for Illumination

**Sermon:** "Christmas according to Luke"

**\*Hymn of Response #203** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

## \*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

## Postlude

### Announcements and Upcoming Events

If you placed a poinsettia in the church please take it at the end of the service.

#### Nursery Schedule

**December 25:** no nursery

**January 1:** Beth Bee

**January 8:** Sandra Tipton

**January 15:** Ruthie Hinton

#### 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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