



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

July 4, 2021

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

“To worship God “in spirit and in truth” is first and foremost a way of saying that we must worship God by means of Christ. In Him the reality has dawned and the shadows are being swept away (Hebrews 8:13). Christian worship is new-covenant worship; it is gospel-inspired worship; it is Christ-centered worship; it is cross-focused worship.”

- D.A. Carson

The Apostles’ Creed was not written by the apostles, but it does faithfully articulate the teaching of the apostles and the true Christian faith. By catholic, we affirm that the church is universal and crosses ethnic and language barriers.

CALL to WORSHIP: Isaiah 55:6-7 (ESV)

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near;

**let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;**

let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

HYMN

#710 “God of Our Fathers” (vss. 1-4)

PRAYER of INVOCATION

Pastor Sam Capitano

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in GOD the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried:
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen

SONG of PRAISE and WORSHIP

*To Christ the Lord
The Lord Is
His Mercy Is More*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

followed by The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Sean Whitenack

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 14:34

SERMON

"A Heritage to Cherish"
Pastor Doug Kittredge

COMMUNION HYMN

#473 "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" (vss. 1, 4, 5)

CELEBRATION of the LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN

#538 "More About Jesus Would I Know" (vss. 1-2)

BENEDICTION

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*

*A cheerful giver does not
count the cost of what he
gives. His heart is set on
pleasing and cheering Him
to whom the gift is given.
- Julian of Norwich*

“A Heritage to Cherish”*Proverbs 14:34*

A nation's foundation is its story. The story is the nation. The story is a source of pride and inspiration. A revolution has taken place to replace the heritage of the USA as a nation built on protecting freedom of conscience to a nation built on greed and exploiting people. From the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock to the Declaration of Independence to the Statue of Liberty to Martin Luther King's, "I Have a Dream" speech, the USA has proclaimed the liberty of a free and clear conscience. The USA government protected Jesus' fundamental message in John 8:34-36 – *“if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.”*

I. The USA Was Founded on the Revealed Righteousness of God –*Deuteronomy 32:4*

- A. All His ways are justice
 - 1. His way is perfect – *2 Samuel 22:31*
 - 2. The creation itself is righteous – *Psalms 50:6* – and proclaims the goodness of the Creator – *Psalms 19:1-4*
- B. The way of righteousness is life – *Proverbs 12:28*
 - 1. The Founding Fathers identified the righteousness of the creation as “natural law”
 - 2. Government is based on natural law.
Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776 (paragraph 1)
- C. The wicked government does not deal in the reality of God's creation
 - 1. The government that calls evil *good* and good *evil* permits lawlessness leading to darkness – *John 3:19-20*
 - 2. When vileness is exalted publicly, the wicked are on the prowl – *Psalms 12:8*

II. The USA Historically Acknowledges Jesus Christ as the King –*Jeremiah 23:5*

- A. The USA has its roots in the Solemn League and Covenant of 1643
 - 1. The English Puritans and Scottish covenanters signed a covenant
 - 2. They promised to submit to King Jesus and govern themselves by His Word and Holy Spirit – *1 Corinthians 1:30-31*
- B. The law of God is King (Lex Rex by Samuel Rutherford)
 - 1. The king of England is not the head of the church
 - 2. Christ is King in the government and the church – *Ephesians 1:22-23*
- C. The gospel's power united the American colonies in 1741 during the Great Awakening – *Romans 1:16-17*
 - 1. The ungodly promote a revised history of the “Great Awakening”
 - 2. Promoting a narrative of resisting God and His righteousness brings reproach on this nation
Declaration of Independence (paragraph 2a)

III. The USA's Government was Established to Protect Freedom of Conscience

- A. Happiness flows from a clear conscience – *Psalms 32:1-5*
 1. Our conscience is our most sacred property – *Acts 23:1; 24:16*
 2. The righteousness of Christ cleanses our conscience – *Philippians 3:8-11*
- B. Government that violates its citizens' conscience is to be resisted
 1. The Declaration of Independence lists the ways King George III tyrannically forced the colonists to act against their conscience
 2. Therefore, the American Revolution
 Declaration of Independence (paragraph 2b)

Our heritage protects our right to be as godly and righteous as we desire to be. Are we grateful and using every opportunity to seek to grow in Christ's righteousness?

Sunday School Classes (9:00 am - 9:45 am)
 How Jesus Christ Rules and Reigns through History—
 with Pastor Doug — sanctuary
 Helping People Change—with Pastor Sam—room 100
 Children's classes: All Ages
 Youth Classes: JH and SH Youth Classes
 Nursery is open during 9:00 am Sunday School
 and 10:00 am service.

NLIC GIVING 2021	General Fund	Faith Promise
Weekly Budget	\$16,091	\$2,112
<i>Giving last week</i>	15,840	1,510
<i>+/- for week</i>	- 251	- 602
<i>+/- fiscal year</i>	- 1,042	+ 9,106

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

The Family Room (aka Cry Room) and the Nursery are available as needed.

