

# THE LORD'S DAY

## DECEMBER 29, 2024



### SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Book of Common Prayer*

# Welcome!

## NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

If you are visiting with us today, we are delighted to have you!  
Please be sure to pick up a **WELCOME PACKET**  
located on the round table in the foyer.

It contains lots of information about our church,  
our ministries, and the activities we have.

In order to have a record of your visit, please scan  
the QR code.



*We'd love to connect with you!*

## MORNING WORSHIP ORDER

10:30AM SERVICE

### **PRELUDE**

*I Stand Amazed*

Mr. Shane Adams

### **WELCOME AND EXHORTATION**

Pastor Brian McCollough

### **INTROIT**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Mr. Shane Adams

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 106:1

Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his  
steadfast love endures forever!

### **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

The Lord's Prayer

### **HYMN\***

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

#235

### **READING OF THE LAW\***

Genesis 34

### **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE\***

Isaiah 40:8

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades

Congregation: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 168

Q. What is the Lord's Supper?

A. The Lord's supper is a sacrament of the New Testament in which bread and wine are given and received as Christ directed to proclaim his death. Those who receive the Lord's supper in the right way feed on his body and blood and thereby are spiritually nourished and grow in grace. They have their union and communion with Christ confirmed, and they publicly witness to and repeat anew their thankfulness and commitment to God and their mutual love and fellowship with each other, as members of the same mystical body.

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**DOXOLOGY\*** #731

**SCRIPTURE READING\*** Matthew 25:31-46

**Congregation:** I hope in your word.

**Title -** *Jesus' Final Judgment of the World*  
**Series -** *Matthew: The Gospel of the Kingdom*

**HYMN\*** *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* #318

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD  
his God.

\*Congregation Standing

## Evening Worship Order

5:00PM "HYMN SING" SERVICE

**PRELUDE**                      *God Leads Us Along*                      Mr. Shane Adams

**WELCOME AND EXHORTATION** Ruling Elder Chris Bird

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Psalm 27:4

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.

**HYMN\***

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

#101

**HYMNS BY REQUEST\***

**READING OF THE PSALMS\***

Psalm 86

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE\***

Psalm 119:81

Pastor: My soul longs for your salvation;  
Congregation: I hope in your word.

**HYMN\***

*Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

#172

**HYMNS BY REQUEST\***

**EVENING PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE READING\***

James 2:20-26

**SERMON**

RE Chris Bird

Title - *Is It Worth It?*

Series - *James: A Test of True Faith*

**HYMN\***

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

#598

**BENEDICTION\***

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**POSTLUDE**

*He Is Exalted*

Mr. Shane Adams

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\*Congregation Standing

WISHING YOU A SAFE & HAPPY  
*New Year*  
2025

The audio of today's sermons will be available on our website soon.  
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**THE LORD’S DAY AT NCPC**

**Today, December 29**

- 9:30 am - Sunday School
  - 10:30 am - Morning Worship\* Sanctuary
  - 5:00 pm - Hymn Sing Evening Worship\* Choir Room/Chapel: East Hall
- \*The Caregiving Room & Play Room is located down the West Hall and is available to parents of small children that feel they need to leave the service.

**THIS WEEK AT NCPC**

- Tuesday, December 31 No Trail Life Troop Meeting
- Wednesday, January 1 Office Closed / No Church Activities

**GREETER SCHEDULE & COMMUNION SCHEDULE**

- December 29 & January 5 Greeters: Ken & Robin Sheppard
- January 12 & 19 Greeters: Jim & DeDee Johnson
- January 5 Communion Set-Up: Stan & Stevie Todd

**PRAYER NEEDS & DAILY PRAYER SCHEDULE**

- Prayer sheets are on the Information Center in foyer. Please submit prayer requests online at [ncpc.churchtrac.com](http://ncpc.churchtrac.com) -or- email [office@newcovenantpres.org](mailto:office@newcovenantpres.org).
- Sunday, Dec. 29 Union Church Pres. Church, Fayette - Pulpit Vacant
  - Monday, December 30 Richard & Judy Holmes
  - Tuesday, December 31 Betty Johnson
  - Wednesday, January 1 Jim & DeDee Johnson
  - Thursday, January 2 Robert & KumJa Kimmel
  - Friday, January 3 Brenda Marsalis
  - Saturday, January 4 M.I.C.A.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Please Note: All Sunday Evening Services Will Now Begin at 5pm.**
- MICA** - December Needs: Pork & Beans, Sugar, Mac & Cheese, Cereal, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Soup, Canned Vegetables, Meat, Grits & Soap.
  - Nursing Home Ministry** - Christmas gift donations needed: Lotion, Grip Socks, Hair Scrunchies, Gloves, Scarves & Sweater Hats.
  - Katie's Prison Ministry** - Please help by donating: Soap, Wash Cloths, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shampoo, Conditioner, Socks & Deodorant.

FINANCIAL REPORT	Through September 2024
Budgeted Giving: \$225,935	Actual Giving: \$158,361
Total Expenses: \$190,447	Net Giving: -\$32,085

**BECOMING A CHRISTIAN**

Have you ever wondered what happens after you die? Do you question why you are here and what you are supposed to do with your life? Well, you’ve come to the right place to find answers to these questions. We want to be here for you as you explore what it means to be a Christian. If you’d like to speak with someone today, our Elders are available and ready to talk with you now. They are wearing name tags for easy identification.

# INSIGHT INTO WORSHIP

# The Worshipper’s Attitude

How are we to enter in to God’s worship? We don’t often consider that question, but it is an important one. We offer God “acceptable worship” when we come before him with “reverence and awe” (Hebrews 12:28). For this reason, our Directory for Worship states, “Let the people upon entering the church take their seats in a decent and reverent manner, and engage in a silent prayer for a blessing upon themselves, the minister, and all present, as well as upon those who are unable to attend worship” (BCO 49-3). God’s worship is a serious activity, and we should seek, with all our heart, to participate in it with a sober mind, attentive spirit, and a joyful disposition.

# WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

James 5:16 (Week 52)

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

# WEEKLY CATECHISM

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 105

Q. For what do we pray in the fifth request?

A. In the fifth request (Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors), encouraged by God’s grace, which makes it possible for us sincerely to forgive others, we pray that for Christ’s sake God would freely pardon all our sins.

# CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN

First Catechism Q. 105

Q. What is the tenth commandment?

A. The tenth commandment is, “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s. “ (NKJV)



# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Gabby Greer(1st), Larry Dorr(2nd), Brenda Marsalis(10th),  
Beth Sheppard(11th), Diane Hill(14th), Mark Green(18th),  
Melissa Suchy(23rd), Mark Hollingsworth(23rd), Maxine Hadskey(28th),  
Harry Young(29th) & Nancy Soyars(30th) *Happy Birthday!*

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THE STAFF

Senior Pastor, Brian McCollough  
Accompanist, Shane Adams  
Office Administrator, Cassandra Cortes  
Custodian, Gloria Smith

THE SESSION: A WORK OF OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNING  
Class of 2025: Rusty Marsalis, Chris Bird, and Benton Gibson (Clerk)  
Class of 2026: Ken Sheppard, and Mike Storey  
Class of 2027: Keith Starrett, and Harry Young

THE DIACONATE: A WORK OF SYMPATHY AND SERVICE  
Class of 2025: Jimmy Johnson  
Class of 2026: Steve Blue, Dr. Chris Charles, and Mark Green (Chairman)

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