



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

August 30, 2020

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

“Or do you presume on the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?”

- Romans 2:4

CALL to WORSHIP: Joel 2:12-13

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord,

“Return to Me with all your heart,

And with fasting, weeping and mourning;

And rend your heart and not your garments.”

Now return to the Lord your God,

**For He is gracious and compassionate,
Slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness
And relenting of evil.**

HYMN

#363 “We Gather Together”

PRAYER of INVOCATION

Pastor Sam Capitano

SONGS of PRAISE and WORSHIP

Psalm 130

Thy Mercy, My God, Is the Theme of My Song

Through the Precious Blood

“If you dwell on your own feelings about things rather than dwelling on the faithfulness, the love, and the mercy of God, then you're likely to have a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day. Our feelings are very fleeting and ephemeral, aren't they? We can't depend on them for five minutes at a time. But dwelling on the love, faithfulness, and mercy of God is always safe.”

- Elisabeth Elliot

COVENANT of DISCIPLESHIP

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
followed by The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Sean Whitenack

SONG of PRAISE and WORSHIP

“My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness”

SERMONS

8:30 am - “... and so, the saints grow ...”
Jonah 4:9-11
Pastor Sam Capitano

10:30 am - “A Clear Conscience: The Source of Genuine Happiness”
Psalm 32
Pastor Doug Kittredge

HYMN

#500 “Rock of Ages”

BENEDICTION

Pastor Sam/Pastor Doug

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

“When obedience to God
contradicts what I think
will give me pleasure,
let me ask myself
if I love Him.”
- Elisabeth Elliot

“A Clear Conscience: The Source of Genuine Happiness”

Psalm 32

Our nation is engulfed in unhappiness, complaint, conflict, and accusation. Why are so many restless and tumultuous? As a nation we have forgotten God and so many believe they can overthrow God's rule and claim upon their lives (Psalm 2:1-3). Vast numbers refuse to glorify God (Romans 1:21) or even are unwilling to think about God (Romans 1:28). The result is even when laws are passed to tolerate ungodly behavior, it is not enough because everyone else must do what they do (Romans 1:32). There is no rest for the wicked (Isaiah 57:20-21). The spirit of the age is “we will not have this man (Jesus) to rule over us.”

I. Conscience is Our Connection to God – *Psalm 32:1-5*

- A. Every person made in God's image knows God's law – *Romans 2:12-16*
 - 1. Conscience is the red light on the dashboard of the soul to warn us of offending God
 - 2. God has built His ownership into us in our conscience. Everyone will stand before His judgment seat
- B. Conscience can also excuse us of sin
 - 1. The social structure is blamed for injustice. Individual responsibility is disregarded
 - 2. Religious behaviors to attempt to balance the scale of sin versus morality. “Dead works”
 - 3. To “sear one's conscience” so that you don't feel the guilt, i.e. alcoholism, drugs, activity
 - 4. Sin is relativized as disease
 - 5. Comparison to others – I am only human; I am better than most
- C. The result is misery – *Psalm 32:3-5*

II. Healing for the Conscience – *Psalm 32:6-7, Hebrews 9:14*

- A. Who can stand before a holy God? – *Psalm 130:3-4*
 - 1. Jeremiah 2:22
 - 2. Sin against an eternal God requires an eternal punishment – *Jeremiah 17:1*
- B. What is required to clear our conscience? *Proverbs 28:13*
 - 1. Refusal to repent is costly – *Psalm 38:1-5*
 - 2. God alone is our salvation – *Psalm 38:17-18, 21-22*
 - 3. He is faithful and just to forgive – *1 John 1:9*

A clear conscience is a gift from God – *Romans 8:33-34*

III. Maintain a Clear Conscience – *Psalm 32:8-11*

- A. Conscience is your most valuable property – *Acts 23:1, 24:16; 2 Timothy 1:3*
 - 1. The goal of the Christian life is a clear conscience – *1 Timothy 1:5*
 - 2. Deacons are to have a clear conscience – *1 Timothy 3:9*
- B. The culture will attack believers for not honoring popular cultural demands – *1 Peter 3:15-16*
 - 1. Strengthen your conscience by God's Word – *Psalm 119:9, 11*
not popular culture
 - 2. Be patient and forgiving of others – *Matthew 6:14-15*

Only a revival of faith in Christ by a significant number of Americans will end the current chaos in our culture. Change comes slowly and the demands of the “cancel culture” do not allow for patience. A change of individuals will result in societal change. Jesus Christ must cleanse consciences to restrain mob justice.

