



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 ▶

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
December 23, 2018

A Christmas Prayer
How glad we'll be if it is so!
With all the shepherds
let us go
To see what God
for us has done
In sending us
His own dear Son.
Look, look, my heart,
and let me peek.
Whom in the manger
do you seek?
Who is that lovely little one?
The Baby Jesus,
God's own Son.
Be welcome, Lord;
be now our guest.
By you poor sinners
have been blessed.
In nakedness and cold you lie.
How can I thank you ~
how can I?
O dear Lord Jesus,
for your head
Now will I make
the softest bed.
The chamber where
this bed shall be
Is in my heart,
inside of me.
- Martin Luther

The son of God became man
to enable men to become
sons of God. - C.S. Lewis

MEDITATION

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;
Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.
Let the sea roar, and all its fullness,
The world and those who dwell in it;
Let the rivers clap their hands;
Let the hills be joyful together

- Psalm 98:4, 7-8

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Sean Whitenack

CHORAL CALL to WORSHIP "One Star, One Birth, One Love"
- Joyful and Trinity Choirs

HYMN #208 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

PRAYER of INVOCATION Pastor Sean Whitenack

ADVENT READING - "Peace" Drew and Sarah Kittredge Family

RESPONSIVE READING (on screen)

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

**On those living in the land of the shadow of death
A light has dawned.**

For unto us a child is born,

To us a son is given,

The government will be on His shoulders.
And He will be called Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God,

Everlasting Father,

Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of His government and peace there will be
no end.

He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom,

Establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness
From that time on and forever.

The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

- Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

SONGS of PRAISE and WORSHIP

*What Child Is This
Away in a Manger
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Pastor Doug Kittredge

OFFERING

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” (224)
- *Ringers 1*

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.

GREETING

(Children 3-4 years old may leave for Junior Worship—room 134)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Coventry Carol”
- *Youth Choir (women)*

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 96

SERMON

“Joy to the World!”
Pastor Doug Kittredge

HYMN

#214 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

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*

The celebration of Advent begins the 4th Sunday before Christmas day. It is a time that focuses our attention on Jesus Christ's first coming as well as His second coming when He will redeem all of creation. Advent means “coming” or “arrival”. We reflect on the first coming and look forward to Christ's return. May the Lord richly bless you in this Advent Season.

Joy to the World!***Psalm 96***

Joy to the World is a very popular Christian hymn. Isaac Watts wrote the initial lyrics to celebrate the Lord's sovereignty over this world in the Savior who rules and reigns in heaven. The rule of Christ today is the joy of nature and of humanity. Frederic Handel wrote the original musical setting. Yet Lowell Mason the organist at Park Street Church arranged Handel's melodic fragments which were included in a book entitled *Occasional Psalm and Hymn Tunes* (1836) and published in the U.S.A. Over time it became a favorite Christmas hymn cherished by us today. Psalm 96 is foundational to this hymn.

I. Your God Reigns – *Psalm 96:1-6*

A. A new song repeated 3 times – *Psalm 96:1, 2*

1. Joy in the Kingship of Jesus Christ – all the earth is commanded to sing to the Lord
2. New in that the old songs worshipped imaginary gods that did not satisfy
3. Bless His name – *Psalm 8:1*
4. Proclaim the good news of His salvation. Forgiveness of sin and the joy of a clear conscience – *Psalm 96:2; 32:1-2*
5. Declare His glory among the nations – *Psalm 98:2*

The Lord's people, His church, purchased by the blood of the Lamb leads the world in singing the Savior's praise!!

B. Reasons to sing:

1. The gods of the people are idols – the songs of secular idolaters such as John Lennon in the song "Imagine" will vanish – *Psalm 96:4*
2. In its place will be "Crown Him With Many Crowns, Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity."
3. The Triune God made the heavens – *Psalm 96:5*
4. No unitarian God can demonstrate love and compassion like the Living Triune God where the Father lives in His Son by the Holy Spirit – *Psalm 96:6*
5. National jealousies will cease. Jews invite Arabs to worship the One who is the glory of Israel – *Luke 2:29-32*. No race will refuse to praise Him some day!!

