



# 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

December 8, 2024

### **What is faith in Jesus**

**Christ?** Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

- Westminster Shorter Catechism

### **What is repentance unto life?**

Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

- Westminster Shorter Catechism

The season of Advent begins on the Sunday closest to November 30. It includes the four Sundays prior to Christmas and concludes on Christmas Eve. The word advent means "coming" and refers to Jesus Christ's coming to earth as an infant and to His promised return to earth known as the "second coming." During Advent we have the opportunity for extra reflection on the incarnation of the Son of God taking on human form to save us from our sins.

## GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## SCRIPTURE CALL to WORSHIP

"The LORD is in His holy temple;  
let all the earth keep silence before Him".

-Habakkuk 2:20 (ESV)

## CHORAL MEDITATION

"Redeemer"  
- Adult Choir

## HYMN

"The First Noel" (vss. 1-3, 6)

## PRAYER of INVOCATION

- *Pastor Sam Capitano*

## ADVENT READING - 'Faith'

Wes and Amy Stewart family

## RESPONSIVE READING *(on screen)*

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse;  
**And a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.**

The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,  
**The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,**

The Spirit of counsel and of might,  
**The Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord-**

And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.  
**He shall not judge by what his eyes see,**

Or decide disputes by what his ears hear;  
**But with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.**

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb.  
**And the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,**

They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain;  
**For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.**

-Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6a, 9 (ESV)

**SONGS of PRAISE and WORSHIP** *(on screen)*

- *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*
- *Lovely Child, Holy Child*
- *See, Amid the Winter's Snow*

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

*followed by the Lord's Prayer*

*- Pastor Bob Rumbaugh*

*(Children 3-4 years old may leave for Junior Worship - room 134B)*

**OFFERTORY**

"A Celebration of Carols"

- Charlotte Reed

**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**

**Matthew 7:21-23 (ESV)**

**SERMON**

**The Gospel According to Matthew  
You Know Him? Does He Know You?**

*- Pastor Sean Whitenack*

**HYMN**

#194 O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vss. 1, 3-5)

**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

Westminster Confession of  
Faith Chapter 27, Paragraph 1  
- Although hypocrites and other  
unregenerate men may vainly  
deceive themselves with false  
hopes and carnal presumptions  
of being in the favor of God,  
and estate of salvation (which  
hope of theirs shall perish): yet  
such as truly believe in the Lord  
Jesus, and love Him in sincerity,  
endeavouring to walk in all  
good conscience before Him,  
may, in this life, be certainly  
assured that they are in the  
state of grace, and may rejoice  
in the hope of the glory of God,  
which hope shall never make  
them ashamed.

**The Gospel According the Matthew:  
"Do You Know Him? Does He Know You?"  
Matthew 7:21-23**

Many have a very superficial trust in Jesus. It is way easier to keep things superficial because it doesn't demand too much from us. But the danger is great, that we would miss the kingdom of heaven. If we are going to have any assurance that we will go to heaven, we must be sure we know Jesus truly, and not just superficially. How can we discern if our relationship with Jesus is genuine?

1. Genuine Faith Does Not Take Jesus for Granted (Matthew 7:21-22)

James 2:19

Romans 11:34–35

2. Genuine Faith Fully Rests and Trusts in Jesus by Faith  
(Matthew 7:21-22; Romans 10:9-11)

An obedient faith is a genuine faith (Romans 16:26)

How is this not salvation by works? (Ephesians 2:8-9)

The Working of Faith (James 2:17-24)

3. Genuine Faith is Recognizable by Jesus (Matthew 7:23)

John 10:14

Galatians 4:9

2 Timothy 2:19

John 14:21

The three components of genuine faith:

1. Knowledge - we must listen to Him and respond (John 10:27)
2. Assent - we must believe that He tells the truth (John 6:68–69)
3. Trust - we must open our hearts to trust Him (1 Corinthians 8:3)

**The story of Christmas is that Jesus, the Son of God from eternity,  
came so we could know His Father and so His Father would know us in love.  
Jesus knows His Father perfectly and, in His incarnation,  
He has made His Father known to us.**

