

**Worship Leaders**  
*Pastor—Craig Waetke*  
*Lay Reader—Ross Buggeln*  
*Choir Director—Janet Mathews*  
*Choir Pianist—Jane Sell*  
*Worship Pianist—Jane Sell*  
*Keyboard—Barbara Sundquist (Introit)*

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

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***“Worthy is the Lamb,  
who was slain, to receive  
power and wealth and  
wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory  
and praise!”***

*(Revelation 5:12)*



**New Covenant Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday, December 21, 2025**  
**9:30 AM**  
**4th 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     “The First Noel” with “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

### \*Call to Worship *(from Psalm 96)*

**Leader:** “Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day.  
For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.

**People:** **He is to be honored and revered above all gods. Ascribe to the Lord, all families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name. Say among the nations, ‘The Lord reigns!’ Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day.” Praise the Lord. Praise His holy name. Let us worship God!**

### \*Hymn—Red Hymnal     “Angels We Have Heard on High”     #132

## Lighting of the 4th Candle of Advent     The Fridler Louis Family

## Choir Anthem     “A Christmas Lullaby”     NCPC Choir

## Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offering

*“What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet, what can I give Him? I will give my heart.”     (‘In the Bleak Midwinter,’ verse 4)*

## Offertory     “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

**\* 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—Screen     “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

**\* Scripture**     Luke 2:1-20  
*“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 4     Rev. Craig Waetke

### \* Hymn—Screen     “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

## \* Blessing and Sending

### \* Postlude     “Angels We Have Heard on High”



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