



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!
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ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

December 11, 2022

"If humanity serves as your religion, then sex becomes an act of worship. On the other hand, if God is the object of your religion, then romantic love becomes an unmistakable pointer, rumor of transcendence as loud as any we hear on earth."

- Philip Yancey

"Who God is and what Christ did have huge implications for who we are personally and what we desire sexually."

- David Platt

"Advent = Not what's under the tree, but Who was on it."

- Scotty Smith

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.

MEDITATION

"And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

- Isaiah 40:5 (ESV)

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL CALL to WORSHIP

"O Come Rejoicing"

- Adult Choir

HYMN

#218 "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (vss. 1-5)

PRAYER of INVOCATION

*Pastor Sam Capitano
Pastor Bob Rumbaugh*

ADVENT READING - "Faith"

Robert Williams Jr. Family
Jeremy Greenberg Family

RESPONSIVE READING *(on screen)*

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor;

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,

To proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

To proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God;

To comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion-

To give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,

The oil of gladness instead of mourning,

The garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;

That they may be called oaks of righteousness,

The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion,

For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

-Isaiah 61:1-3; 12:6 (ESV)

SONGS of PRAISE and WORSHIP

- *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (200)*
- *While By the Sheep We Watched at Night (215)*
- *Good Christian Men Rejoice (207)*

DEACON'S REPORT

*Matt Oberlin
Josh Wassum*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

followed by the Lord's Prayer

*Pastor Skip Tyler
Pastor Doug Kittredge*

*(Children 3-4 years old may leave (2nd service only)
for Junior Worship -- room 134B)*

OFFERTORY

"Light of the World"
- Hannah McAllister

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 19:1-38

SERMON

"The Danger of a Compromised Life"
Pastor Sean Whitenack

HYMN

#214 "Angels We Have Heard on High" (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

"Our immoral culture
today would make Sodom
and Gomorrah blush."
- Steven Lawson

The Danger of a Compromised Life (Part 1)

Genesis 19:1-38

Many believe they can live at peace with a world antagonistic toward God and His word. As we read about the destruction of the city of Sodom, we have to deal with the unsettling comfort Lot had within the city. From all appearances Lot attempted to straddle the fence between God and the world, compromising what was right and good for the sake of comfort and wealth. In the end, he and his family lose everything, showing that we cannot straddle the fence like this. Lives built upon the unrighteousness of sin will crumble in due time (1 Corinthians 3:11-15). What will last? Jesus Christ and His kingdom. This sinful world will not lead to life, we must choose Christ lest we are taken in by the world and we lose everything. Looking through the life of Lot, we will learn how we choose Christ over the world.

1. The power of hospitality and a message of grace (*Genesis 19:1-3*)

Hebrews 13:2

2. Chose the courage of convictions over moral compromise (*Genesis 19:4-11*)

3. Start with moral conviction to avoid a moral slippery slope (*Genesis 19:6-9*)

2 Peter 2:7-8

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

4. When God provides a way of escape, take it (*Genesis 19:10-13*)

John 3:36

God has provided a way of escape from His wrath and judgment on this world. That is what we celebrate at Christmas. God Himself has come in to rescue His people. For now, we have work to do in this world, to love the people in the world, and yet we are called not to love the world. Let us submit our lives to the Lord Jesus Christ as king even as we live in this wicked world.

Sunday School Classes (9:30 am - 10:15 am)

Winter Quarter (Begins December 4)

New Members: Covenant Discipleship
(Pastor Sean's Office)

(Applied Theology) All Things For Good (room 217)

Theology: Church History Part 1 (room 100)

New Testament Book: James (room 219)

See the "Welcome Board" in the Foyer for details

NLIC GIVING FY 2022	General Fund	Faith Promise
Weekly Budget	\$18,448	\$3,308
Giving last week	25,085	3,125
+/- for week	+6,637	-183
+/- fiscal year	-4,368	+5,572

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

Ways to Give:

Cash or Check written to New Life in Christ Church

Online: <https://www.nlcc.org/give>

By App: Tithely

Or by Text: Text GIVE to (844)567-5606

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Mark Shigley*, Jay Storms, Robert L. Williams*

* denotes currently serving on session

**denotes elder emeritus

The Family Room (aka Cry Room) is available for nursing moms and young families.

