



# 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

July 5, 2020

### GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

#### CALL to WORSHIP: Psalm 34:1-3 (*Responsive Reading*)

"I Will bless the LORD at all times;

**His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.

**Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!"**

"Those who know the Bible best  
find it ever new."

- DL Moody

#### HYMN

#710 "God of Our Fathers"

#### PRAYER of INVOCATION

*Pastor Sean/Pastor Doug*

#### APOSTLES' CREED (*on screen*)

I believe in GOD the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried:  
He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

Amen

"To receive the gospel is not  
merely to pray a prayer asking  
Jesus to come into one's heart,  
but it is to put away the world  
and embrace the fullness of the  
claims of Christ."

- Paul Washer

"Therefore ought a man to rest  
wholly upon God, so that he  
needeth not seek much comfort  
at the hands of men."

- Thomas a Kempis

#### SONGS of PRAISE and WORSHIP

*Sing Praise to the Lord*

*Man of Sorrows*

*Humble Thyself*

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**  
followed by **The Lord's Prayer**

*Pastor Sam Capitano*

**SONG of PRAISE and WORSHIP**      "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

**SCRIPTURE**      **Matthew 10:34-39**

**SERMON**    '**Fear Not Little Flock': How Jesus Meets Us in Our Fears #4**  
**Jesus and the Fear of Being Disliked**  
*Pastor Sean Whitenack*

**COMMUNION HYMN**      #307 "Nothing but the Blood" (vss. 1, 3)

**CELEBRATION of the LORD'S SUPPER**

**HYMN**      #307 "Nothing but the Blood" (vss. 4, 5)

**BENEDICTION**      *Pastor Sean Whitenack*



**Communion Prayers**

**Prayer for Those Not Communing Due to Health Concerns**

Father, while some will not eat and drink today because of health concerns, we know that You can fill us and satisfy us as we believe in Your Son. We pray You would strengthen every member of Your church to fulfill the call You have for them.

**Prayer for Those Not Communing Because they are at Home**

Father, while many of Your people are at home in quarantine, we know that You keep each of Your elect safely in Your hands, and by faith we remain as one. We thank You for the Lord's Table where all His people are invited to partake. We pray for the end of this pandemic so we can all worship together again.

**Prayer for Those Searching for Truth**

Father, Jesus claims to be the way, the truth, and the life. Many are seeking You, or seeking the fruit that only comes through faith in You. Guide seekers to You, teach them truth, and open them to the reality of who You are. Grant that the cost of following Jesus would not overshadow the promise of following Jesus. Give an understanding of Christ that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that You promise.

**Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin**

Father, grant that we may see in You the fulfillment of all our needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable us to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before us, looking to You, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Help each of us live in reconciliation with one another, confessing our sin, forgiving and living in peace.

**Prayer of Commitment**

Father, You have called us to follow You in baptism and a life of committed discipleship in Your church. Grant that we may take the necessary steps to be one with Your people, and live in the fullness of Your Spirit. Amen.

**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

"At this very simple meal today,  
you need not wonder whether  
Jesus' sufferings are adequate  
for the forgiveness of your sins.  
God is satisfied. Receive from  
his hand the signs of the new  
covenant. Jesus' body given and  
his blood shed. Believe."  
- Howard Griffith

**'Fear Not Little Flock': How Jesus Meets Us in Our Fears #4  
Jesus and the Fear of Being Disliked"**

*Matthew 10:34-39*

"We like to be liked," one author recently stated, and the desire to be liked can have a powerful influence on our actions. While the desire for acceptance comes from God's original design, sin has corrupted and amplified this desire in a way that leads many into foolish and destructive directions. In our passage today, Jesus challenges his disciples to a radical, stand-alone faith that overcomes the fear of being disliked. It's a faith that is grounded in the acceptance of God greater than anything a person can give you. Let's look at three truths from this passage.

