



# 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

August 29, 2021

### GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

"We love Him because  
He first loved us."

- 1 John 4:19

### CALL to WORSHIP Psalm 36:5-7, 9 (NKJV)

Your mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens;  
Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the great mountains;  
Your judgements are a great deep;  
O Lord, You preserve man and beast.**

How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God!  
Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.

**For with You is the fountain of life;  
In Your light we see light.**

### HYMN

#77 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (vss. 1-5)

*Beware, I pray thee, of presuming  
that thou art saved. If thy heart be  
renewed, if thou shalt hate the  
things that thou didst once love,  
and love the things that thou didst  
once hate; if thou hast really  
repented; if there be a thorough  
change of mind in thee; if thou be  
born again, then hast thou reason  
to rejoice: but if there be no vital  
change, no inward godliness; if  
there be no love to God, no  
prayer, no work of the Holy Spirit,  
then thy saying "I am saved"  
is but thine own assertion,  
and it may delude, but it will  
not deliver thee.*

- Charles Spurgeon

### PRAYER of INVOCATION

*Pastor Skip Tyler*

### SONG of PRAISE and WORSHIP

*O for a Heart to Praise My God  
Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting*

### CORPORATE CONFESSION Hosea 14:1-3 (NKJV)

O Israel, return to the Lord your God,  
For you have stumbled because of your iniquity;  
Take words with you,  
And return to the Lord.  
Say to Him,  
"Take away all iniquity;  
Receive us graciously,  
For we will offer the sacrifices of our lips.  
Assyria shall not save us,  
We will not ride on horses,  
Nor will we say anymore to the work of our hands, 'You are our gods.'  
For in You [O Lord] the fatherless finds mercy."

**ASSURANCE of PARDON:** Hosea 14:4 (NKJV)

I will heal their backsliding,  
I will love them freely,  
For My anger has turned away from him.

**SONG of PRAISE and WORSHIP**

*All I Have Is Christ*

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

*followed by The Lord's Prayer*

*Pastor Sam Capitano*

**OFFERING**

“How Great Thou Art” (44)  
*- Judy Hinson*

**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**

**Revelation 2:1-8**

**SERMON**

**“Love As Strong As Death”**  
*Pastor Doug Kittredge*

**HYMN**

#191 “I Am So Glad That Our Father in Heaven” (vss. 1-3)

**BENEDICTION**

*Pastor Sam Capitano*

**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*

*Faith, thus receiving and resting on  
Christ and His righteousness, is the  
alone instrument of justification;  
yet is it not alone in the person  
justified, but is ever accompanied  
with all other saving graces, and is  
no dead faith, but worketh by love.  
- Westminster Confession of Faith  
Chapter XI, Of Justification.  
Paragraph 2*

**“Love As Strong As Death”**

*Revelation 2:1-8*

Why is it so easy for us to lose focus on the One who has loved us with a perfect love and blesses us with every temporal and spiritual blessing? Jesus purifies His own people by sharing His heart of grief, “Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love.” (Revelation 2:4)

**I. Jesus’ Presence in His Church** – *Revelation 2:1-3*

A. Walking among His people

1. To establish His church – *Acts 19:8-10*
2. To bless His people – *Acts 19:19-20*

B. To nurture His people

Paul’s sermon to the Ephesian elders – *Acts 20:17-21, 27, 32*

1. The letter to the Ephesians AD 59
2. Paul commissioning Timothy – *1 Timothy 1:3-5*
3. The consequence of pride – *Revelation 2:2-3*

**II. Knowledge Puffs Up but Love Edifies** – *Revelation 2:4*

What fault you found in Me?

