



# 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 6, 2020

"When people choose to remain single for the sake of the kingdom of God because they recognize that their true sufficiency is found only in their relationship to Christ and the coming of his kingdom, and they orient their lives around this conviction, they become in their singleness visible signs of the coming new age."

- Barry Danylak,  
Redeeming Singleness

"What does this mean for our attitude toward marriage and family? Paul says it means that both being married and not being married are good conditions to be in. We should be neither overly elated by getting married nor overly disappointed by not being so—because Christ is the only spouse that can truly fulfill us and God's family the only family that will truly embrace and satisfy us."

- Timothy Keller,  
The Meaning of Marriage

### MEDITATION

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!  
My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

- *Psalm 84:1-2*

### GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### CHORAL CALL to WORSHIP

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (221)  
- *Youth Women's Choir*

### HYMN

"The First Noel" (vss. 1-4)

### PRAYER of INVOCATION

*Pastor Skip/Pastor Doug*

### ADVENT READING: "Faith"

- Nordstrom Family (8:30 service) Zach and Krisee Yee (10:30 service)

### RESPONSIVE READING *(on screen)*

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;  
**From His roots a Branch will bear much fruit.**

The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him-  
**The Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,**

The Spirit of counsel and of power,  
**The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord-**

And He will delight in the fear of the Lord.  
**"He will not judge by what He sees with His eyes,**

Or decide by what He hears with His ears;  
**But with righteousness He will judge the needy,  
with justice He will give decisions for the poor of  
the earth.**

**RESPONSIVE READING continued** (on screen)

The wolf will live with the lamb.

**The leopard will lie down with the goat,**

They will neither harm nor destroy on my holy mountain,

**For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the**

**Lord as the waters cover the sea.**

- *Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6a, 9*

**SONGS of PRAISE and WORSHIP**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*Lovely Child, Holy Child*

*See, Amid the Winter's Snow*

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

*followed by The Lord's Prayer*

*Pastor Sam Capitano*

**SCRIPTURE**

**1 Corinthians 7:25-40**

**SERMON**

**"Having a Single-Minded Focus"**

*Pastor Sean Whitenack*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

#230 "Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor"  
(vss. 1, 2)

**CELEBRATION of the LORD'S SUPPER**

**HYMN**

#194 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vss. 1, 3, 5)

**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

"God promises spectacular blessings to those of you who remain single in Christ, and he gives you an extraordinary calling for your life. To be single in Christ is, therefore, not a falling short of God's best, but a path of Christ-exalting, covenant-keeping obedience that many are called to walk."

- John Piper,

*This Momentary Marriage*

**“Having a Single-Minded Focus”***1 Corinthians 7:25-40*

Spiritual growth requires more than external change, it requires internal transformation. Some of the Christians in Corinth were telling single people it was a sin to get married. This created a challenge for engaged people – should they break off their commitment or follow through and get married? In our passage, we read how this anti-marriage teaching was so wrong – our spiritual life is not built on our marital status, but upon our devotion to Jesus Christ. Today we will see how to get more spiritually focused by looking at some differences between marriage and singleness. The key point of our passage is that we need to do all we can to keep our focus on the Lord.

**1. Live in Freedom** (*1 Corinthians 7:25, 28a, 32a, 36-38, 39-40*)

Genesis 1:28

Genesis 2:24

Proverbs 18:22

**2. Grow in Fruitfulness** (*1 Corinthians 7:26, 28c, 32-34*)**3. Grow in Fervor** (*1 Corinthians 7:29-31, 35*)

Genesis 2:15, 18, 22

**Whatever our situation in life, no matter our distractions or difficulties, we need to keep our focus on God. As we do, we will find a satisfaction that will meet our deepest need and establish us in His Kingdom.**

## NOTES

### *Sunday School Classes*

*New virtual class (see Announcements) + one in-person class: 7/8th Grade Girls class: 9:50-10:20am in rm. 116*

*Previously recorded online classes are available for review: [www.nlicc.org](http://www.nlicc.org)*

