



NEW LIFE *IN CHRIST CHURCH*

A Communion of the Presbyterian Church in America

A service of worship of our Triune God

We welcome those visiting today and rejoice that you chose to worship with us!
Please fill out the welcome card on the back of the bulletin ▶

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ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

November 28, 2021

MEDITATION

Romans 15:13 (ESV)

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

"The essence of worship is to display the worth of God. We instinctively think of God as there to meet our needs rather than thinking the reverse—ourselves as created and sustained to meet His desires."
- J.I. Packer

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are joining us online, please sign our online guest book

CHORAL CALL to WORSHIP

“Savior of the Nations Come”

HYMN

#196 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (vss. 1, 4)

PRAYER of INVOCATION

Pastor Doug Kittredge

ADVENT READING - “Hope”

Leaman Family

RESPONSIVE READING *(on screen)*

“The Lord God of Israel said, “I will send My messenger, who will prepare the way before Me.”

A voice of one calling in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way for the Lord;

“Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**“Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;**

“The rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

**“And the glory of the Lord will be revealed,
and all mankind together will see it.**

“For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

**“The sovereign Lord comes with power,
and His arm rules for Him.”**

“His reward is with Him, and His recompense accompanies Him.

**“He tends His flock like a shepherd: He
gathers the lambs in His arms and carries
them close to His heart.”**

- Malachi 3:1a; Isaiah 40:3-5, 10-11a

The season of Advent begins on the Sunday closest to November 30. It includes the four Sundays prior to Christmas and concludes on Christmas Eve. The word advent means “coming” and refers to Jesus Christ’s coming to earth as an infant and to His promised return to earth known as the “second coming.” During Advent we have the opportunity for extra reflection on Jesus’ coming to this world to save us from our sins.

SONGS of PRAISE and WORSHIP

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Of the Father's Love Begotten
Away in a Manger*

BAPTISMS

MISSION FOCUS

Doug Bergen

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Pastor Sam Capitano

followed by The Lord's Prayer

OFFERING

*"The First Noel"
- Veronica Allison*

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 4:1-16

SERMON

"Origins: The First Family and the First Murder"
Pastor Sean Whitenack

HYMN

#203 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (vss. 1-3)

BENEDICTION

Pastor Sean Whitenack

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 the power and
the glory forever.
Amen."
- Matthew 6:9-13*

*"If God contains the fullness of
all good things in himself like
an inexhaustible fountain,
nothing beyond him is to be
sought by those who strike after
the highest good and all the
elements of happiness."
_ John Calvin*

“Origins: The First Family and the First Murder”

Genesis 4:1-16

As we move from Genesis 3 to Genesis 4, we move from the garden to the wilderness, and we notice that it didn't take long for the effects of sin to appear – the next generation was consumed by it. From the first moment that sin came into the world, fallen human nature has resisted God's presence and God's law. For Cain, it meant murdering his own brother. Unbelief was not a small thing for Cain – unbelief brought him further into sin, further into the unthinkable, and further from God. He ignored God's ways of blessing and belonging: through repentance, faith, and worship. Cain gives us a picture of unbelief, a path that God warned him from, and warns us from it so that we may walk in the newness of life. Today, let's look at three marks of unbelief, and remember the goodness of God that leads us from sin to faith.

1. The Mark of False Worship (*Genesis 4:3-5*)

Hebrews 11:4

Matthew 15:7–9 – What does Jesus say about genuine worship?

John 4:23–24 – What is God seeking? How did Abel do this, but not Cain?

2. The Mark of Ignoring God's Warnings (*Genesis 4:6-8*)

Colossians 3:5–10 – What are we supposed to do with our sins?

3. The Mark of Regret without Repentance (*Genesis 4:9-16*)

2 Corinthians 7:10 – What is the difference between worldly grief and godly grief?

1 John 1:9 – What does God promise here?

We may have failed in many ways, but God's grace is available to all, and He is ready to forgive us in Christ. The world will not love you if you choose to follow Jesus, but you will enjoy fellowship with God. Our call is to know our need, to focus on Jesus, and then to let God restore us by grace.

NOTES

Next Sunday we will **Celebrate the Lord's Supper** at our morning worship services.
Pray this week that the Lord will prepare our hearts for Communion.

Sunday School Classes (9:00 am - 9:45 am)
Fall Quarter (Sept.-Nov.)