**Adult Sunday School Classes**  
**Fall Quarter: December 1 - February 25**  
 (9:00 am - 9:45 am)

**New Members:** Covenant of Discipleship Class  
 Pastor Sean's Office

**Bible:** Romans: Part 2 (Room 100)

**How to Read the Bible** Room 219)

**Creation, A Berean Approach** (Fireside Room)

**Discipleship in Practice** (Room 217)

**See the "Welcome Board" in the foyer for details**

NLIC GIVING FY 2024	General Fund	Faith Promise
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	19,124	\$3,430
<b>Giving last week</b>	22,510	2,747
<b>+/- for week</b>	+3,386	-683
<b>+/- fiscal year</b>	+5,296	-5,928

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

**Ways to Give:**

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 \*\*denotes elder emeritus

**Parents** check out our **Family Room** if your children get restless during the service. From there you can comfortably see, hear and participate in the service. The room is located across from room 139 in the educational wing. Please see a greeter or usher if you need assistance locating it. If the Family Room is full, room 100 serves as an alternate and receives the livestream on two monitors with ample seating.

**The Nursery** is available during Sunday School and worship service.

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### TODAY

December 8	9:00 am 10:00 am 4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Children and Adult Sunday School Classes Worship Service - Pastor Sean Whitenack preaching Youth Discipleship (6 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> grades) Evening Service - Family Christmas Program
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### THIS WEEK

Monday	5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Theatre Explorers dress rehearsal (5:00 pm - 7:00 pm) ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) (rooms 100, 118, 120)
Tuesday	4:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Children's Arts Ministry (register at nlicc.org) Sanctuary Bells rehearsal (fireside room) Theatre Explorers Performance: <i>Breaking News: Bethlehem</i> NO Teen Drama NO Adult Choir
Wednesday	4:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Pioneer Girls (fireside room) Spanish Language Bible Study (room 118) Christian Service (Boys) Brigade (sanctuary)
Thursday	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	College Care Group - 1708 Franklin Street Teen Drama Rehearsal (6 pm call time)
Friday	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Crafters Group (142-B) Teen Drama Rehearsal (6 pm call time)
Saturday	5:30 pm	Christmas Banquet (potluck) with Drama (doors open at 5:00 - see insert)

### NEXT SUNDAY

December 15	9:00 am 10:00 am 4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Children's and Adult Sunday School Classes Worship Service - Pastor Sean Whitenack preaching Youth Discipleship Groups (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grades) Evening Service - Children Choirs: <i>Three Wise Men and a Baby</i>
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### Third Sunday of Advent - JOY

### FUTURE

December 21	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast " <i>The Hole in Our Holiness</i> " chapter 8 (fireside room)
December 21	9:30 am	Christmas Cantata Dress Rehearsal - Choir and Orchestra (9:30 am - 12:30 pm)
December 22	6:00 pm	Christmas Cantata: <i>Joy Has Dawned</i>
December 24	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 25		Christmas Day - Office Closed
December 29		A.M. Service only (no Sunday School or evening service)
December 31	7:00 pm	PCA Singles New Year Eve Celebration (at Grace O'Hara's home)
January 3	7:00 pm	Session/Deacon meetings (rooms 217/219)
January 5		Focus Sunday
January 8	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study - <i>Isaiah</i> (room 217)
January 8	6:00 pm	Congregational Day of Prayer (room 100)
January 12	4:30 pm	Care Group Leaders meeting (room 217)
January 12	6:00 pm	Congregational Meeting
January 13	7:00 pm	Missions Committee meeting (room 215)
January 16	6:30 pm	Christianity Explored begins (room 217)
January 25		PCA Singles Event: Tubing at Massanutten

**This week's Fighter Verses** (memorization)  
**Proverbs 16:32** (fighterverses.com)

**Deacon on call this week:** e-mail: [nlicc@nlicc.org](mailto:nlicc@nlicc.org)  
Dan Fischer (540) 786-4848 or  
[www.nlicc.org](http://www.nlicc.org) and click on "Tell A Deacon"  
(Next week: Tony Morales)

#### 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

**Library hours:** Sundays  
9:45 -10:00 am and 11:30 - 11:45 pm  
Also by appointment.  
Contact Angie Henriksen - [nlicc.library@gmail.com](mailto:nlicc.library@gmail.com)

## Prayer and Praise

As we celebrate the SECOND Sunday of Advent pray for those in need of *Faith* and for the spread of the gospel through the world to open hearts and minds.

