



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

February 28, 2021

MEDITATION

For who is God, but the Lord?
And who is a rock, except our God?—
the God who equipped me with strength
and made my way blameless.

**You have given me the shield of Your salvation,
and Your right hand supported me,
and Your gentleness made me great.**

You gave a wide place for my steps under me,
and my feet did not slip.

- *Psalm 18:31-32, 35-36* (ESV)

*"I say of myself that I am a sinner,
but instinctively I do not like
anybody else to say I am a sinner.
That is the principle [of 'Blessed
are the meek'] ..."*

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL CALL to WORSHIP

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
- *Sanctuary Bells*

HYMN

#100 "Holy, Holy, Holy!" (vss. 1-4)

PRAYER of INVOCATION

Pastor Skip/Pastor Doug

*"It is required of those that hear
the word preached, that they
attend upon it with diligence,
preparation, and prayer; examine
what they hear by the Scriptures;
receive the truth with faith, love,
meekness, and readiness of mind,
as the Word of God; meditate,
and confer of it; hide it in their
hearts, and bring forth the fruit
of it in their lives."*

*Westminster Larger Catechism,
Question 160*

SONGS of PRAISE and WORSHIP

Blessed Be Your Name

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Jesus,

Forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction.

Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements and those when I have failed to boast in Your works. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself.

Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole.

Amen

ASSURANCE of PARDON: Ezekiel 37:23 (ESV)

They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. But I will save them from all the backslidings in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

SONG of PRAISE and WORSHIP

He Will Rejoice

BAPTISM

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

followed by The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Sean Whitenack

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"The Yearning"
- Men's Ensemble*

SERMONS

"Blessed Are the Gentle: Finding My Identity in Christ"

Matthew 5:5

Pastor Sam Capitano

HYMN

#516 "Jesus, I Live to Thee" (vss. 1-4)

BENEDICTION

Pastor Sam Capitano

POSTLUDE (8:30 a.m. service)

*"It Is Well with My Soul"
- 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*

*"All to Jesus I surrender,
humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken,
take me, Jesus, take me now..."
- Judson W. VanDeVenter*

**Blessed Are the Gentle:
Finding My Identity in Christ**
Matthew 5:5

The Evangelism Explosion presentation explains, "Heaven (eternal life) is a free gift - you cannot earn it or deserve it." But what about the earth? Have you considered that the Christian shall also inherit the earth? And it is neither the ambitious nor the important "Christian" who shall inherit it, but the gentle and meek; the humble. Are you trusting Christ for the blessedness that He promises in being gentle?

1. Meekness is Not Weakness

- a. The Beatitudes of the Sermon on the Mount (*Matthew 5:1-10*)
- b. "Blessed are the gentle (meek)..." (*Matthew 5:5a*)

2. "The Earth is the Lord's..." - So Why Does Everybody Want to Rule it?

- a. "...for they shall inherit the earth." (*Matthew 5:5b*)
- b. "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?" (*Matthew 16:26*)

3. The Blessing of Gentleness

- a. Moses was the most humble man on earth - or was he? (*Numbers 12:3*)
- b. The Lord Jesus is gentle and lowly, and comforts all who come to Him. (*Matthew 11:20-21, 25-27, 28-30*)

The Sermon on the Mount is a picture of a citizen of the kingdom of heaven. As you consider the beatitude, "Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth." ask the Lord to help you see your character and your inheritance in view of His word and His promises.

NOTES

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

*7/8th Grade Girls class: 9:50-10:20am in room 116.
Other in-person classes begin on March 7.*

Previously recorded online adult and children's classes are available at www.nlicc.org and the New Life in Christ YouTube channel.

Pastors

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* denotes currently serving on session
**denotes elder emeritus

NLIC GIVING 2019-20	General Fund	Faith Promise
Weekly Budget	\$16,091	\$2,112
Giving last week	13,968	1,300
+/- for week	- 2,123	- 812
+/- fiscal year	+ 4,737	+ 4,445

