

New Covenant Presbyterian Church



The Lord's Day | January 9, 2022

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. | Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

From The Book of Common Prayer

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor:
Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart,
And united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Welcome Visitors

We are delighted to have you with us today. We would love to be able to connect with you to share more about the ministry of our church. Please take a minute to fill out a **Visitor's Card** located at the **Information Center** in our foyer, and place it in the offering plate when it's passed during the service. For quick access to our online visitor card, simply use the camera on your phone and scan the **QR code** below. Open ChurchTrac.com and click on **NCPC Visitor Card**. We'd love for you to leave a record of your visit. Greeters are available and ready to help assist you in any way. Once again, we are glad you are here!

Today's Greeters: Harry & Linda Young



For Your Children

We welcome children to attend and to participate in corporate worship by singing, praying, and offering responses as they are able. To encourage their participation we have a **Children's Bulletin** at the **Information Center** in the foyer that's designed just for them! It's a fun way for them to listen to today's message and learn about God... and maybe earn a little candy!

About The Bulletin

Throughout the bulletin you will see an asterisk (*) which denotes congregation standing. All are invited to stand if able. The **Insight into Worship** section (pg. 9) is an explanation to help you understand and follow along through each aspect of today's service. The **Order of Worship for the Evening Service** is included in this bulletin, so keep your bulletin and bring it with you to our evening service.

Hope To See You Tonight!

The Session reminds you, especially in the light of the spread of the Delta COV-2 variant, that masks are strongly recommended for all while present on our campus.



Elements of Worship FOR THE Morning Service

Prelude

Mrs. Beverly Miller

Welcome and Exhortation

Pastor Danny Ruth

Introit

Entering God's Presence

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:20 - 21

Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

Prayer of Invocation (Followed by The Lord's Prayer)

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, in 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 the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Hymn*

"Praise Him! Praise Him!" - No. 173

Committing to God's Kingdom

Confession of Faith*

Westminster Confession of Faith 21.5, 6

5. The reading of the Scriptures with godly fear, the sound preaching and conscionable hearing of the Word, in obedience unto God, with understanding, faith, and reverence, singing of psalms with grace in the heart; as also, the due administration and worthy receiving of the sacraments instituted by Christ, are all parts of the ordinary religious worship of God: beside religious oaths, vows, solemn fastings, and thanksgivings upon special occasions, which are, in their several times and seasons, to be used in an holy and religious manner.
6. Neither prayer, nor any other part of religious worship, is now, under the gospel, either tied unto, or made more acceptable by any place in which it is performed, or towards which it is directed: but God is to be worshiped everywhere, in spirit and truth; as, in private families daily, and in secret, each one by himself; so, more solemnly in the public assemblies, which are not carelessly or willfully to be neglected, or forsaken, when God, by his Word or providence, calleth thereunto.

Doxology*

Old Hundredth L.M. - No. 731

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Listening to God's Word

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:16 - 18

The Sermon

Pastor Brian McCollough

Title - "Seeking God's Reward in Fasting"

Series - "Matthew: The Gospel of the Kingdom"

(Sermon Notes Space Pg. 6)

Hymn*

"Come, Let Us Join with One Accord" - No. 393

Going Out with God's Blessing

Benediction*

Romans 15:5 - 6

Pastor: May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen!

Postlude

Elements OF Worship FOR THE Evening Service

Prelude

Mrs. Beverly Miller

Welcome and Exhortation

Pastor Brian McCollough

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 67:3 - 4

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Prayer of Invocation (Followed by The Lord's Prayer)

Hymn*

“Amazing Grace!” - No. 460

Confession of Sin*

Adapted from Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 144 & 145

Our heavenly Father, we thank you that you have done all the work to redeem us and make us your own dear children. You have called us out of the world and delivered us from bondage to sin by the death, burial, and resurrection of your eternal Son, Jesus Christ. Yet we still feel the enticement of sin and confess that we have often given in and sinned against you. You have commanded us not to bear false witness against our neighbor, to promote truth in our relationships, to uphold the good name of our neighbor and of ourselves, and to speak the truth from the heart, sincerely, freely, clearly, and fully. But we have sinned against you in this regard. We have prejudiced the truth and the good name of our neighbors. We have called evil good and good evil. We have concealed the truth, have been unduly silent in a just cause and held our peace when sin called for either a reproof from us or a complaint to others. O Lord our sins are great, but we plead for your mercy in Jesus Christ. Please cleanse us of our sins and enable us to repent fully. In Jesus blessed name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon*