And they sang a new song, saying . . . "You have redeemed us to God by Your blood, out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth." – *Revelation 5:9-10*

II. Family Worship of the Risen Savior – *Psalm 96:7-9*

A. Rejoice in His glory and strength – 3 times give glory to God

1. Behold the Lord God – *Isaiah 40:10, 17, 21-23*
2. Worship is to begin with the family. Christ is the blessing to families unto a thousand generations – *Genesis 12:1-3; Deuteronomy 7:9*

B. Bring an offering

1. Of praise and thanksgiving – *Hebrews 13:15*
2. Bring an offering unto His courts of believers – *Luke 21:1-4*
3. Worship by holy living – not architecture; but moral and spiritual beauty. Enter His courts with purity – *Psalms 24:3-5*
4. We come to worship not in our own purity but Christ's purity – *Isaiah 59:16-17*

III. The Sovereignty of the Risen Savior – Psalm 96:10-13a

A. The Lord reigns today!

1. His rule is the greatest blessing to this world
2. He makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness – *Psalm 67:4*

B. Let heaven and nature sing

1. The sea will roar – *Psalm 98:7-8*
2. The Word of God will accomplish its purpose – *Isaiah 55:11-13*
3. The whole creation awaits the revelation of the sons of God – *Romans 8:20-21*

Jesus Christ will judge the nations of the earth!! Rejoice!

Adult Sunday School Classes

Suffering	(room 100)
Our Presbyterian Heritage	(room 217)
The Book of Romans	(fireside room)
The Wounded Heart	(room 219)

NLIC GIVING 2018-19	General Fund	Faith Promise
Weekly Budget	\$14,486	\$2,358
Giving last week	21,603	2,745
+/- for week	7,117	387
+/- fiscal year	-9,374	-594
Online Giving Available at www.nlicc.org/online-giving		

Next Week's Nursery Attendants - 12/30

- 10:00 am** Cameron and Amy Auker
Jim and Karen Melnick
- 6:00 pm** Lisa Capitano and Family

Prayer Chain - Have a **prayer request contact** either **Krystal Dowell** 786-4218; adowell8@msn.com or **Kathy Wilson** 891-7235; r2wilson22@hotmail.com.

Women's Connection Weekly Liaison:

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FOOD PANTRY IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Toilet paper (individually wrapped); shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, floss, face soap; powdered detergent; Drinks: Kool aid envelopes, powdered drinks, tea bags, hot chocolate envelopes; dry milk; bag of sugar; cereal, oatmeal envelopes.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

TODAY

		Fourth Sunday of Advent - "Peace"
	9:00 am	Children and Adult Sunday School Classes
	10:00 am	Worship Service - Pastor Doug Kittredge preaching
	6:00 pm	Evening Service - Family Christmas Program
	7:00 pm	NO Senior High Youth Discipleship (youth room) / Junior High Youth Group (room 217)
	7:00 pm	NO Elder-led Prayer Time

THIS WEEK

Monday		Christmas Eve - Office closes at noon
	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
	6:30 pm	NO English as a Second Language Class (ESL) - room 118
Tuesday		Christmas Day - Office closed
Wednesday	9:15 am	NO Women's Study: Romans
	7:00 pm	NO Study: <i>The Wounded Heart</i> w/workbook class - see Michelle Trampe (rm 118)
Thursday	7:00 pm	<i>Foundations</i> Community Group Bible Study (manse 2)
	7:30 pm	College Bible Study (1708 Franklin Street)

NEXT SUNDAY

		Children and Adult Sunday School Classes
	10:00 am	Worship Service - Pastor Sam Capitano preaching
	6:00 pm	Evening Service - Bob Rumbaugh preaching
	7:00 pm	NO Senior High Youth Discipleship (youth room) / Junior High Youth Group (room 217)
	7:00 pm	NO Elder-led Prayer Time

