



# 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

December 27, 2020

### GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*[A] defective doctrine of sin and the shallow idea of joy, working together, of necessity produce a superficial kind of person and a very inadequate kind of Christian life.*

*- D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones*

### CALL to WORSHIP

And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

*- Revelation 21:5*

### HYMN

#226 “As with Gladness Men of Old” (vss. 1-4)

### PRAYER of INVOCATION

*Pastor Skip Tyler*

### CORPORATE CONFESSION of ASSURANCE

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

(HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Question #1)

That I am not my own,  
but belong—  
body and soul,  
in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven:  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to Him,  
Christ, by His Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for Him.

*“In the second petition, which is, Thy kingdom come, we pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.”*

*Westminster Shorter Catechism,  
Question 102*

**SONGS of PRAISE and WORSHIP**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

*Rejoice*

*Give Thanks to the Lord*

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY COMMISSIONING**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

*followed by The Lord's Prayer*

*Pastor Sean Whitenack*

**SONG of PRAISE and WORSHIP**

"Give Thanks"

**SERMONS**

8:30 am - "Who Am I? Finding My Identity in Christ"

*Matthew 5:3*

*Pastor Sam Capitano*

10:30 am - "Turning the Page for the New Year"

*2 Corinthians 4:16-5:17*

*Pastor Doug Kittredge*

**HYMN**

#241 "Thou Dost Reign on High" (vss. 1, 4, 5)

**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

"He rules the world with  
truth and grace, and  
makes the nations prove  
the glories of His righteousness  
and wonders of His love..."

- Joy to the World

(10:30 am)

**“Turning the Page for the New Year”***2 Corinthians 4:16-5:17*

The daily monitoring of the COVID 19 virus and the strain of a presidential election made for a trying and troublesome year. The hope of most Americans is that 2021 will turn the page resulting in a more “normal” daily life. But the future is determined by knowing in whom your identity is. Confusion about *who I am* results in confusion, perplexity, and aimlessness in approaching the future. Who am I? Our government increasingly views your identity as dependent on societal structures and cultural assumption not by individual decisions, hopes, and dreams. God determines who I am and He gives individual vision for the New Year and beyond. The cultural elites discourage personal hope by seeing everyone as a political class.

**I. Who Am I? Created in the Image of God and For God**

- A. Some do genetic tests to understand who they are
  - 1. Such tests do not go far enough back
  - 2. God created every person in His image to worship Him - *Genesis 1:26-28*
- B. God created every human person
  - 1. All people have been created from “one blood” - *Acts 17:26-28*
  - 2. God has a plan for each individual and determines the boundaries of people groups - *Deuteronomy 32:8; Genesis 11:6-9*

**II. Who Am I? – Born With A Deadly Virus**

- A. That infects all humanity - *Romans 5:12-14*
  - 1. All Have sinned - no exceptions! *Romans 3:23*
  - 2. Sin is not exclusive to a race or a group
  - 3. Physical and temporal suffering is the result of sin - *Romans 8:20-22*
  - 4. Suffering is to hope in God
- B. Sin and its consequence unite all people
  - 1. Hope is freely offered to all - *Romans 5:17-19*
  - 2. Grace will reign through righteousness - *Romans 5:20-21*

**III. Who Am I? – A New Creature in Christ - *2 Corinthians 5:17***

- A. My identity is not from
  - 1. Any physical feature
  - 2. Or from sin
- B. I am a Christian
  - 1. Bought with a price - *1 Corinthians 6:19-20*
  - 2. I belong to Christ - *1 John 3:1-3*

Don't let anyone or any government rob you of your inheritance

#### IV. Who Am I? – A Citizen of Heaven

- A. I have eternal life in my soul
  - 1. A guaranteed home in heaven - *John 14:1-4*
  - 2. An inheritance - incorruptible and does not fade away - *1 Peter 1:3-9*
- B. A new resurrection body
  - 1. A resurrection to life - *John 5:26-29*
  - 2. Citizenship in heaven - *Philippians 3:20-21*

**Who Am I! – Made in God’s image,  
infected with a deadly virus,  
a new creature in Christ,  
a citizen of heaven!**

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*

*New virtual class (see Announcements). In-person classes are on hold until further notice.*

Previously recorded online adult and children’s classes are available at [www.nlcc.org](http://www.nlcc.org) and the New Life in Christ YouTube channel.

