

**Worship Leaders**

*Pastor—Craig Waetke*

*Lay Reader—Ross Buggeln*

*Choir Director—Janet Mathews*

*Choir Pianist—Shirley Power*

*Worship Pianist—Shirley Power*

*Organist—Jane Sell*

*(Please stand during the service where indicated by an asterisk “\*”).*

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***“And behold,  
I am with you  
always, to the end  
of the age.”***

*(Matthew 28:20b)*



**New Covenant Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, December 14, 2025  
9:30 AM  
3rd Sunday of Advent**

# Welcome to Worship

Introit

Welcome and Announcements

*(Please remember to sign the attendance pad in your row—thank you.)*

Preparation for Worship      *“Angels We Have Heard On High”*

\*Call to Worship    *(Isaiah 12:2-6)*

**Leader:**      “Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

**People:**      **In that day you will say: Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done, and proclaim that His name is exalted. Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.” Praise the Lord. Praise His holy name. Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn—Red Hymnal      *“Once in Royal David’s City”*      #155

Lighting of the 3rd Candle of Advent      Harry & Julie Losey

Choir Anthem      *“An Advent Alleluia”*      NCPC Choir

Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offering

*“Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen.”*  
*(Romans 11:33a & 36)*

Offertory      *“What Child Is This” with “Fur Elise”*

\* Doxology      *Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

\* Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People, ending with 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 power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”**

\* Hymn—Red Hymnal      *“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”*      #118

\* Scripture      Matthew 1:18-25  
*“Ezra opened the book of the Law, and as he opened it, the people all stood up.”*  
*(Nehemiah 8:5)*

The Message      *“An Old Fashioned Christmas” - Part 3*      Robert Ulrich  
Guest Preacher

\* Hymn—Screen      *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

\* Blessing and Sending

\* Postlude      *“Joy to the World”*



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