



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 ▶

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ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

December 20, 2020

MEDITATION

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God ... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

- *John 1:1, 14* (ESV)

"It's almost too limiting to say that we 'celebrate' [the incarnation] at Christmas. We stare dumbstruck, lost in wonder, love, and praise."

- Timothy Keller,
Hidden Christmas

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL CALL to WORSHIP

"Once In Royal David's City"

HYMN

#208 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vss. 1-4)

PRAYER of INVOCATION

Pastor Sam Capitano

ADVENT READING: "Peace"

- Clark Family (8:30 service) Morales Family (10:30 service)

RESPONSIVE READING (on screen)

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

**On those living in the land of the shadow of death
A light has dawned.**

For unto us a child is born,

To us a son is given,

The government will be on His shoulders.
And He will be called Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God,

Everlasting Father,

Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom,

Establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness
From that time on and forever.

The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

- *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7* (NKJV)

"The incarnation means that for whatever reason God chose to let us fall . . . to suffer, to be subject to sorrows and death—he has nonetheless had the honesty and the courage to take his own medicine. . . . He can exact nothing from man that he has not exacted from himself. He himself has gone through the whole of human experience—from the trivial irritations of family life and the cramping restrictions of hard work and lack of money to the worst horrors of pain and humiliation, defeat, despair, and death. . . . He was born in poverty and . . . suffered infinite pain—all for us—and thought it well worth his while."

- Dorothy Sayers

SONGS of PRAISE and WORSHIP

*What Child Is This?
Away in a Manger
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
followed by The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Doug Kittredge

OFFERING

"O Holy Night"
- Judy, Jamie and Jessica Hinson

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:1-7

SERMON

"A Light at the End of the Tunnel"
Pastor Sean Whitenack

HYMN

#214 "Angels We Have Heard on High" (vss. 1-3)

BENEDICTION

Pastor Sean Whitenack

POSTLUDE (8:30 a.m. service)

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"
- Christian Henriksen

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*

*"The incarnation is in itself
an unfathomable mystery,
but it makes sense of
everything else that the
New Testament contains."
- J. I. Packer*

“A Light at the End of the Tunnel”*Isaiah 9:1-7*

Times of difficulty can feel very long, like a long darkness. When we see a breakthrough, or upcoming help, we can feel a surge of hope within us. Sin has left the world in darkness and in gloom, but God promised light to breakthrough that darkness. This is our Christmas hope (Matthew 4:13–16). God promised to send His Son into the world and to defeat sin and evil. Jesus is the light who casts away the darkness.

1. Israel's Darkness and Ours (*Isaiah 9:1-2*)

Isaiah Chapters 7-8

2 Kings 16:7-9

2. The Promise of Light (*Isaiah 9:2, 6*)

Isaiah 7:14

Galatians 4:4-5

3. The Advent of the Light (*Isaiah 9:3-5*)

Psalm 103:11-12

Romans 5:1

The light that has dawned is breaking through and spreading throughout the world. Jesus is not just someone else's light, He can be our light. He is not just our light, but He is light to the world (John 9:4-5). God is zealous in His love and for His glory (Isaiah 9:7), so zealous that He even gave His own Son to bring light into our darkness.

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

*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

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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

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.

NLIC GIVING 2019-20	General Fund	Faith Promise
Weekly Budget	\$16,091	\$2,112
Giving last week	18,970	2,730
+/- for week	+ 2,879	+ 618
+/- fiscal year	- 6,504	+ 7,782

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

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

CALENDAR of EVENTS

TODAY

		Fourth Sunday of Advent: PEACE
	8:30 am	Worship Service - Pastor Sean Whitenack preaching
	9:50 am	7th and 8th Grade Girls Sunday School Class (room 116)
	10:30 am	Worship Service (online streaming at www.nlicc.org) Pastor Sean Whitenack preaching NO Youth Groups
	6:00 pm	Evening Service - Christmas Concert: <i>Bells and Voices</i>

THIS WEEK

Tuesday	4:00 pm	Children's Arts Ministry - register at nlicc.org
	7:15 pm	NO Adult Choir (room 100)
Thursday		Office closes at noon
	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Friday		Christmas Day - Office closed
Saturday	9:00 am	AM Praise Team

NEXT SUNDAY

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FUTURE

December 31		Office closed at Noon
January 1		Office closed
January 3	4:30 pm	Youth Group resumes via Zoom
January 3	6:00 pm	Installing Elders: Dan Deaconson and Eric Schroeder
January 4-7	7:00 pm	All-Church Prayer Meetings via Zoom
January 9	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast - via Zoom only
January 9	9:00 am	Elder/Deacon Day of Prayer - via Zoom
January 12	4:00 pm	Arts Ministry begins - watch for info via email
January 13	4:00 pm	Pioneer Girls begins via Zoom
January 24		Sanctity of Human Life Sunday observed at New Life in Christ Church
March 7		First Sunday of Missions Month
April 4		Easter Sunday
April 16-18		YOWAW 2021

Deacon on call this week: e-mail: nlicc@nlicc.org
 Larry Root 786-4848
(Next week: Robin Wilson)

This week's Fighter Verses (memorization):
 Revelation 21:4 (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 our December Christmas events. Join us tonight for a Christmas Concert: Bells and Voices, 6pm. We also invite you to the Christmas Candlelight Services (24th), 5 pm and 7 pm. Pray that these events will be a witness to family, friends and community.

Pray for Cameron and Rachel Martin as they anticipate the arrival of their baby. Yaasha Hepperle is planning meals.

Pray for Bill Wassum as he recovers from surgery on Friday.

Pray for Eric Schroeder as he has surgery on December 30.

Pray for TJ Cotton and his family as his brother passed away on Monday.

Pray for those recovering from Coronavirus at home.

Praise God for our college graduates: Jessica Both, Jared Graziani (Virginia Commonwealth University), and Liam Whitenack (Germanna Community College). Let us know if someone in your family graduated in the Fall 2020 school semester.

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: Paul and Marty Clark (Peru), and Billy and Yashmin Clark (Colombia).

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.

Pray for spiritual and family growth in 2021. We have 2021 Family Worship Guides available in the foyer. This can be an excellent resource for your personal devotions or family worship times. Feel free to pick up for each person in your family.

Praise God for our *Women's Ministry Committee*. We give thanks for their service and Tamra Corbeau's leadership in 2020. The 2021 committee will be commissioned on December 27 and consists of: Tamra Corbeau, Gail Flynn, Katrina Lego, Pam Lopes, Ileana Perez, Julie Root, Gretchen Trump and Emily Williams. Julie Root is the Committee Chair.

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 Mondays at 6 pm. 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 Feb. 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.

Women's Connection Weekly Liaison:

Sandie Beauchemin: 703-303-9813

Prayer Chain - Have a prayer request? Contact:

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

Prayer Request and Praise

Date: _____

This request is for Pastors and Elders only

To Sign Up

2020 College Graduates

(name) _____

(school) _____

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 Grades 1-3 Grades 4-6

Jr High Sr High Age 18-24

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

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Office Hours: 8:30am - 4:30pm Monday-Friday

Ministry Team:

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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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