**Pray** for healing for Joe DiBella, Ricardo Perez. Pray for Joe DiBella's transplant surgery scheduled for this Wednesday. Pray for those struggling with debilitating anxiety. Pray for those who experience holiday grief over past losses.

**Pray** for Tamra Corbeau as she has hip surgery on December 11th.

**Pray** for James and Jeneva Griffin as they await the arrival of their baby. Krisee Yee is organizing meals for the family.

**Pray** for the work of Missions. This week's focus:

Jim and Karen Melnick. - *Friends of Russian Jewry*  
Chris and Gosia Osiecki - *Slavic Gospel* (Poland)

**Pray** for the work of the gospel in Lebanon now that the ceasefire is in place. Pray for the work of churches and missionaries in rebuilding and ministering the gospel. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the whole region, a peace that will come through the gospel.

**Pray** for Zagros Ahmadi and Erica Kasraie as they wait for a transit visa and a State Department escort for Zagros as he escapes persecution to El Salvador.

**Pray** for our outreach opportunities during Advent: Sunday morning Worship Services, Family Christmas Program (this evening at 6:00), All-Church Christmas Banquet and drama (December 14, 5:00 pm), Children's Arts Ministry Christmas Concert, Three Wise Men and a Baby (December 15, 6:00 pm) Adult Choir Christmas Cantata (Sunday December 22, 6:00 pm), Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (December 24, 6:00 pm)

**Thank God** for the pastors He has provided for NLICC. On January 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm we will have a congregational meeting to consider Pastor Sam and Pastor Bob to move from Assistant Pastor to Associate Pastor. This will require a future vote of the congregation.

## Announcements

Want to know more about Jesus and the Christian Faith? A new *Christianity Explored* will begin meeting on Thursdays from January 16 through March 6 at 6:30 pm in room 217. The class will be led by Craig and Sandy Cuddy and considers the Life of Jesus Christ using the Gospel of Mark.

**Thank You** Kevin and Heather Benedict and Stan and Sandy Pruchnic for putting up the Christmas decorations.

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

Please note that the **tithes and offerings** to be applied to the current tax year need to be in the office by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Tithes, Faith Promise, and Building Fund Offerings received after December 31<sup>st</sup> will be applied to 2025.

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

Krystal Dowell 540-287-3005; adowell8@msn.com  
or Julie Root 540-842-3582; jarootva@gmail.com.

## Prayer and Praise Requests

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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This request is for Pastors and Elders only

### To Sign Up

- Would like to be a **Greeter** on Sundays
- Would like to be an **Usher** Sunday mornings
- Help fold bulletins**
- Would like to **place flowers** on the communion table

Occasion: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

**Need a Bible?** We have Bibles available in the foyer.

**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**

## We Are Glad You're Here!

Thank you for worshiping 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

\_\_\_\_\_  
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

Christ Covenant School

Would like to be added to church mailing list

# New Life in Christ Church

## Sunday Service Times:

Worship Service	10:00 am
Adult & Children's Sunday School	9:00 am
Evening Service	6:00 pm

**Office Hours:** 8:30am - 4:30pm Monday-Friday

## Ministry Team:

Sean Whitenack, *Senior Pastor*

Sam Capitano, *Assistant Pastor*

Bob Rumbaugh, *Assistant Pastor*

Jonathan Allison, *Music Director, Office Admin.*

Christine Fulcrod, *Ass't to Sr. Pastor, Ass't Admin.*

Veronica Allison, *Assistant Music Director*

Debbie Burnett, *Office Assistant*

Hannah Reed, *Children's Ministry Director*

Esther Servais, *Theatre Arts Director*

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