*Online Adult class: Systematic Theology II by Bob Rumbaugh and Skip Tyler*

*Online Children's class: "Long Story Short" Gospel in the Old Testament*

### **Pastors**

Pastor Sean Whitenack*	379-5385	<a href="mailto:sean@nlicc.org">sean@nlicc.org</a>
Pastor Douglas Kittredge	371-9254	<a href="mailto:nlicc@nlicc.org">nlicc@nlicc.org</a>
Pastor Sam Capitano	848-4571	<a href="mailto:sam@nlicc.org">sam@nlicc.org</a>
Pastor Skip Tyler	623-0780	<a href="mailto:skip@nlicc.org">skip@nlicc.org</a>

### **College Ministry**

Josh Storms	287-6570	<a href="mailto:jstorms743@gmail.com">jstorms743@gmail.com</a>
Anacari Storms	273-4198	<a href="mailto:anacariglobal@gmail.com">anacariglobal@gmail.com</a>

### **Elders:**

Doug Bergen\*, Dan Deaconson, Chris Garcia\*, George Giddens\*, Nathan Henriksen\*, Kim Lorei\*, Bob McMichael\*\*, Larry Plating\*, Joe Plaia\*, Bob Rumbaugh\*, Eric Schroeder, Mark Shigley\*, Jay Storms\*

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

NLIC GIVING 2019-20	General Fund	Faith Promise
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$16,091</b>	<b>\$2,112</b>
<b>Giving last week</b>	15,197	740
<b>+/- for week</b>	- 894	- 1,372
<b>+/- fiscal year</b>	- 11,104	+ 6,776

Online Giving Available at [www.nlicc.org/online-giving](http://www.nlicc.org/online-giving)

**The Family Room (aka Cry Room) is open, and the Nursery is open during 10:30 service.**

### **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

#### Celebration of the Lord's Supper Second Sunday of Advent: FAITH

8:30 am		Worship Service - Sean Whitenack preaching
9:50 am		7th and 8th Grade Girls Sunday School Class (resumes) room 116
10:30 am		Worship Service (online streaming at <a href="http://www.nlcc.org">www.nlcc.org</a> ) Pastor Sean Whitenack preaching
3:30 pm		Youth Group - OASIS (via Zoom - check email for link) - note time change
6:00 pm		Evening Service - Pastor Doug preaching - Christmas Carol singing with Gary Mangus

### THIS WEEK

Tuesday	4:00 pm	Children's Arts Ministry - register at <a href="http://nlcc.org">nlcc.org</a>
	6:00 pm	Sanctuary Bells
	7:15 pm	Adult Choir (room 100)
Wednesday	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study via Zoom (see Heather O'Hara)
		Boys Brigade - Movie Night in sanctuary
Thursday	7:30 pm	College Bible Study (1708 Franklin Street and Zoom)
Friday	12:00 pm	Hero of Heroes: Bible Study and Sunday School Class

### NEXT SUNDAY

#### Third Sunday of Advent: JOY

8:30 am		Worship Service - Pastor Sean Whitenack preaching
9:50 am		7th and 8th Grade Girls Sunday School Class
10:30 am		Worship Service (online streaming at <a href="http://www.nlcc.org">www.nlcc.org</a> ) Pastor Sean Whitenack preaching
4:00 pm		Youth Group <del>Christmas</del> Party (note time change)
6:00 pm		Evening Service - Family <del>Christmas</del> Service (to participate contact Jonathan Allison)

### FUTURE

December 19	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast (fireside room)
December 20	6:00 pm	<del>Christmas</del> Concert: <i>Bells and Voices</i>
December 24		Office closed at Noon
December 24	5 and 7 pm	<del>Christmas</del> Eve Candlelight Services
December 25		Office closed
December 31		Office closed at Noon
January 1		Office closed
January 3	6:00 pm	Installing Elders: Dan Deaconson and Eric Schroeder
January 6	7:00 pm	All-Church Day of Fasting and Prayer - meet for prayer at 7 pm
January 17		Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
January 23	8:30 am	Focus Day
February 5-6		Festival of the Arts
March 7		First Sunday of Missions Month
April 4		Easter Sunday
April 16-18		YOWAW 2021

