



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

May 17, 2020

MEDITATION *Responsive Reading* (Psalm 18:1-3)

I love you, O LORD, my strength.

**The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,**

my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold

**I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.**

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL to WORSHIP

Pastor Sam Capitano

HYMN

#30 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

PRAYER of INVOCATION

Pastor Sam Capitano

SONG of PRAISE and WORSHIP

O Praise the Name

CORPORATE CONFESSION (*on screen*)

O God,

Who knows the weakness and corruption of our nature, and the manifold temptations that we daily meet with, we humbly beseech You to have compassion on our infirmities, and to give us the constant assistance of Your Holy Spirit; that we may be effectually restrained from sin, and incited to our duty.

Imprint upon our hearts such a dread of Your judgments, and such a grateful sense of Your goodness to us, as may make us both afraid and ashamed to offend You.

And, above all, keep in our minds a lively remembrance of that great day, in which we must give a strict account of our thoughts, words, and actions to Him whom You have appointed the Judge of the quick and dead, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

*"If you are fighting sin, you are alive.
Take heart. But if sin holds sway
unopposed, you are dead no matter
how lively this sin makes you feel.
Take heart, embattled saint!"*

- John Owen

*"You can do more than pray
after you have prayed, but you
cannot do more than pray until
you have prayed."*

- John Bunyan

SONG of PRAISE and WORSHIP
You Are My King (Amazing Love)

DEACON REPORT

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
followed by The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Doug Kittredge

HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7:21-27

SERMON "The Rock: Jesus' Answer to the Fear of Missing Heaven"
Pastor Sean Whitenack

HYMN

#691 "It Is Well with My Soul"

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

"To please God . . . to be a
real ingredient in the divine
happiness . . . to be loved by
God, not merely pitied, but
delighted in as an artist delights
in his work or a father in a son
— it seems impossible, a weight
or burden of glory which our
thoughts can hardly sustain.
But so it is."
- C. S. Lewis

“The Rock: Jesus’ Answer to the Fear of Missing Heaven”

Matthew 7:21-27

There are certain places and organizations that we cannot go to unless we qualify. In our passage today, Jesus speaks about the kingdom of heaven as that kind of place. Many will want to enter, but not everyone will, and that creates fear for some – even for people who have trusted Jesus. Today’s passage shows that while many people fail to enter the kingdom of heaven, Jesus has abundantly provided everything needed to enter. We don’t have to wonder if we are going to miss heaven, it is possible to know that we have eternal life (1 John 5:13).

Matthew 7:21-23 – The Failure of False Confidence

The will of God is to believe in the name of Jesus (John 6:29)

Jesus knows who are His (John 10:27-28). They hear His voice.

Matthew 7:24-27 – The Offer of Genuine Assurance

Jesus has the words of life (John 6:63)

Assurance is grounded in believing the promises of God (John 6:47)

So What?

A) Assurance and the Hardened Conscience

B) Assurance and the Burdened Conscience

Matthew 12:20 – Jesus will receive any who come to Him (John 6:37)

C) Assurance and the Clear Conscience

Your assurance matters, because without it, you will not trust Jesus enough to truly live for Him. The answer to every person who is afraid they are not a Christian is the same – look to Jesus Christ and be saved! He is able and willing to grant forgiveness of sin.

Bible Study (Matthew 7:21-27)

1. Think of a place you really want to go that has admission requirements. Read Matthew 7:21-27. What do you think Jesus wants to communicate? Why is this important?
2. Everybody in verse 21 has something in common. What is it? What is the distinguishing mark of the person who will enter the kingdom of heaven?
3. In verse 22, the people will try to get admission to heaven from the amazing things they did. Why doesn't this work according to verse 23? What is going on "behind the scenes"?
4. What kinds of changes happen when a person becomes a Christian?
5. What is the difference between the wise and the foolish builders in verses 24-27?
6. What is the evidence that someone is truly listening to Jesus?
7. What can you do now to prepare for the storms of life that will come?

Adult Sunday School Classes

*Apostles' Creed will be recorded
and posted on our website*

NLIC GIVING 2019-20	General Fund	Faith Promise
Weekly Budget	\$15,118	\$2,360
Giving last week	17,494	2,691
+/- for week	2,376	331
+/- fiscal year	4,833	- 103

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

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* denotes currently serving on session

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**Nursery is currently closed.
Please pray for wisdom as
we reopen the church.**

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

8:30 am	Worship Service - Pastor Sean Whitenack preaching (online streaming at www.nlicc.org)
10:30 am	Worship Service - Pastor Sean Whitenack preaching (online streaming at www.nlicc.org)
4:00 pm	Senior and Junior High Youth Group (via Zoom)
4:30 pm	Care Group Leaders Meeting (via Zoom)
6:00 pm	Evening Word and Fellowship - Bob Rumbaugh (via Zoom) https://zoom.us/j/434779132 and by Livestream
7:00 pm	Cherokee Team Meeting (via Zoom)

THIS WEEK

Monday	5:00 pm	Pray Together: Zoom Prayer Room: https://zoom.us/j/770719915
Tuesday		Drama classes (via Zoom) - watch fro email from Miss Esther
	2:00 pm	Tea Tuesdays (via Zoom) - contact Heather O'Hara
Wednesday	9:30 am	Wednesday Women's Bible Study (via Zoom)
	10:30 am	<i>Child's Praise</i> (under age 3) - contact Veronica Allison (via Zoom)

NEXT SUNDAY

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4:00 pm	Senior and Junior High Youth Group (via Zoom)
4:45 pm	<i>Abundant</i> : Adoption, Foster Care & Trauma Ministry Meeting (via Zoom)
6:00 pm	Evening Word and Fellowship - John Powell (via Zoom)

FUTURE

June 13		Pioneer Girls/Boys Brigade Cookout and Rocket Launch
June 14	6:00 pm	Super Sunday
June 15		Congregational Meeting to present budget
June 19		A Night of Drama (Drama Tots, Theatre Explorers)
June 20		Teen Drama Event
June 24	6:00 pm	Graduating High School Seniors Dinner
June 28	6:00 pm	Service Honoring Graduating High School Seniors
June 26-27		Evangelism Explosion EV2 Launch
July 12	3:00 pm	45th Anniversary Service
July 18-25		Mission Trip to Cherokee, NC

This week's Fighter Verses (memorization):
Colossians 3:16-17 (fighterverses.com)

Library is currently closed until June

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 http://nlkchurch.org/