

Worship Leaders
Pastor—Craig Waetke
Lay Reader—Ross Buggeln
Pianist—Shirley Power
Organist—Jane Sell

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

***“For the grace of God
that brings salvation
has appeared to all people!
Thanks be to God for
His indescribable gift!”***

(Titus 2:11 & 2 Corinthians 9:15)



New Covenant Presbyterian Church
Wednesday, December 24, 2025
4:00 PM
A Christmas Eve Service

Merry Christmas

Introit

Welcome

Preparation for Worship *“O Holy Night” with “Jesu, Bambino”*

***Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 97)*

Leader: The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice. The heavens proclaim His righteousness, and all the peoples see His glory. For you, O Lord, are the Most High over all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods.

People: Let those who love the Lord, hate evil; for He guards the lives of His faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked. Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise His holy name!” Praise the Lord! Praise His holy name! Let us worship God with us - Emmanuel!

***Hymn—Red Hymnal** *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* #145

***Affirmation of Faith—**We confess the mystery and wonder of God made flesh and rejoice in our great salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. With the Father and the Holy Spirit, the Son created all things, sustains all things, and makes all things new. Truly God, He became truly man, two natures in one person. He was born of the Virgin Mary and lived among us. Crucified, dead, and buried, He rose on the third day, ascended to heaven, and will come again in glory and judgment. For us, He kept the Law, atoned for sin, and satisfied God’s wrath. He took our filthy rags and gave us His righteous robe. He is our Prophet, Priest, and King, building His church, interceding for us, and reigning over all things. Jesus Christ is Lord; we praise His holy Name forever. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Christ Candle The Robinson Family

Pastoral Prayer, 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** *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* #141

Scripture Luke 2:1-14, 23:39-43

The Message *“The Baby in the Manger; The Man in the Middle”* **Rev. Craig Waetke**

*** Hymn—Red Hymnal** *“Joy to the World!”* #125

A Christmas Reading John 1:1-14

Hymn—Screen *“Silent Night, Holy Night” - Congregation, remain seated*

*** Christmas Blessing and Sending**

*** Postlude** *“Silent Night”*

May you be blessed in heart through our time of worship, and know the incomparable love of Jesus Christ this Christmas.

~ Pastor Craig