Covenant of Discipleship (Pastor Sean's office)
Bible: The Book of Jonah (room 219)
Practice: When Helping Hurts (room 217)
Young Adults: Screwtape Letters (room 215)
Family and Relationships: Lament (room 100)

See the "Welcome Board" in the Foyer for details.

Pastors

Pastor Sean Whitenack*	379-5385	sean@nlicc.org
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* denotes currently serving on session
**denotes elder emeritus

NLIC GIVING 2021	General Fund	Faith Promise
Weekly Budget	\$16,830	\$3,297
<i>Giving last week</i>	14,534	2,867
<i>+/- for week</i>	- 2,296	- 430
<i>+/- fiscal year</i>	- 4,834	+ 9,808

Online Giving Available at www.nlicc.org/online-giving

The Family Room (aka Cry Room) and the Nursery are available as needed.

FOOD PANTRY IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Toiletries: shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, floss, face soap and deodorant

CALENDAR of EVENTS

TODAY

First Sunday of Advent: HOPE		
	9:00 am	Children and Adult Sunday School Classes
	10:00 am	Worship Service (online at www.nlicc.org/watchlive) Pastor Sean Whitenack preaching
	11:00 am	Chancellor Village - Bob Rumbaugh preaching
	4:30 pm	Youth Groups (6th - 12th grades)
	6:00 pm	Evening Service - Paul Hepperle preaching
	7-7:30 pm	Praying through the Psalms with Bob Rumbaugh (room 142)

THIS WEEK

	6:30 pm	ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) contact Jonathan/Liz Rumbaugh
Monday	7:00 pm	Basketball Open Gym (contact Sean O'Hara or Joseph Capitano)
		Children's Arts Ministry (Choirs, Bells, Drama) - see schedule at nlicc.org
Tuesday	7:15 pm	Adult Choir rehearsal (music room)
		Women's Bible Study - <i>Acts 13-28</i> - contact Mary Shaffer (room 217)
Wednesday	9:30 am	Pioneer Girls (fireside room)
	4:00 pm	Care Group Dinner (contact Pastor Sean)
	5:45 pm	Christian Service (Boys) Brigade (fireside room)
	7:00 pm	College Bible Study (1708 Franklin Street)
Thursday	7:30 pm	Session Meeting (room 217)
Friday	7:00 pm	Christmas Cantata rehearsals - 9 am to noon - Choir and Orchestra
Saturday		Youth Christmas Parties (Middle and High School) **NOTE: date change**
	6:00 pm	

NEXT SUNDAY

Second Sunday of Advent: FAITH		
	9:00 am	Children and Adult Sunday School Classes
	10:00 am	Worship Service (online at www.nlicc.org/watchlive) Pastor Sean Whitenack preaching
	4:30 pm	Youth Groups OASIS (6th - 12th grades)
	6:00 pm	Evening Service - Family Christmas Program (see Jonathan Allison to participate)
	7-7:30 pm	Praying through the Psalms with Bob Rumbaugh (room 142)

FUTURE

December 11	6:00 pm	Christmas Banquet (potluck)
December 12	6:00 pm	Children's Arts Ministry Christmas Program
December 18	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast (fireside room)
December 19	6:00 pm	Christmas Cantata: <i>Lord of Glory</i> (5:45 pre-service Strings)
December 24	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (5:45 pre-service Bells)
December 27		Office closed (Christmas Day)
January 3		Office closed (New Year's)
January 5	6-8:00 pm	Congregational Prayer Meeting on Day of Prayer and Fasting
January 11	6:00 pm	Christianity Explored begins
January 23		Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
January 29	8:30 am	Focus Day

Women's Connection Weekly Liaison:

Jennifer Worman (540) 809-6774

This week's Fighter Verses (memorization):

Psalm 141:3-4 (fighterverses.com)

Library hours: Sundays 9:45-10am and immediately after am service until Noon

Deacon on call this week: e-mail: nlicc@nlicc.org

Sean O'Hara 786-4848

(Next week: Josh Wassum)

NEW LIFE KOREAN CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday	1:00 pm	Worship (sanctuary)
Saturday	6:00 am	Prayer (sanctuary)
Daily	5:30 am	Prayer (Tues. - Fri.) sanctuary

Prayer and Praise

Pray for Gabriel Lee Miller as his parents Cameron and Aly Miller present him for baptism. Pray for Hadassah Naomi Storms as her parents Josh and Anacari Storms present her for baptism. Pray for Evangeline Grace Yee as her parents Zach and Krisee Yee present her for baptism. Pray for them as they seek to raise these children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Pray for our December Christmas events. There is the Family Christmas Program (5th), the All Church Christmas Banquet and Program (11th), Children's Arts Ministry Christmas Program (12th), Christmas Cantata: "Lord of Glory" (19th), and the Christmas Candlelight Service (24th). Pray that these events will be a witness to family, friends and community.