FOOD PANTRY: Boxes are available as needed

CALENDAR of EVENTS

TODAY

December 11	8:00 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Third Sunday of Advent: Joy Worship Service - Pastor Sean Whitenack preaching Children and Adult Sunday School Classes Worship Service - Pastor Sean Whitenack Youth Discipleship Group (6th - 12th grades) Evening Service - Children's Choir Musical "How Far is it to Bethlehem"
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THIS WEEK

Monday	9:30 am 6:30 pm	<i>MOTS</i> (Mothers of Toddlers) - contact Rachel Martin (fireside room) ESOL: English Speakers of Other Languages
Tuesday	4:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:15 pm	NO Children's Art Ministry (Choir, Handbells, Drama) Sanctuary Bells - see Jonathan Allison Adult Choir (music room)
Wednesday	9:30 am 3:30 pm	Women's Bible Study: <i>Sermon on the Mount</i> - contact Mary Shaffer (room 217) Pioneer Girls <i>Challengers</i> Cookie Exchange (room 100)
Saturday	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Christmas Cantata Dress Rehearsal (Strings 9:30 am, Choir & Orchestra 10:00 am)

NEXT SUNDAY

December 18	8:00 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Fourth Sunday of Advent: Peace Worship Service - Pastor Sean Whitenack preaching Children and Adult Sunday School Classes Worship Service - Pastor Sean Whitenack preaching NO Youth Group (6th - 12th grades) Christmas Cantata "One Silent Night" (Pre-Service Strings - 5:45)
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FUTURE

December 24	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Pre-Service Handbells - 5:45 pm)
December 25	10:30 am	Christmas Day - ONE SERVICE ONLY (no Nursery or Jr. Worship)
December 26		Office Closed (Christmas Holiday)
January 1	10:30 am	New Years Day - ONE SERVICE ONLY (no Nursery of Jr. Worship)
January 2		Office Closed (New Years Holiday)
January 4	6:00 pm	Congregational Prayer (Day of Fasting and Prayer)
January 14		Easter Cantata Rehearsal (Choir 9:45 am, Orchestra 11:15 am)
January 20,21		1st Aid/CPR/AED Training (see insert)
January 22		Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
January 27,28	4:30 pm	Peru Mission Trip Interest and Information Meeting
January 28	6:00 pm	1st Aid/CPR/AED Training (see insert)
February 3-4		Orientation Dinner Festival of the Arts

Deacon on call this week: e-mail: nlicc@nlicc.org
Robin Wilson (540) 809-6018 (c)
(Next week: Tom Worman)

This week's Fighter Verses (memorization)
1 Timothy 4:12 (fighterverses.com)

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

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

Praise God for the arrival of Lealta Grace Michael born to Rand and Katherine Michael on Sunday December 4th. She was 9 pounds 3 ounces and 21 inches long. Kristen Garcia will be planning meals for the family. Sign up to bring a meal at: <https://takethemameal.com/GZYN7657>.

Pray for Kyle and Catherine Ferguson as they anticipate the arrival of their baby. Lucinda Lorei is planning meals when the baby arrives.

Pray for those who experience holiday grief for past loss.

Pray for healing for: Ricardo Perez (health), also continued prayer for the provision of a kidney for Joe Dibella for a needed transplant. Pray for those fighting cancer, heart issues and neurological diseases.

Praise God for the men who serve as elders. Earlier this month the congregation unanimously voted to have Joe Plaia and Jay Storms return to the session in 2023. Doug Bergen and Nate Henriksen will rotate off session at the end of the year. Praise God for their service.

Pray for our outreach opportunities during Advent: Sunday morning worship services, Children's Christmas Musical (12/11), Christmas Cantata (12/18), and Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (12/24).

Pray for the work of Missions. This week's focus:

Tracy and Joy Dager
Karl and Debbie Dortzbach (MTW - Peacemakers - Africa)

Pray for Jon and Olya Powell as they plan to return to Ukraine on 12/30/22. Pray as Olya pursues US citizenship before they depart.

Announcements

Please note that the **tithes and offerings** to be applied to the current tax year need to be in the office by December 31. Tithes, Faith Promise and Building Fund Offering received after December 31, will be applied to 2023.

Thank God for the ministry of Stan and Sandy Pruchnic, Kevin and Heather Benedict and Gary Mangus in decorating the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas.

Peru Mission Trip, July 21st - 30th. If you are interested in taking part in a mission trip to Kusi, Peru, please email me for more information at lucindalorei29@gmail.com. While there, we will be working at a home for abandoned boys, hosting a VBS for children from the local school and worshipping with the local church. An interest meeting will be held on January 22 at 4:30 pm. Anyone 16 and older can join the team. No need to speak Spanish.

Are you interested in becoming a member of New Life in Christ Church? A Covenant of Discipleship Class began last week if you would like to join us in Pastor Sean's office.

Employment opportunity. New Life in Christ Church is looking for a part-time custodian. Please contact Jonathan Allison or the church office if you are interested.

Prayer Chain - Have a **prayer request? Contact:**

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

Prayer Request and Praise

Date: _____

This request is for Pastors and Elders only

To Sign Up

Would like to be an **Usher** Sunday mornings

Help fold bulletins

Would like to **place flowers** on the communion table

Occasion: _____

Date: _____

For: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

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 Grades1-3 Grades4-6

Jr High Sr High Age18-24

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

Ministry Team:

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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.*

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