1. It is Impossible to be Liked by Everyone (Matthew 10:34-36)

John 15:18-20

2. Seeking to be Liked is Dangerous (Matthew 10:37-39)

Philippians 3:10-11

3. Instead of Seeking to be Liked, Seek to Like the Right Things

John 15:12-17

(Matthew 10:32-33, 40-42)

**The only thing powerful enough to overcome a fear of being disliked is a confidence built upon God's acceptance. That acceptance comes through faith in Jesus Christ. Once we know the unconditional love of God, we can give unconditional love for others. Do you know that love and acceptance that sets you on to do what is right and good? Look to Jesus.**

## Weekly Bible Study Guide

Matthew 10:32-42

1. Have you ever done something just to be liked by someone else? Have you ever done something that caused you to be disliked? How did those experiences make you feel?
2. How does Matthew 10:34 sound different from the way that Jesus is so often portrayed in our culture?
3. The word for "sword" literally refers to "a state of discord and strife." What relationships will the strife affect according to versus 35-36? Can you think of other relationships it might affect?
4. The words "is not worthy of me" is repeated three times in these passages. Notice that "worthiness" does not come from anything we do, but the priority in our hearts. What obstacles are in the way for making Jesus your primary commitment?
5. What is the promise of verse 39? The first phrase of verse 39 refers to people who try to make a life by their own efforts or methods. How do we try to make a life for ourselves through the acceptance of others? In other words, think about some advantages we get when people like us. How does the approval of others lead to loss? (see Matthew 10:33)? We don't want to be disliked by being jerks, but we know that people may not like our commitment to Jesus. How will people who "lose their life" ultimately find life? What does Matthew 10:32 say happens when a person confesses Christ, even against popular opinion?

Application: Are there ways that you are trying to get approval from others that keep you from being faithful to Jesus? How does the promise of Matthew 10:39 encourage you to put Jesus first?

### *Adult Summer Sunday School Classes*

*"The Safest Place" A Book Study on Jonah  
will be recorded and posted on our website*

This class will be posted weekly  
through August 30, 2020

### **Pastors**

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\* denotes currently serving on session  
\*\*denotes elder emeritus

NLIC GIVING 2019-20 (through 6/28)	General Fund	Faith Promise
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$15,118</b>	<b>\$2,360</b>
<b>Giving last week</b>	17,041	2,575
<b>+/- for week</b>	1,923	215
<b>+/- fiscal year</b>	7,686	- 551

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**The Family Room is open, but 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

	<b>Celebration of the Lord's Supper</b>
	Adult Sunday School Class "The Safest Place" - recorded and posted on our website
8:30 am	Worship Service - Pastor Sean Whitenack preaching
10:30 am	Worship Service - Pastor Sean Whitenack preaching (online streaming at <a href="http://www.nlicc.org">www.nlicc.org</a> )
6:00 pm	Evening Service - at the home of Pastor Sean and Julie Whitenack (no streaming)

### THIS WEEK

Monday	5:00 pm	Pray Together: Zoom Prayer Room: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/770719915">https://zoom.us/j/770719915</a>
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Tea Tuesdays (via Zoom) - contact Heather O'Hara
Wednesday	9:30 am	Wednesday Women's Bible Study: 2 Samuel (via Zoom) contact Gale Puffenberger
	7:00 pm	<i>Financial Peace</i> Class - contact Steve Marple or Ted Haenlein (room 100)
	7:00 pm	Parenting Class on Zoom (Register with Pastor Sean) - <a href="mailto:sean@nlicc.org">sean@nlicc.org</a>

### NEXT SUNDAY

	<b>Celebration of New Life in Christ Church's 45th Anniversary</b>
	Adult Sunday School Class "The Safest Place" - recorded and posted on our website
	Commission Cherokee Team (either service)
8:30 am	Worship Service
10:30 am	Worship Service (online streaming at <a href="http://www.nlicc.org">www.nlicc.org</a> )
6:00 pm	45th Anniversary Service with reception following - Pastor Bob Becker preaching