#### **Pastors**

Pastor Sean Whitenack*	379-5385	sean@nlcc.org
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Pastor Skip Tyler	623-0780	skip@nlcc.org

#### **College Ministry**

Josh Storms	287-6570	jstorms743@gmail.com
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#### **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>	28,634	1,845
<b>+/- for week</b>	+ 12,543	- 267
<b>+/- fiscal year</b>	+ 6,039	+ 7,515

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

#### **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.

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

# CALENDAR of EVENTS

## TODAY

8:30 am	Worship Service - Pastor Sam Capitano preaching
9:50 am	7th and 8th Grade Girls Sunday School Class (room 116)
10:30 am	Worship Service (online streaming at <a href="http://www.nlcc.org">www.nlcc.org</a> ) Pastor Doug Kittredge preaching <b>NO</b> Youth Groups
6:00 pm	<b>NO</b> Evening Service

## THIS WEEK

Tuesday	4:00 pm	<b>NO</b> Children's Arts Ministry - register at <a href="http://nlcc.org">nlcc.org</a>
	6:00 pm	<b>NO</b> Sanctuary Bells
	7:15 pm	<b>NO</b> Adult Choir (room 100)
Thursday		Office closed at Noon
Friday		New Year's Day - Office closed

## NEXT SUNDAY

		<b>Celebration of the Lord's Supper</b>
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6:00 pm	Evening Service - Installation of elders: Dan Deaconson and Eric Schroeder - Pastor Skip preaching	

## FUTURE

January 5-7	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 - register at <a href="http://nlcc.org">nlcc.org</a>
January 13	4:00 pm	Pioneer Girls begins via Zoom
January 17	6:00 pm	Focus Day 2021: Praises and Prayer
January 20	7:00 pm	Missions Committee Meeting
January 22	7:30 pm	Creation Club - room 100 (masks required)
January 24	6:00 pm	Sanctity of Human Life Panel Discussion with Abundant and other area churches
January 31	6:00 pm	Focus Day: Financial Report
February 14	6:00 pm	Focus Day: Local Evangelism and Outreach
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)  
Robin Wilson 786-4848  
(Next week: Tom Worman)

**This week's Fighter Verses** (memorization):  
Revelation 21:5-6 [7] ([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 Cameron and Rachel Martin as they anticipate the arrival of their baby. Yaasha Hepperle is planning meals.

**Pray** for Hope Clark as she recovers from her surgery. Pray for Bill Wassum as he recovers from surgery.

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

**Praise God** for our college graduates: Tristan Lorei (James Madison University). 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 those recovering from Coronavirus at home.

**Pray** for the work of missions. This week's focus: Preston and Sarah Clarkson, and Tracy and Joy Dager.

**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 this morning 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.

**Praise God** for the ministry of Chris Garcia, Kin 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.

## Prayer Request and Praise

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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**

## Announcements

Please note that the **tithes and offerings** to be applied to the current tax year need to be in the office or postmarked by **December 31**. Any tithes and offerings received after December 31 will be applied to 2021.

Sunday School Class on MONDAY!? Join us for a study of the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10). This eight-week series is broadcasted and recorded for our 2020 Winter Sunday School quarter. After a break for the holidays (no class on 12/28 and 1/4), we will resume on January 11 (on Mondays at 6:00 pm). Find the previous classes on YouTube.

### Women's Connection Weekly Liaison:

Amy McCullough: 540-424-6610

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

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

## 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

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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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 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

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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*

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