**Deacon on call this week:** e-mail: [nlcc@nlcc.org](mailto:nlcc@nlcc.org)  
Drew Kittredge 786-4848  
(Next week: Jimmy Whitman)

**This week's Fighter Verses** (memorization):  
1 Corinthians 15:51-52 ([fighterverses.com](http://fighterverses.com))

While the **library** is not open at this time, you may email [nlcc.library@gmail.com](mailto:nlcc.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

**Pray** for our December Christmas events. Join us tonight for a special Christmas *Hymn Sing*. The songs of Christmas stir our hearts. There is the Family Christmas Service (13th), the Christmas Concert: Bells and Voices (20th) and the Christmas Candlelight Services (24th). Pray that these events will be a witness to family, friends and community.

**Praise God** for the birth of Joy Marie to James and Jeneva Griffin on Tuesday, December 1. She was 7 lbs., 12 oz. and 19 3/4 inches long. If you would like to help them with a meal, sign-up at [meal-train.com/6w1y5q](http://meal-train.com/6w1y5q). Contact: Marie Jankowski.

**Praise God** for Kevin and Heather Benedict, Gary Mangus, and Stan and Sandy Pruchnic and their service to the church. We want to thank them for decorating the sanctuary for Christmas.

**Pray** for our *Women's Ministry Committee* as they begin a new year of ministry. This year's committee is: Tamra Corbeau, Gail Flynn, Katrina Lego, Pam Lopes, Ileana Perez, Julie Root, Gretchen Trump and Emily Williams. Julie Root is the Committee Chair.

**Praise God** for the ministry of Chris Garcia, Kim Lorei and Larry Plating as elders. They are rotating off the Session for 2021. Pray for Dan Deaconson and Eric Schroeder as they return to active ministry as elders with a January 3 installation service.

**Pray** for a spiritual awakening in our region. An association of churches in our region is planning an evangelistic outreach in 2022 with Will Graham from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

**Pray** for our national, state, local and church leaders as they make decisions about handling rising COVID cases. Pray for an end to this pandemic. Pray for hope and light to the distressed, depressed and lonely.

**Pray** for the work of missions. This week's focus: Norman and Julie Beck (Cherokee), and Doug and Gail Bergen (Senegal).

**Pray** for those struggling to make ends meet this Christmas. Contact a deacon if you have needs we can assist with this time of year.

## Prayer Request and Praise

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This request is for Pastors and Elders only

### 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)

## Announcements

New live & virtual Sunday School Class: Pastor Sam will teach the book, Hero of Heroes by Iain Duguid, which highlights the 8 beatitudes and shows how Christ is our "Hero of Heroes" on Fridays at noon starting December 11. Join us in person, via YouTube or watch the recorded class at your convenience. The book is available on Kindle for \$1.99. The class runs through February 2021.

Please note that the **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 2021.

Nursery openings. There are openings to serve in our Nursery. See the bulletin insert for details or contact: Lucinda Lorei or Erin Ritchie.

### Women's Connection Weekly Liaison:

Barbara Plating: 540-412-9513

### Prayer Chain - Have a prayer request? Contact:

Krystal Dowell 786-4218; [adowell8@msn.com](mailto:adowell8@msn.com)  
or Kathy Wilson 891-7235; [r2wilson22@hotmail.com](mailto:r2wilson22@hotmail.com).

**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](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_

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First and Last Name

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First and Last Name

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Family Members (Children)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Street/Apt

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City/State/Zip

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Telephone - Residence/Cell

1st visit?  2nd visit?  3rd visit?

Permanent residence/here until \_\_\_\_\_

Desire a local church home

Home church

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 What brought you to our church?

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 Update directory information

Comments

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*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

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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.*

Veronica Allison, *Assistant Music Director*

Dayra Rumbaugh, *Office Assistant*

Michele Trampe, *Bookkeeping*

Pam Lopes, *Biblical Counseling:* hopeforchangeva@gmail.com

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