A. My son, give me your heart – *Proverbs 23:26*

1. Love the Savior not merely obedience – *Deuteronomy 10:12-13*
2. Love the Lord with all your heart – *Deuteronomy 6:4-5*
3. Delight yourself in the Lord – *Psalms 37:4*

Do not become the older brother believing that serving the father was to be such slave-like work – *Luke 15:25-31*

B. What causes our love for our Savior to grow cold?

1. Unthankfulness and ingratitude – *Romans 1:21; Jeremiah 2:5*
2. My people have committed two evils – *Jeremiah 2:13*

C. Remember – *Revelation 2:5*

1. He loved you when enemies – *Romans 5:6-11*
2. He continually invites us to Himself – *Matthew 11:28-30*
3. He is gentle and humble of heart even as He lays a yoke upon us – *Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:29*
4. Our Savior is not a hard task master but graciously carries us and is with us – *Isaiah 40:29-31; 46:4*

Jesus carries those who are not deserving of mercy. He is drawn to the weak, powerless and humble. Christ’s embrace is stronger and tighter than any human embrace. He is not a disappointed and disgusted father tolerating His children. He loves us because He delights in us! (Isaiah 57:15)

D. As you received, so walk in Him – *Colossians 2:6*

1. How did you receive Christ? In great need and humility – *James 4:6*
2. The Holy Spirit yearns for our love for our Savior – *James 4:4-5*
3. Jesus so desired and longed for us that He gave His blood to cover us – *John 17:24-26*

Don’t focus on your sin and failures but on Christ. He pulls us out of our sin and to Himself – *Hebrews 4:14-16*

III. **Overcoming** – Revelation 2:5-7

- A. By Christ's Intercession – Hebrews 7:25
  - 1. Boast only in Christ – Galatians 6:14
  - 2. He is our Advocate before the Father – 1 John 2:1
- B. He is the Father of mercies – 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
  - 1. He bears all things so that we can also – 1 Corinthians 13:7-8
  - 2. Our love for Christ cannot be quenched by trouble, disappointment, or persecution – Song of Solomon 8:6-7
  - 3. He loved us to the end – John 13:1

**There is no one I desire more than Christ!** Psalm 73:25-26  
**At the end, we will see His face and be like Him** – Psalm 17:15

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** (9:00 am - 9:45 am)  
**Summer Quarter** (June-Aug)

1. *How Jesus Christ Rules and Reigns through History*  
 - Pastor Doug (sanctuary)
2. *Helping People Change* - Pastor Sam (room 100)

Age 2 - 8th grade (Education Wing)

SH Youth Classes: 9th - 12th grade (room 200)

Nursery (age 0-1) open during SS and AM service.

See the "Welcome Board" in the Foyer for details.

NLIC GIVING 2021	General Fund	Faith Promise
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$16,830</b>	<b>\$3,297</b>
<b>Giving last week</b>	9,530	1,110
<b>+/- for week</b>	- 7,300	- 2,187
<b>+/- fiscal year</b>	- 3,024	+ 6,144

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

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

**Pastors**

Pastor Sean Whitenack*	379-5385	sean@nlicc.org
Pastor Douglas Kittredge	371-9254	nlicc@nlicc.org
Pastor Sam Capitano	848-4571	sam@nlicc.org
Pastor Skip Tyler	623-0780	skip@nlicc.org

**College Ministry**

Josh Storms	287-6570	jstorms743@gmail.com
Anacari Storms	273-4198	anacariglobal@gmail.com

**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

**FOOD PANTRY IMMEDIATE NEEDS**

Toiletries: shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, floss, face soap and deodorant

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### TODAY

9:00 am Children and Adult Sunday School Classes  
10:00 am Worship Service (online at [www.nlicc.org/watchlive](http://www.nlicc.org/watchlive)) Pastor Doug Kittredge preaching  
All-Church Picnic following the AM Service (pavilion)  
6:00 pm **NO** Evening Service

### THIS WEEK

Monday 6:30 pm ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) contact Jonathan/Liz Rumbaugh  
Tuesday 6:00 pm Christianity Explored class (room 100) contact: [dougbergen@gmail.com](mailto:dougbergen@gmail.com)  
Thursday 7:30 pm College Ministry Bible Study (Franklin Street)  
Friday 7:00 pm Session/Deacons Meetings (rooms 217/215)  
Saturday 9:00 am AM Praise Team rehearsal

### NEXT SUNDAY

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**  
9:00 am Children Sunday School Classes - Promotion Sunday  
9:00 am Combined Adult Sunday School Class (sanctuary)  
10:00 am Worship Service (online at [www.nlicc.org/watchlive](http://www.nlicc.org/watchlive)) Pastor Sean Whitenack preaching  
6:00 pm Evening Service - Pastor Skip preaching  
7:15 pm Open House - at the home of Bill and Connie Both

