



# 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**  
September 12, 2021

"The triune God is the only thing large enough and interesting enough to bear the weight of glory, and ultimately worship. Anything else will break your heart."

- Matt Papa, *Look and Live*

"But when the world can turn around and see a group of God's people exhibiting substantial healing in the area of human relationships in their present life, then the world will take notice."

- Francis Schaeffer

"As soon as you accept the impersonal beginning of all things, you are faced with some form of reductionism. Reductionism argues that everything there is now, from the stars to man himself, is finally to be understood by reducing it to the original, impersonal factor or factors."

- Francis Schaeffer

**GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**CALL to WORSHIP** Isaiah 60:1-3 (ESV)

Arise, shine, for Your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;**

but the Lord will arise upon you  
and his glory will be seen upon you.

**And nations shall come to Your light,  
and kings to the brightness of Your rising.**

**HYMN**

#110 "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah" (vss. 1-3)

**PRAYER of INVOCATION**

*Pastor Sam Capitano*

**SONG of PRAISE and WORSHIP**

*Blessed Is the One  
For You Are Holy*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

based on *Heidelberg Catechism Question 94*,  
Westminster Shorter Catechism

Leader: What is the first commandment?

**Congregation: The first commandment is "You shall have no other God's before me."**

Leader: What does the LORD require in the first commandment?

**Congregation: That for the sake of my very salvation I avoid and flee all idolatry, witchcraft, superstition, and prayer to saints or to other creatures. Further, that I rightly come to know the only true God, trust in Him alone, submit to Him with all humility and patience, expect all good from Him only, and love, fear, and honour Him with all my heart. In short, that I forsake all creatures rather than do the least thing against His will.**

## CONGREGATION PRAYER OF CONFESSION

based on *Streams of Mercy*  
by Barbara Duguid

Heavenly Father,

Our lips may confess our devotion to You, but our hearts are slow to follow our words, and we are reluctant to obey You with our lives. We confess to You our adulterous and idolatrous hearts. O God, have mercy on us and forgive us for our persistent blindness and false worship.

Help us love You with every part of ourselves: in our emotions, our minds, and our bodies. Draw us back to the cross, where Your love was poured out for the salvation of our souls.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

## ASSURANCE of PARDON 1 John 4:9-10 (ESV)

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

## SONG of PRAISE and WORSHIP

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*followed by The Lord's Prayer*

*Pastor Doug Kittredge*

## OFFERING

"Poverty Nor Riches"  
*- Jacob Yee*

## 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

**Genesis 1:1-2**

## SERMON

**"Origins: The Necessity of God"**  
*Pastor Sean Whitenack*

## HYMN

#649 "More Love to Thee, O Christ" (vss. 1-4)

## BENEDICTION

*Pastor Sean Whitenack*

## **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*

"With an impersonal beginning, morals really do not exist as morals. If one starts with an impersonal beginning, the answer to morals eventually turns out to be the assertion that there are no morals (in however sophisticated a way this may be expressed)."  
*- Francis Schaeffer*

**“Origins: The Necessity of God”***Genesis 1:1-2*

Beliefs have consequences. What we believe about creation effects the way we live. Last week we learned how God revealed Himself as Creator and how all creation testifies to His creative work. Today, we want to look at why God is necessary for the critical matters of life - morality, purpose, and community. Only the Biblical account of creation is adequate to give meaning to life and guidance in our actions. As God has made us religious creatures; we will find meaning only in Him. Where do we see the necessity of God in creation?

**1. God Is Ultimate Reality**

Isaiah 43:10

**2. God Formed and Filled the World**

Genesis 2:7

Jeremiah 4:22-23

Matthew 25:30

Psalm 104:29-30

**3. God Is the Only Foundation for Life**

Genesis 1:28

John 14:6

Matthew 7:24-27

**God has placed us in this world for a life of purpose and meaning, lived for His glory and our joy in Him. We don't make these for ourselves, we find them as we submit ourselves to God by faith in Jesus Christ. Let's find our meaning and purpose in Him.**

## NOTES

### *Sunday School Classes* (9:00 am - 9:45 am)

**Fall Quarter** (Sept.-Nov.)

*Review of PCA Report on Human Sexuality*  
- Pastor Sean (sanctuary)

**Starting on September 26:**

*Covenant of Discipleship* (Pastor Sean's office)

*Bible: The Book of Jonah* (room 219)

*Practice: When Helping Hurts* (room 217)

*Family and Relationships: Lament* (room 100)

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

### **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

NLIC GIVING 2021	General Fund	Faith Promise
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$16,830</b>	<b>\$3,297</b>
<i>Giving last week</i>	21,691	3,320
<i>+/- for week</i>	+ 4,861	+ 23
<i>+/- fiscal year</i>	- 407	+ 23,570

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.