Online Giving Available at www.nlicc.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
10:30 am	Worship Service (online streaming at www.nlicc.org) Pastor Sam Capitano preaching
4:30 pm	Abundant: Adoption/Foster Care support group (in person, room 100 - masks required)
4:30 pm	Youth Group Discipleship (in person - masks required)
6:00 pm	Evening Service - Youth testimonies of NLICC Missions
7:15 pm	Youth Leaders' Meeting (fireside room and via Zoom)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday	4:00 pm	Arts Ministry - register at nlicc.org - Child's/Youth, Choirs/Bells
	4:45 pm	<i>Theatre Explorers</i> , 2nd-6th grades begins (register at nlicc.org)
	5:30 pm	<i>Teen Drama</i> , 7th-12th grades begins (register at nlicc.org)
	6:15 pm	Sanctuary Bells
	7:15 pm	Adult Choir (room 100)
Wednesday	9:30 am	Women's Study - <i>Grace: Ephesians Study</i> - via Zoom
	4:00 pm	Pioneer Girls - via Zoom
	7:00 pm	Christian Service (Boy's) Brigade - sanctuary
Thursday	7:30 pm	College Ministry Bible Study
Friday	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (via Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting (via Zoom)
Saturday	9:00 am	AM Praise Team Rehearsal - sanctuary
	10:30 am	Women's Ministry Training (room 217)
	2:00 pm	Baby Shower for Krisee and Zach Yee (fireside room)

NEXT SUNDAY

		First Sunday of Missions Month / Celebration of the Lord's Supper
	8:30 am	Worship Service - Pastor Sean Whitenack preaching
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service (online streaming at www.nlicc.org) Pastor Sean Whitenack preaching
	12:30 pm	Cherokee Mission Trip Meeting (room 200)
	4:30 pm	Youth Group OASIS (via Zoom)
	6:00 pm	Evening Service - ESOL and Afghan Outreach

FUTURE

March 13		Boys Brigade "StockKar" races
March 14		Daylight Saving Time begins
April 2	6:00 pm	Good Friday Worship and Communion Service - Pastor Sam preaching
April 4		Resurrection Sunday (8:30 am and 11:00 am)
April 9-11		College Retreat - contact Josh and Anacari Storms
April 16-18		YOWAW 2021
April 17	9:30 am	<i>Share Your Faith Workshop</i> - contact sam@nlicc.org
April 23-25		Young Adult Retreat "Living Fearlessly in the Fear of the Lord" - contact sam@nlicc.org
May 1		Opening Day of NLICC Baseball
July 12-16		Vacation Bible School
July 17-24		Cherokee Mission Trip
November 11-13		Men's Retreat

<p>Deacon on call this week: e-mail: nlicc@nlicc.org Drew Kittredge 786-4848 <i>(Next week: Jimmy Whitman)</i></p>
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<p>This week's Fighter Verses (memorization): 1 John 2:15-17 (fighterverses.com)</p>

<p>While the library is not open at this time, you may email nlicc.library@gmail.com with your requests.</p>
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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 Joy Marie Griffin as her parents James and Jeneva Griffin present her for baptism. Pray for them as they seek to raise her in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Praise God for the birth of Jacob Michael Gregory Whitenack on Tuesday, February 23. He was 8lbs., 10 oz. and 21 inches long. Kristen Garcia is organizing meals. If you would like to help with meals, sign-up at <https://takethemameal.com/YSTQ3188>.

Pray for our growth in discipleship. We plan to restart Sunday School classes on March 7 at 10 am. **Please note that starting March 7, the second service will move to 11 am.** Pray for God to raise up Sunday School teachers for youth and children.

Pray for Stacy Hunter as she recovers from surgery.

Praise God for New Life in Christ's *Baby Bottle Campaign* which raised \$2,218.15 in 2020. We thank God for his faithfulness and for the generosity of our congregation.

Praise God for the generosity of the congregation as we were able to send 100 relief food packages to suffering believers in Lebanon through one of our missionaries. This was supported through the Deacons Fund.

Pray for our national, state, local and church leaders as they make decisions about handling COVID cases. Pray for hope and light to the distressed, depressed and lonely. Pray for healing and hope to our nation through the gospel. Pray for those in quarantine and for those recovering. Pray that those who want the vaccine would be able to get one.

Pray for the work of missions. This week's focus:
Doug and Gail Bergen (Senegal),
and Dov and Olga Bikas (Israel).

Pray for our mission trips this year. There will be a Cherokee Mission trip this summer. Contact Jay Storms if you would like to participate. On March 7, there will be a meeting in room 200.

Pray for a 2022 outreach to our region with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Pray as a leadership team of local leaders is being organized.

Prayer Request and Praise

Date: _____

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

There will be a baby shower/open house for John and Amalee Pruchnic at their home, 7239 Royal Street, Port Royal, 22535, from 1-4 pm on Saturday, March 20. They are having a boy and are registered on Amazon. RSVP to Sandy Pruchnic (540) 538-4319. There is a sign-up to bring food at <https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/RPXY3801>, and the password is 2276.

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.

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