### FUTURE

September 6 Labor Day (office closed)  
September 7 11:00 am Debbie Rakestraw's celebration of life service  
September 7 7:00 pm Teen Drama begins (sanctuary) - register at [nlicc.org](http://nlicc.org)  
September 11 9:00 am Women's Fellowship and Firearms at Fredericksburg Rod and Gun Club - see insert  
September 12 4:30 pm Youth Groups begin  
September 12 4:30 pm Youth Parents Meeting  
September 12 4:30 pm Care Group Leaders Meeting (room 219)  
September 13 Care Groups begin (week of 9/13) - check with leader for exact schedule  
September 15 Pioneer Girls and Boy's Brigade begin (4 pm / 7 pm)  
September 16-18 Men's Retreat (Highland Retreat Center - Bergton, VA) - Pastor Todd Pruitt speaking  
September 21 Children's Arts Ministry begins (Choirs, Bells, Drama) - register at [nlicc.org](http://nlicc.org)  
September 24-25 Middle School Retreat at Shenandoah Springs  
October 1-3 Pioneer Girls Campout at Camp Hemlock  
October 8-10 Boys Brigade Campout  
October 22-23 Women's Mini-Conference (sanctuary) contact: [perez.ileanam@gmail.com](mailto:perez.ileanam@gmail.com)

#### **Women's Connection Weekly Liaison:**

Sandie Beauchemin: 540-548-1240

#### **This week's Fighter Verses** (memorization):

James 1:12 ([fighterverses.com](http://fighterverses.com))

**Library hours:** Sundays 9:45-10am and  
immediately after am service until Noon

#### **Deacon on call this week:** e-mail: [nlicc@nlicc.org](mailto:nlicc@nlicc.org)

Fred Yarborough 786-4848

(Next week: Drew Kittredge)

#### **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

**Praise God** for the birth of Malachi Nathaniel Oberlin to Matt and Amanda Oberlin on Monday, August 23. He was 7 lbs., 11 oz. and 19.5 inches long. Carrie Verbosky is arranging meals.

**Praise God** for covenant marriages. The flowers this morning are in celebration of Bill and Connie Both's 40th wedding anniversary which is today.

**Pray** for the Rakestraw family as Debbie went to be with the Lord. A celebration of life service is planned for September 7 at 11 am. Sign up to help with the reception at PerfectPotluck.com/QYEV0518.

**Praise God** for the birth of Hadassah Naomi Storms to Josh and Anacari Storms on Tuesday, August 10. She was 7 lbs., 3 oz. and 18.75 inches long. Jeneva Griffin is arranging meals.

**Pray** for the Afghan families being resettled in our area. Pray that the Lord would provide Christians that would help them with all their needs. If you would like to help with Afghan families, contact Debra Smith at katadebra@gmail.com or 540-656-8117. (see insert)

**Pray** for our covenant children as they begin college. Pray they would find churches to worship at on the first week they are at a new school, as this is critical in establishing good habits.

**Pray** for children and teachers returning to public and private and home schools through our region. Pray as we begin youth and children's ministry in September. Praise God for Sharon Leaman and Andrea Sanderson's leadership of Pioneer Girls and Bruce Leaman's leadership of Christian Service Brigade. These ministries begin September 15.

**Pray** for the work of missions. This week's focus: Tracy and Joy Dager (Middle East), and Karl and Debbie Dortzbach (Africa).

**Pray** for the church's witness in the nations of Haiti and Afghanistan. 2021 Global Prayer Guides from The Voice of the Martyrs are available free in the foyer. Please be sure to pick one up for you or your family prayer time.

**Pray** for CHOICES Women's Center. They are sponsoring Golf 4 Life (October 1) and Life Walk (October 2) fundraisers. Postcards are in the lobby.

## 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

Help wanted. We are looking for two people to set up Sanctuary chairs each week (preferably Friday mornings) beginning September 17. Pay is \$20 each per week. Contact Jonathan Allison or church office.

**Are you interested in becoming a member of New Life in Christ Church?** We have a Covenant of Discipleship Class that begins Sunday, September 26 at 9:00 am in Pastor Sean's office.

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

Krystal Dowell 287-3005; 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**

