



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

March 29, 2020

MEDITATION

What is adoption? Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges, of the sons of God.

*Westminster Shorter Catechism
Question 34*

Grace is favor shown to people who do not deserve any favor at all... We deserve nothing but hell. If you think you deserve heaven, take it from me, you are not a Christian.

- Martin Lloyd-Jones

The Heidelberg Catechism is used by many Reformed denominations around the world and is similar in theology to the Westminster Catechisms. The first question rightly directs our attention to the purpose of all theology – to see our place in God's world that we might love, have joy, and faithfully follow our heavenly Father.

O LORD, my heart is not proud, nor my eyes haughty;
Nor do I involve myself in great matters,
Or in things too difficult for me.
Surely I have composed and quieted my soul;
Like a weaned child rests against his mother,
My soul is like a weaned child within me.
O Israel, hope in the LORD
From this time forth and forever.

- Psalm 131

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL to WORSHIP

HYMN

#181 “We Come, O Christ, To You”
(vss. 1, 2, 4)

PRAYER of INVOCATION

Pastor Sean Whitenack

SONGS of PRAISE and WORSHIP

Let Your Kingdom Come

CORPORATE CONFESSION of ASSURANCE *(on screen)*

Q. Why is [the Lord Jesus Christ] called God's “only begotten Son” when we also are God's children?

(HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Question #33)

A. Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God.
We, however, are adopted children of God—
adopted by grace through Christ.

Q. Why do you call him “our Lord”?

(HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Question #34)

A. Because—
not with gold or silver,
but with his precious blood—
he has set us free
from sin and from the tyranny of the devil,
and has bought us,
body and soul,
to be his very own.

SONGS of PRAISE and WORSHIP

Let the Whole World Be Filled with His Glory

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
followed by The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Sean Whitenack

SPECIAL MUSIC

"He Who Trusts in the Lord (Psalm 32)"
- *Canaan Miller*

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:15

SERMON

"God's Abundant Love"
Pastor Sam Capitano

HYMN

#449 "We Rest on Thee"
(vss. 1, 3)

BENEDICTION

Pastor Sam Capitano

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

All merit of works is thus excluded from being the cause of justification, when the whole is ascribed to faith. For faith,—so far as it embraces the undeserved goodness of God, the testimony of our adoption which is contained in the gospel,—is universally contrasted with the law, the merit of works, and with human excellence.
- John Calvin

“God’s Abundant Love”*Romans 8:15*

The Greek word (φιλοξενία) translated “hospitality” is found only two times (i.e. Romans 12:13; Hebrews 13:2) in the New Testament, but it is critical to our understanding of the gospel. Literally, it means “love of strangers” and describes “the act or practice of receiving and entertaining strangers or guests without reward, or with kind and generous liberality” (Noah Webster 1828 Dictionary). Rather than seeing it as a sentimental or social construct, it vividly pictures His abundant love. “The Lord protects the strangers; He supports the fatherless and the widow...” (Psalm 146:9) because Christ’s death is necessary for the adoption of those who were once strangers and enemies of God (Romans 5:10; Colossians 1:21-22).

For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again,
but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which
we cry out, “Abba! Father!” *Romans 8:15 (NASB)*

1. What can you say when you receive a gift? “... you have received a spirit of adoption...”
 - a. Adoption: “...an act of [God]...”
 - i. “Adoption is an act of God’s free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges, of the sons of God.”
- Westminster Shorter Catechism Question #34
 - ii. In the world we live in, success is defined by my performance.
 - iii. Yet Paul says adoption is something “you have received” from God.
 - b. What are the benefits of adoption? The adopted child receives a new name and a new obligation, and his old debts are cancelled.
 - i. A new name associates you with a new family.
 1. “Planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God.” - *Psalm 92:13 (NASB)*
 2. The New Testament pictures it like this: “For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”
- *Colossians 1:13-14 (NASB)*
 - ii. Old obligations are cancelled and a new obligation and purpose is granted.
 1. Free from the guilt of sin - “Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” - *Romans 8:1 (NASB)*
 2. Free from the power of sin - “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.”
- *Romans 8:2 (NASB)*
 - c. Yet the believer, just like a foster or adopted child, is living between grace (already) and glory (not yet).
 - i. Objective realities get lost in my everyday life because my (biological) parents always cast a long shadow over my life.
 - ii. ALREADY: “See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.” - *1 John 3:1 (NASB)*
 - iii. NOT YET: “Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.” - *1 John 3:2 (NASB)*
2. Again (adv.) a second time; once more. “...you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again...”
 - a. What does slavery have to do with adoption?