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 * denotes currently serving on session
 **denotes elder emeritus

FOOD PANTRY IMMEDIATE NEEDS
 Toiletries: shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, floss,
 face soap and deodorant

CALENDAR of EVENTS

TODAY

Celebration of the Lord's Supper
 9:00 am Children and Adult Sunday School (sanctuary)
 10:00 am Worship Service (online at www.nlicc.org/watchlive) Pastor Doug Kittredge preaching
 6:00 pm Evening Service and Open House - at the home of Kirk & Stacey Hunter

THIS WEEK

Monday Church office closed
 6:30 pm **NO ESOL** (English for Speakers of Other Languages) contact Jonathan/Liz Rumbaugh
 Wednesday 9:30 am Summer Women's Bible Study - contact Heather O'Hara (room 217)
 Thursday 10:00 am Vacation Bible School Work Day #2 (room 100)
 10:00 am Vacation Bible School Music Team Rehearsal
 7:00 pm Financial Peace Class (room 100)
 7:30 pm College Ministry Bible Study (Franklin Street)
 Friday 6:00 pm **CHOICES** Benefit Concert - offering: www.nlicc.org/giving/ (select Choices Women's Ct.)
 Saturday 9:00 am AM Praise Team rehearsal
 6:00 pm Junior/Senior High Pool Party at Reed's/Dowell's home

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Children and Adult Sunday School Classes
 10:00 am Worship Service (online at www.nlicc.org/watchlive) Pastor Sean Whitenack preaching
 VBS Teacher Workday #3, directly following morning service - around noon (room 100)
 4:30 pm Women's Ministry Committee Meeting (room 217)
 6:00 pm Evening Service - Paul Hepperle preaching
 7:15 pm Open House - at the home of Kyle and Catherine Ferguson

FUTURE

July 12-16 Vacation Bible School (8:50 am - 12:15 pm)
 July 17 8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast (fireside room)
 July 17 10:30 am Women's Ministry - Fellowship at Braehead Farm
 July 17-24 Cherokee Mission Trip
 July 21 Missions Committee Meeting (room 217)
 July 23 7:30 pm Creation Club (room 100)
 July 31 6:00 pm Orientation Dinner (RSVP to church office)
 August 5 Red Cross Blood Drive (2-6 pm)
 September 10-11 Middle School Retreat
 September 12 Youth Groups begin
 September 13 Care Groups begin
 September 16-18 Men's Retreat (Highland Retreat Center - Bergton, VA) - Pastor Todd Pruitt speaking
 October 22-23 Women's Mini-Conference (sanctuary) contact: perez.ileanam@gmail.com

Women's Connection Weekly Liaison:

Amy McCullough: 540-424-6610

Deacon on call this week: e-mail: nlicc@nlicc.org

Craig Cuddy 786-4848

(Next week: Jeff McConnell)

This week's Fighter Verses (memorization):

Ephesians 6:12-13 (fighterverses.com)

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/		

The **library** is now open before and after Worship Services; you may email nlicc.library@gmail.com.

Prayer and Praise

Praise God for the freedoms we enjoy as a nation. Pray for the continued liberty of conscience within our nation. Pray for the righteousness of our nation. Pray for our leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-2) and give thanks for the many who protect freedoms and liberties.

Praise God for the General Assembly of the PCA last week and that we could send four of our elders this year.

Pray for *Vacation Bible School*. We are currently looking for servant leaders who want to make a difference in the lives of children. VBS is scheduled for July 12-16. Speak with Julie Root or Jennifer Worman if you would like to serve. This Sunday in the foyer there will be a teen sign-up: anyone 7th grade and up is encouraged to volunteer. Registration to attend VBS is open online at www.nlicc.org.

Pray for the work of missions. This week's focus: Jim and Karen Melnick, and Chris and Gosia Osiecki (Poland).

Pray for our upcoming *Men's Retreat* on September 16 through 18. Questions, contact Ted Haenlein (thaenlein@gmail.com) or Zach Yee (zachary.s.yee@gmail.com). Pray as we look forward to having Todd Pruitt, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church (Harrisonburg, VA) to speak.

Praise God for the 2020-2021 Faith Promise. Right now we have received 107 % of this year's commitments. The giving for the year 2020-2021 Faith Promise ends this week. We praise God for His provision of the Faith Promise goals and for congregational support of missions. **Praise God** for providing 99.9% of our General Fund giving for the year.

Pray for the Cherokee Team as they plan for their summer trip.

Pray that God would spread the gospel of grace throughout the world. The PCA is praying that 1% of its membership would be involved long term in international missions.

Prayer Request and Praise

Date: _____

This request is for Pastors and Elders only

To Sign Up

- Would like to attend **Orientation Dinner**
- 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: _____

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Announcements

An **Orientation Dinner** will be held on Saturday, July 31 at 6 pm in the fireside room to welcome those new to our congregation and share the vision and ministry of New Life in Christ Church. A catered dinner will be provided. Babysitting is available. Please sign up on the tear-off or call the church office at 540-786-4848.

Are you interested in becoming a member of New Life in Christ Church? We have a Covenant of Discipleship Class on Sundays at 9:00 am in Pastor Sean's office.

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