"... and so, the saints grow" – Jonah 4:9-11

Have you heard the phrase, "I'm a lover, not a fighter"? Well, if you are following the Lord Jesus, then both shall be true: "...we love because he first loved us..." (1 John 4:19) and "Fight the good fight of faith..." (1 Timothy 6:12) It has been said of the Christian life that, "It is the fight of your life," and yet this fight is the God-ordained means by which "...the saints grow in grace..."

I. "Do you do well to be angry...?" (Jonah 4:9)

II. What does a Father want? (Jonah 4:10-11)

"In which war, although the remaining corruption, for a time, may much prevail; yet, through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part doth overcome; and so, the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

– Westminster Confession of Faith, Of Sanctification, paragraph 3

"Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart." (2 Timothy 2:22)

Next Sunday we will **Celebrate the Lord's Supper** at our morning worship services.
Pray this week that the Lord will prepare our hearts for Communion.

Sunday School Classes

"The Safest Place" A Book Study on Jonah is completed 8/30.

Beginning 9/6, three classes are available:

Online Adult class: Systematic Theology II by Bob Rumbaugh

Online Children's class: "Long Story Short" Gospel in the OT

In-person 7/8th Gr Girls class at 9:50-10:20am in room 116

NLIC GIVING 2019-20	General Fund	Faith Promise
Weekly Budget	\$16,091	\$2,112
Giving last week	11,600	655
+/- for week	- 4,491	- 1,457
+/- fiscal year	- 2,095	+2,040

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

The Family Room (aka Cry Room) is open, and the Nursery reopens on September 6.

Pastors

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* denotes currently serving on session
**denotes elder emeritus

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

Adult Sunday School Class "The Safest Place" - recorded and posted on our website
 8:30 am Worship Service
 10:30 am Worship Service (online streaming at www.nlicc.org)
 6:00 pm Evening Service - Rich Leino preaching

THIS WEEK

Monday 5:00 pm Pray Together: Zoom Prayer Room: <https://zoom.us/j/770719915>
 Tuesday 2:00 pm Tea Tuesdays (via Zoom) - contact Heather O'Hara
 Wednesday 9:30 am Women's Fellowship (via Zoom) - contact Mary Shaffer or Gale Puffenberger
 7:00 pm Parenting Class on Zoom (register with Pastor Sean: sean@nlicc.org)
 Thursday 7:30 pm College Bible Study (1708 Franklin Street and Zoom)
 Saturday 9:00 am AM Praise Team rehearsal (sanctuary)

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Sunday School Class "Systematic Theology" - recorded and posted on our website
 Children Sunday School Class "Long Story Short" - recorded and posted on our website
 8:30 am Worship Service
 9:50 am 7th and 8th Grade Girls Sunday School Class begins (room 116)
 10:30 am Worship Service (online streaming at www.nlicc.org)
 10:30 am Nursery Reopens - Second Service only
 Picnic after morning service
 6:00 pm **NO** Evening Service

FUTURE

September 7 Labor Day (office closed)
 September 9 Women's Study: Mark - begins via Zoom (contact Mary Shaffer or Gale Puffenberger)
 September 13 4:30 pm Youth Group begins - outside (note time change)
 September 13 4:30 pm Care Group Leaders' Meeting
 September 14 Care Groups begin
 September 15 Children's Arts Ministry begins (see insert)
 September 16 Pioneer Girls and Boys Brigade begin
 September 18 5:30 pm *Free Burma Rangers* film screening at New Life in Christ Church
 September 18-19 Middle School Retreat at Shenandoah Springs
 September 26 9am-3 pm *Share Your Faith* Workshop (room 100)
 October 2-4 Pioneer Girls "Spirit" Weekend at Camp Hemlock
 October 5 10am-1 pm *Jerusalem Gateway Partnership* Meeting (room 100)
 October 9-11 Boys Brigade Fall Campout
 October 16-18 College Ministry Retreat at Outer Banks
 October 23-25 Young Adult Retreat at Outer Banks