Ezekiel 36:25 - 26

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Gloria Patri*

GREATOREX - No. 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn*

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” - No. 679

Scripture Reading

Esther 10:1 - 3

The Sermon

Title - “The High Honor of the High Priest”
Series - “The Book of Esther”

Hymn*

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord!” - No. 688

Benediction*

Numbers 6:24 - 26

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen!

Postlude

Insight into Worship

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.

For information about our church, including events, programs, online giving, and more,
visit our website at www.newcovenantpres.org

And, sign up for the **Wednesday E-News** for the weekly "Pastor's Notes".

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Sunday Schedule

9:30 a.m. Sunday School / 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Wednesday Schedule

5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Mid-Week Fellowship Meal / 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study Class
6:30 p.m. Student Ministry Class / 6:30 p.m. Children's Ministry Classes

Announcements

Mid-Week Activities - This Wednesday, (January 12) ALL church activities will resume. Be sure to PRE-ORDER your meal if you plan to eat. Please Note: In order to save on food loss, as well as food costs, we will ONLY prepare meals that are PRE-ORDERED. Thank you for your understanding!

The Session - Meeting today at 2pm.

Trail Life Troop - We are looking into the development of a boys' Trail Life troop here at New Covenant and are forming a core leadership team. **Any interested men should fill out the insert in today's bulletin and drop it in the offering plate on your way out.** We will have a luncheon tomorrow (Monday, January 10) from 12pm - 1pm at NCPC.

Grace Presbytery - This Tuesday, January 11 @ 9am in Hattiesburg, MS.

Choir Practice - No choir practice this week.

Churchwide Game Night! - Mark your calendar on the 3rd Friday of every month for Game Night @ the McCollough's! All ages welcome to join us on Friday, January 21 @ 6pm.

Prayer Needs

Bobby Barnes - Katie Floyd's cousin, Bobby Barnes (70) died unexpectedly last Tuesday. Please be in prayer for the family during this time while they mourn his death.

Kennedy Butler - Doctors said they are beginning to see his hip bone healing back together with the growth plate. So, he was able to begin a long journey of rehab last Thursday. Please continue praying for his full recovery.

Amy Hutchens - Michelle McCollough's sister is pregnant with 3rd child and there are significant complications; doctors anticipate they will have to induce her very early.

Danny Ruth - Praise! He passed his oral ordination exams! Final step will be the floor exam at the Grace Presbytery meeting this Tuesday, January 11, 2022.

Fredna Tobelman - Has been moved to McComb Nursing and Rehab. on Marion Avenue, room #313 B. Continue to pray for her recovery.

Gene Thompson - Praise! His aortic heart valve replacement surgery is over and everything went well. Continue to pray for his healing and recovery.

Angela McKinney - Continue to pray for the Fortinberry's daughter during her chemotherapy treatments for lung cancer.

Art Nelson - Had to delay chemo a couple of times because of low white blood counts, the chemo is probably the cause, he had the drip last Tuesday and feels okay.

Scott Halpen - A cousin to Art Nelson (on JoAnn's side) was diagnosed with a brain tumor. He has been receiving radiation treatments and takes a chemo pill. He continues treatments for 7 more weeks and then the doctors will assess the results.

Martha Kimmel - Pray for strength and comfort during occupational/physical therapy.

Tom Carey - Michelle McCollough's uncle has AML Leukemia. Pray for his healing.

Les Smith - Michelle's dad has fluid around his heart, and at high risk for cardiac death.

Jessica Troutman - Has Lou Gehrig's disease, given 6 months to live. Pray for healing.

Landon Stamps - Diagnosed with an abdominal tumor. Pray for his healing, and pray for strength for his parents, Tim and Joan.

Sandra Schott - The Neal's friend, needs prayer for healing from bone marrow cancer.