### **FOOD PANTRY IMMEDIATE NEEDS**

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

# CALENDAR of EVENTS

## TODAY

9:00 am	Children Sunday School Classes
9:00 am	Combined Adult Sunday School Class - sanctuary
10:00 am	Worship Service (online at <a href="http://www.nlcc.org/watchlive">www.nlcc.org/watchlive</a> ) Pastor Sean Whitenack preaching
4:15 pm	Women's Ministry Committee Meeting (room 217)
4:30 pm	Youth Groups begin (6th - 12th grades)
4:30 pm	Youth Parents Meeting (fireside room)
4:30 pm	Care Group Leaders Meeting (room 219)
6:00 pm	Evening Service - Chris Osiecki, Slavic Gospel - Poland
7:15 pm	Youth Leaders Meeting (fireside room)

## THIS WEEK

Monday		Care Groups begin this week - check with leader for exact schedule
	6:30 pm	ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) contact Jonathan/Liz Rumbaugh
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Christianity Explored class (room 100) contact: <a href="mailto:dougbergen@gmail.com">dougbergen@gmail.com</a>
	7:00 pm	Teen Drama (sanctuary) - register at <a href="http://nlcc.org">nlcc.org</a>
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Pioneer Girls begin - Tea Party
	7:00 pm	Christian Service (Boys) Brigade begins
	7:00 pm	Mission Committee Meeting (room 217)
Thursday	7:30 pm	College Ministry Bible Study (Franklin Street)
		Men's Retreat (Highland Retreat Center - Bergton, VA) - Pastor Todd Pruitt speaking
Friday		Men's Retreat (Highland Retreat Center - Bergton, VA) - Pastor Todd Pruitt speaking
	7:30 pm	Creation Club (room 100)
Saturday	9:00 am	AM Praise Team rehearsal
		Men's Retreat (Highland Retreat Center - Bergton, VA) - Pastor Todd Pruitt speaking
	11:00 am	Men's Retreat at Home (fireside room) - with Pastor Doug

## NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am	Children Sunday School Classes
9:00 am	Combined Adult Sunday School Class (sanctuary)
10:00 am	Worship Service (online at <a href="http://www.nlcc.org/watchlive">www.nlcc.org/watchlive</a> ) Pastor Sean Whitenack preaching
4:30 pm	Officer Candidate Training
4:30 pm	Youth Groups (6th - 12th grades)
6:00 pm	Evening Service - Paul Hepperle preaching

## FUTURE

September 21	Children's Arts Ministry begins (Choirs, Bells, Drama) - register at <a href="http://nlcc.org">nlcc.org</a>
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: <a href="mailto:perez.ileanam@gmail.com">perez.ileanam@gmail.com</a>
October 30	6:00 pm Harvest Party: Trunk N Treat

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

Gretchen Trump: 540-842-5160

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

2 Corinthians 9:8 ([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: [nlcc@nlcc.org](mailto:nlcc@nlcc.org)

Jimmy Whitman 786-4848

*(Next week: Larry Root)*

### **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

We welcome Chris and Gosia Osiecki who are on furlough from their ministry in Poland with Slavic Gospel Assoc. having served for 25 years. Chris has planted several churches in Gdansk, Sopot, Wejherowo, and in Kartuzy, Poland. He has begun a publishing house translating numerous theological books including the McArthur Study Bible. He is chairman of the Baptist Seminary in Poland and provides oversight to 13 churches and several church plants. Chris will be speaking at our 6 pm service this evening.

**Pray** for the ministry of New Geneva Theological Seminary as they begin a new academic year. Class opportunities are available for anyone interested in growing in their faith. This is the start of our 20th year of holding classes.

**Pray** for our Youth Groups as they begin tonight. Middle and High School Youth Groups meet at 4:30 pm. We have a parents' meeting at 4:30 pm. Praise God for our youth leaders this year.

**Pray** for our men as they head out on our 2021 Men's Retreat with Pastor Todd Pruitt of Covenant Presbyterian in Harrisonburg, VA. We still have a couple spots available. If you would like to go, speak to Pastor Sam. We will also host a "Men's Retreat at Home" with a devotional time by Pastor Doug, with lunch at the church at 11 am.

**Praise God** for raising up Care Group leaders. Care Groups are central to our discipleship ministry at New Life in Christ Church. Prayerfully be a part this year. Care Groups begin this week. The care group leaders meet this afternoon at 4:30 pm in room 219.

**Pray** for the many people and churches affected by Hurricane Ida. If you would like to help with disaster relief with the PCA, there are opportunities listed here:  
<https://resources.pcamna.org/resource/how-to-volunteer-with-mna-disaster-response/>

**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](mailto:katadebra@gmail.com) or 540-656-8117.

**Pray** for the work of missions. This week's focus: Satoshi and Cally Kawachi (France), and Jeff and Mischa Marlowe.

**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.

## 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](mailto:adowell8@msn.com)  
or Kathy Wilson 891-7235; [r2wilson22@hotmail.com](mailto:r2wilson22@hotmail.com).

## Prayer Request and Praise

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This request is for Pastors and Elders only

### To Sign Up -

#### at Home Men's Retreat:

- I am willing to participate  
 I am willing to help

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](http://www.nlicc.org)**