Deacon on call this week: e-mail: nlicc@nlicc.org
 Fred Yarborough 786-4848
(Next week Drew Kittredge)

This week's Fighter Verses (memorization):
 John 8:31-32 (fighterverses.com)

While the **library** is not open at this time, you may email 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
http://nlkchurch.org/		

Prayer and Praise

Pray for those taking the *Covenant of Discipleship*: Jeremy and Tracy Greenberg, Joshua Greenberg, Moriah Greenberg, Susanna Lewis, Eric Pelham, Jeff and Elissa Pelton, Ryan & Kathryne Sexton, Jonathan Whitenack and Gloria Wray. We praise God for His grace as Eric Pelham will be baptized today as well.

Pray for those who feel isolated by the lockdowns. We are making a "safer room" available during both the 8:30 and 10:30 am services by RSVP with Pastor Skip.

Praise God for Sophia Plaia and Jonathan Whitenack who memorized all the questions of the Westminster Shorter Catechism. We will be recognizing their efforts tonight during the evening service.

Praise God for the McConnell family. We want to thank Jeff, Dorinda and Colin for weeding, pruning & spraying and making our courtyard look so nice.

Pray for our ministries as we work to reopen. We will have nursery for second service (10:30 am) starting September 6.

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

Central VA Justice Initiative (CVJI), and
CHOICES Women's Center.

Free Prayer guide available: <https://pcacdm.org/gratitude>

Prayer Request and Praise

Date: _____

This request is for Pastors and Elders only

Announcements

By popular demand, the 7th and 8th Grade Girls Sunday school class will begin meeting in person (with masks and social distancing) on September 6 (and weekly thereafter). Led by Krystal Dowell and Beth Hamilton, this class will meet in between morning services from 9:50 to 10:20 am.

Pick up a Baby Bottle and return it by September 13 to help support the ongoing ministry of *CHOICES Women's Center*. Collect your spare change, and pray for the young women that face unplanned pregnancies. Your spare change will help these women receive the medical services and counseling support they need. Contact Krystal Dowell.

Pioneer Girls - Praise God for Fall ministries restarting in September. The Pioneer Girls (ages 4-18) begin on September 16 and classes are held weekly on Wednesdays. Details have been shared via email and the Pioneer Girls Facebook group. Please register using the online link.

There will be a screening of the *Free Burma Rangers* film on Friday, September 18 at New Life in Christ Church at 5:30 pm. Free Burma Rangers is a humanitarian service movement working to bring help, hope and love to people in Burma, Iraq and Syria. Guests are asked to please wear a face covering. RSVP to Erica@FreeBurmaRangers.org.

Sign up for the **Share Your Faith Workshop** on Saturday, September 26 (9 am - 3:30 pm). This workshop provides a straightforward and practical approach to sharing the gospel using tools that are easy to use and hard to forget. Includes a continental breakfast and on-the-job training during the lunch hour. Cost is \$20. Email sam@nlicc.org to register.

Women's Connection Weekly Liaison:

Gretchen Trump: 540-842-5160

Prayer Chain - Have a prayer request? Contact:

Krystal Dowell 786-4218; adowell8@msn.com
or Kathy Wilson 891-7235; r2wilson22@hotmail.com.

To Sign Up

- Would like to be a **Greeter** Sunday mornings
- Would like to be an **Usher** 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.

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:

Sean Whitenack, *Lead Pastor*

Douglas Kittredge, *Founding Pastor*

Sam Capitano, *Assistant Pastor*

Jonathan Allison, *Music Director, Office Admin.*

Christine Fulcrod, *Ass't to Senior Pastor, Ass't Admin.*

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