Praise God for the 80 shoeboxes that were prepared from New Life in Christ Church for Operation Christmas Child.

Praise God for the Thanksgiving Day outreach with over 650 meals delivered.

Pray for the work of Missions. This week's focus: Satoshi and Cally Kawachi (France), and Jeff and Mischa Marlowe.

Pray for the number of people needing to make conscience decisions about the COVID vaccine. Many employers (including the federal government) will require compliance or employees will face job dismissal.

Pray for Craig Cuddy, Ruth Harrington and Beth Lee for healing. Pray for Beth recuperating from surgery and for Craig's surgery on November 30.

Praise God for the ministry of George Giddens, Joe Plaia and Jay Storms as elders. They are rotating off the Session on Sabbatical for 2022. Pray for Chris Garcia and Kim Lorei as they return to active ministry as elders.

Prayer Request and Praise

Date: _____

This request is for Pastors and Elders only

To Sign Up -

- We will be attending Christmas Banquet
Number of people: _____
- Would like to be a **Greeter** Sunday mornings
- Would like to be an **Usher** Sunday mornings
- Help fold bulletins**
- Would like to **place flowers** at the altar on

Occasion: _____

Date: _____

For: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Announcements

Join us for our Christmas Banquet (potluck) on December 11. Doors will be open at 6 pm, Potluck begins at 6:30 pm and program begins at 7:15 pm. If you are attending banquet, please sign up on the tear-off sheet, so we may plan accordingly.

If you have a moment, check out our new website at www.nlicc.org. We are thankful for the work of Drew Kittredge in designing it.

Are you interested in becoming a member of New Life in Christ Church? We have a Covenant of Discipleship Class beginning on January 2, 2022 at 9:00 am in Pastor Sean's office.

Prayer Chain - Have a prayer request? Contact:

Krystal Dowell 287-3005; adowell8@msn.com
or Kathy Wilson 891-7235; r2wilson22@hotmail.com.

Need a Bible? We have Bibles available in the back of the sanctuary.

Please turn off or silence your cell phones when entering the Worship Service.

Sermons and Bulletins are posted on the church website weekly at:
www.nlicc.org

We Are Glad You're Here!

Thank you for worshipping with us today.
Please let us know of your presence.

May God richly bless you!

Date _____

First and Last Name

First and Last Name

Family Members (Children)

Email: _____

Street/Apt

City/State/Zip

Telephone - Residence/Cell

1st visit? 2nd visit? 3rd visit?

Permanent residence/here until _____

Desire a local church home

Home church

 What brought you to our church?

 Update directory information

Comments

Please check appropriate groups:

Pre-K/K Grades 1-3 Grades 4-6

Jr High Sr High Age 18-24

25-40 41-55 Over 55

I'D LIKE INFORMATION OR INTERESTED IN:

Care Group

Sunday School

Youth Group

Missions

Young Adult/College New Members Class

Women's Ministry Baptism

Men's Ministry Call me

Music Ministry Appointment with

Boys Brigade Pastor or Elder

Pioneer Girls Church Membership

Would like to be added to church mailing list

New Life in Christ Church

Sunday Service Times:

Adult & Children's Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship Service 10:00 am

Evening Service 6:00 pm

Korean Worship Service 1:00 pm

Our Address:

11925 Burgess Lane

Fredericksburg, VA 22407

(Behind the Spotsylvania Towne Center Mall)

Office Hours: 8:30am - 4:30pm Monday-Friday

Ministry Team:

Sean Whitenack, *Lead Pastor*

Douglas Kittredge, *Founding Pastor*

Sam Capitano, *Assistant Pastor*

Skip Tyler, *Assistant Pastor*

Jonathan Allison, *Music Director, Office Admin.*

Christine Fulcrod, *Ass't to Senior Pastor, Ass't Admin.*

Veronica Allison, *Assistant Music Director*

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