

**Worship Leaders**  
*Pastor—Craig Waetke*  
*Lay Reader—Ross Buggeln*  
*Worship Pianist—Jane Sell*

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

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***“For the grace of God  
that brings salvation has  
appeared to all people!  
I have fought the good  
fight, I have finished the  
race, I have kept the faith.”***

*(Titus 2:11, 2 Timothy 4:7)*



**New Covenant Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday, December 28, 2025**  
**9:30 AM**  
**1st Sunday after Christmas Day**

# Welcome to Worship

## Introit

## Welcome and Announcements

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

## Preparation for Worship      *“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”*

### \*Call to Worship      *(from Psalm 98)*

**Leader:** “Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.  
The Lord has made salvation known, and all the ends of the earth  
have seen the salvation of our God.

**People:** Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song  
with music; make music to the Lord with the harp and the  
sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn  
- shout for joy before the Lord, the King. He has made salva-  
tion known, and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation  
of God.” Praise the Lord! Praise His holy name! Let us  
worship God!

### \*Hymn—Screen      *“The First Nowell”*

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** We believe in God, the Creator of all things, the Giver of  
life and breath. We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with us, bap-  
tized and revealed the most beloved Son of God; He sought to heal humanity by  
taking our brokenness upon Himself, suffering for us, dying for us and being  
raised from the dead for our sake and for the sake of all the world. We believe  
that He will come again. We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out,  
refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day, ever-birthing the Church, the  
body of Christ in the world. This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of  
truth reminding us of the gift of faith, the ever presence of God and the promise  
of eternal life. Thanks be to God! Amen.

**Special Music**      *“Bring A Torch, Jeannette, Isabella”*      **Dave Sell**  
Recorder & Vocal Solo

## 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**      *“In the Bleak Midwinter” with “Sheep May Safely Graze”*

**\* 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      *“In the Bleak Midwinter”*

**\* Scripture**      Luke 2:21-35  
*“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 5*      **Rev. Craig Waetke**

**\* Hymn—Red Hymnal**      *“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”*      #138

### \* Blessing and Sending

**\* Postlude**      *“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”*

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