### FUTURE

July 15		Missions Committee Meeting (via Zoom and in person)
July 18	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
July 18-25		Mission Trip to Cherokee, NC
July 24-25		Evangelism Explosion "EV2" Launch (sign up with Robin Wilson)
August 6	2-6:00 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive - contact Sharon Worman to assist
August 15	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
September 13	7:00 pm	Youth Group Begins
September 14		Care Groups begin
September 16		Pioneer Girls and Boys Brigade Begin
September 18-19		Junior High Retreat

**Deacon on call this week:** e-mail: [nlicc@nlicc.org](mailto:nlicc@nlicc.org)  
Steve Marple: phone: 540-786-4848  
(Next week: Sean O'Hara)

**This week's Fighter Verses** (memorization):  
Psalm 34:1-3 ([fighterverses.com](http://fighterverses.com))

While the **library** is not open at this time, you may email [nlicc.library@gmail.com](mailto:nlicc.library@gmail.com) with your requests.

### 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 <a href="http://nlkchurch.org/">http://nlkchurch.org/</a>

## Prayer and Praise

**Praise God** for sustaining New Life in Christ Church for the last 45 years. We have a 45th anniversary service planned for July 12 at 6:00 pm, with a reception afterward. Pastor Bob Becker of New City Fellowship will be preaching. Please RSVP online at <https://forms.gle/K2fpR4U9KT8MTs4T6> or call the church office.

**Pray** for the church of Jesus Christ to show forth racial unity.

**Pray** for Erin McConnell and Ryan Owens as they take their marriage vows Friday at a ceremony in Virginia Beach.

**Pray** for our nation and community dealing with the COVID-19 virus. Pray for churches in our community as they plan prayer services to highlight racial unity in Christ.

**Pray** for those who feel isolated by the quarantine. We are making a "safe room" available during the service by RSVP with Pastor Sam.

**Pray** for those who are going through severe depression and discouragement. Pray that the light of Jesus Christ would break through their darkness.

**Pray** for those who have been hospitalized this week.

**Pray** for the work of missions. This week's focus: Paul and Marty Clark (Peru), and Preston and Sarah Clarkson (Middle East).

**Pray** for those who are suffering in our community. The Food Pantry is available upon request by calling the church office.

**Praise God** for the 4th of July holiday and the religious liberty our founders recognized as a human right given from God Himself.

## Announcements

Look for our Vacation Bible School (VBS) gift bags (with discipleship booklets, CD's, coloring pages, and goodies) to be available today and delivered to homes. Thanks to Julie Root and Jennifer Worman for creatively serving the body of Christ. Please let us know if you have not received one yet.

Pastor Sean and Julie are leading a parenting Bible Study based on the book *Instructing a Child's Heart*, over Zoom, on Wednesday nights at 7 pm, starting on July 1. To participate, send him an email ([sean@nlicc.org](mailto:sean@nlicc.org)).

**Evening Service Tonight:** Evening service tonight will be at the home of Pastor Sean and Julie Whitenack. Their address is 5215 Leavells Crossing Drive 22407 (Near Leavells and Courthouse in Spotsylvania). We will sing, have a short message and fellowship outdoors. We will have space, but it will be helpful if you can bring a chair and any lawn games.

Learn to share your faith. Robin Wilson is hosting an Evangelism Explosion training on the weekend of July 24-25. This is a great opportunity to learn to share the most important news ever. Register through [nlicc.org](http://nlicc.org)

### Women's Connection Weekly Liaison:

Jennifer Worman: 540-809-6774

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

## Prayer Request and Praise

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This request is for Pastors and Elders only

### To Sign Up

2020 High School Graduates

(name) \_\_\_\_\_

Would like to be a Greeter Sunday mornings

Help fold bulletins

Would like to place flowers at the altar on

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.**

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