FUTURE

December 31		New Year's Eve - Office closes at noon
January 1		New Year's Day - Office closed
January 5		Elders/Deacons <i>Day of Prayer</i>
January 6	11:45 am	Peru Mission Trip meeting (room 100)
January 8	4:00 pm	Children's/Youth Arts Ministry regular schedule begins
January 9	7:00-9:00 pm	Congregational Day of Prayer and Fasting
January 12	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
January 12		Easter Cantata rehearsals (Choir - 10:30 am / Orchestra - 12:30 pm)
January 16	4:00-7:00 pm	Pioneer Girls / Christian Service (Boys) Brigade begin
January 19	9:00 am	Women's Breakfast
January 19		Dinners in Homes
January 20	11:45 am	Cherokee Mission Trip information meeting (youth room)
January 26	8:30 am	<i>Focus Day</i> followed by lunch (room 100)
February 1-2		9th Annual <i>Festival of the Arts</i>
February 2		Pioneer Girls <i>Father-Daughter Breakfast</i>
February 23		Boys Brigade <i>Shape N Race</i>
March 3		Missions Month Celebration begins

This week's Fighter Verses (memorization):

Ephesians 3:20-21 (fighterverses.com)

Library Hours:

Sundays 8^{:50}-9^{:10}/9^{:45}-10/11^{:30}- Noon

NEW LIFE KOREAN CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday	1:00 pm	Worship (sanctuary)
Wednesday	7:30 pm	Bible Study (room 203)
Saturday	6:00 am	Prayer (sanctuary)
Daily	5:30 am	Prayer (Tues.-Fri.) sanctuary

Prayer and Praise

Pray for our December Christmas events. Pray for tonight's Family Christmas Program (23rd), and the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (24th). Pray that these events will be a witness to family, friends and community. Who can you invite?

Pray for the *PCA Ministerial Relief Fund*, which provides assistance to retired pastors and their widows in times of severe financial need. We will receive an offering tomorrow night at the Christmas Eve Service.

On Wednesday January 9, we will observe a *Day of Fasting and Prayer*. From 7:00 to 9:00 pm we will pray as a congregation. Come as you are able and leave when you must.

Praise God for the ministry of Nate Henriksen, Bob Rumbaugh and Mark Shigley as elders. They are rotating off the Session on Sabbatical for 2019. Pray for Joe Plaia and Jay Storms as they return to active ministry as elders.

Pray for Nancy Mangus who has been diagnosed with cancer and begins chemotherapy this week.

Pray for Chris Kirtland as her son passed away from cancer on November 30. She would appreciate cards and prayers. Her address is 2600 Cowan Blvd. #410, Fredericksburg 22401.

Pray for the mission trip to Peru this summer. A team will be traveling to Ica, Peru to work in Scripture Union's home for abandoned street boys, May 31 - June 9, 2019. If you are considering joining the Peru mission trip, the next meeting is on Sunday, January 6 after morning service in room 100.

Pray for our children's ministry and our outreach to our community. We are prayerfully seeking a VBS director for summer of 2019.

Pray for the work of missions around the world. This week's focus: Pastor Danny and Joy Awad (Israel) Pastor Leon and Nina Mazin (Israel).

Praise God for all of the servant-leaders who make ministry possible at our church.

Prayer Request and Praise

Date: _____

This request is for Pastors and Elders only

To Sign Up

- Would like to **be a Greeter** Sunday morning
- Help fold bulletins** on December 28
- Would like to **place flowers** at the altar on

Occasion: _____

Date: _____

For: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Announcements and Events

There will be a Cherokee Mission Trip meeting on Sunday, January 20 right after the morning worship service in the youth room. This will be an information meeting; you don't have to commit at this time. We want to know who is interested.

If you would like to send a Christmas greeting to our missionaries, there are email lists on the front hall information table. Please take one.

Please note that **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 2019.

Bulletin folding assistance is needed on Friday, December 28. Sign up on the tear-off sheet.

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

(Behind the Spotsylvania Towne Center Mall)

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

Ministry Team:

Douglas Kittredge, *Senior Pastor*

Sean Whitenack, *Associate Pastor*

Samuel Asirifi-Addo, *Church Planting Intern*

Jonathan Allison, *Music Director, Office Admin.*

Christine Fulcrod, *Assistant to Senior Pastor, Ass't Administrator*

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