Jimmy SanAngelo - Missy Bates' cousin diagnosed with leukemia, he's 55 years old.

Kaden Dorr - Larry and Chrissie's grandson is in the U.S. Navy and stationed in Bahrain off the Arabian Sea. Pray for his safety while he's there.

Lisa West - Feeling better, has a heart monitor to ensure A-Fib issues are resolved.

Ayden Harrington - A 9 year old McComb boy with astrocytoma (brain tumor).

Hank Williams - An elder at James Todd's church resigned due to personal reasons. He is receiving counsel and needs your prayers.

Comfort, Strength & Healing for Sick, Shut-In & Elderly - Hazel Jean Newman, Joe Jackson, and any other members in need.

Mississippi Abortion Law - Was heard by the Supreme Court on December 1, 2021. Please continue to pray for the law to be upheld and Roe v. Wade to be overturned.

This Week at NCPC

Today - Sunday, January 9

Sunday School Classes	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Session Meeting	2:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

Monday, January 10

Trail Life Luncheon	12 - 1:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, January 11

Grace Presbytery, Hattiesburg	9:00 a.m.
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Wednesday, January 12

Mid-Week Fellowship Meal	5:15 p.m.
Prayer & Bible Study Class	6:30 p.m.
Children's Ministry Classes	6:30 p.m.
Student Ministry Class	6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 13

No Choir Practice

Local & World Missions

OCC (ShoeBox Ministry),
Unreached Missions: Bonnie Lou Ndelemeti (Africa & Asia),
African Bible College: Bob Penny, **Young Life Ministries:** Pratt & Ashley Butler (Mexico),
Jubilate: Ken Tucker (Romania)
Belize Project, PCA Mission to the World: Derek & Shannon Ebbers (Romania)

Mission to North America: Russ Hightower, Carl & Becky Chaplin, **Engaging Disability:** Ashley Belknap, **French Camp Academy, Palmer Home for Children, Mid-South Church Planting Network, WINGS, MICA, Children's Advocacy & Crisis Pregnancy Centers**

This Week's Birthdays



1/10 - Chris Charles
 1/10 - Jim Dykes

Sunday Morning Greeters Schedule

Today, January 9 - Harry & Linda Young
January 16 - Steve & Candy Blue
January 23 - Steve & Candy Blue
January 30 - Rick & Tammy Taylor
February 6 - Rick & Tammy Taylor

Nursery Schedule

Sunday School & Morning Worship (Please Arrive No Later Than 9:15 a.m.)

Today, Jan. 9 - Chris & Cole Bird

Jan. 16 - Wanda Bullock & Nell Schwartz	Jan. 23 - Rachel Williams & Candy Blue
Jan. 30 - Rick & Tammy Taylor	

Sunday Evening Worship (Please Arrive No Later Than 5:45 p.m.)

Tonight, Jan. 9 - Jane Gibson & Volunteer Needed

Jan. 16 - Chris & Jennifer Charles	Jan. 23 - Stan & Stevie Todd
Jan. 30 - Ken & Robin Sheppard	

Wednesday Evening (Please Arrive No Later Than 6:15 p.m.)

This Wednesday, Jan. 12 - DeDee Johnson & Lisa Storey

Jan. 19 - Carlye Ruth & Michelle McCollough	Jan. 26 - Sharon Kilcrease & Katie Floyd
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THE STAFF

Brian McCollough, Pastor
Danney Bullock, Music Director
Beverly Miller, Pianist
Danny Ruth, Student Ministry Director
Cassandra Cabral, Office Administrator
Gloria Smith, Custodian

THE SESSION

A Work of Oversight and Governing
Class of 2021: Benton Gibson (Clerk)
Class of 2022: Rusty Marsalis, Ken Sheppard, and Mike Storey
Class of 2023: Dr. Spunk Brock, and Harry Young
Dr. Gene Price (Emeritus)

THE DIACONATE

A Work of Sympathy and Service
Class of 2021: Jimmy Johnson, and Keith Miller (Clerk)
Class of 2022: Steve Blue, Chris Charles, Mark Green,
and Chris Sheppard (Chairman)