- b. Paul mentions “slavery leading to fear again” because I am fearful “by nature”
 - i. “When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You.” - *Psalms 56:3 (NASB)*
 - ii. What does my old nature look like? “But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.” - *Galatians 5:18-21 (NASB)*
 - iii. My natural father is a thief and he “comes only to steal and kill and destroy.” - *John 10:10 (NASB)*
- c. Biblically speaking, trust is the opposite of fear.
 - i. I obey those whom I fear; I follow those in whom I trust.
 - ii. “But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.” - *Galatians 5:18 (NASB)*

3. Big boys DO cry. “...as sons by which we cry out, ‘Abba! Father!’”

- a. A spirit of slavery leads to fear, but this Spirit of adoption received by grace through faith in my Savior, Jesus Christ, invites me to cry out.
- b. Seeing the hospitality of the Father and the delight of sons.
 - i. “Give me your heart, my son, and let your eyes delight in my ways.” - *Proverbs 23:26 (NASB)*
 - ii. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. - *1 John 4:18 (NASB)*
- c. Children who stop crying have lost hope.

God’s abundant love - his hospitality - is so great toward us that it compels us to respond with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and use our time, talent, and treasure to further His glory and His kingdom.

Mission Month School Classes

College Ministry - Josh and Anacari Storms (March 1)
 Egypt - Dominic Aquila (March 8)
 Israel Team Report (March 15)
 Peru - Clarks (March 22)
 Abundant Care - Canaan Miller (March 29)

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NLIC GIVING 2019-20	General Fund	Faith Promise
Weekly Budget	\$15,118	\$2,360
Giving last week	12,585	1,595
+/- for week	- 2,533	- 765
+/- fiscal year	276	- 6,241
Online Giving Available at www.nlicc.org/online-giving		

Next Week’s Nursery Attendants - 4/5

10:00 am No Nursery
6:00 pm No Nursery

FOOD PANTRY IMMEDIATE NEEDS

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

		45th Mission Celebration “Let the Whole Earth Be Filled with His Glory”
9:00 am	NO	Children’s Sunday School
9:00 am		Adult Sunday School Classes (online streaming at www.nlicc.org)
10:00 am		Worship Service - Pastor Sam Capitano preaching (online streaming at www.nlicc.org)
6:00 pm		Evening Service (via Zoom)
7:00 pm		Senior and Junior High Youth Group (via Zoom)
7:15 pm	NO	Elder-led Prayer Time

THIS WEEK

Monday	6:30 pm	NO English as a Second Language “ESL” (room 118)
Tuesday		NO Youth/Children’s Arts Ministries (for class schedule and to register: nlicc.org)
	6:15 pm	NO Sanctuary Bells
	7:15 pm	NO Adult Choir/Teen Drama (music room/sanctuary)
Wednesday	9:30 am	Wednesday Women’s Bible Study - check <i>online classes</i> with Mary Shaffer
	10:30 am	NO <i>Child’s Praise</i> (under age 3), contact Veronica Allison (music room)
	4:00 pm	NO Pioneer Girls (fireside room)
	7:00 pm	NO Christian Service (Boys) Brigade (fireside room)
Friday		YoWAW (Youth World Awareness) Retreat [Cancelled]
Saturday		NO Easter Cantata Rehearsals (choir or orchestra)

NEXT SUNDAY

	9:00 am	NO Children’s Sunday School
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School Classes - Billy and Yashmin Clark - Ministry in Peru and Colombia
	10:00 am	Worship Service - Pastor Sean Whitenack preaching (online streaming at www.nlicc.org)
	12:00 pm	Senegal Team Meeting (via Zoom - contact Debra Smith)
	6:00 pm	Evening Zoom Gathering - Israel Team Report
	7:00 pm	Senior and Junior High Youth Group (via Zoom)
	7:15 pm	NO Elder-led Prayer Time

FUTURE

April 12		Easter Sunday
April 19	2:00 pm	Bridal Shower for Sydney Peters at the Plaia home: 1114 Great Oaks Lane, 22401
May 1-3		Young Adult Retreat with Pastor Sam teaching
May 16		Women’s Connection Training
June 3		Graduating Seniors Dinner at Sakura
July 13-17		Vacation Bible School
July 18-25		Cherokee Mission Trip
July 18-27		Senegal Mission Trip

This week’s Fighter Verses (memorization):

Galatians 6:14 (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
http://nlkchurch.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:

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