



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 ▶

"The greatest threat to Christmas isn't secularism or consumerism but our own boredom with the most thrilling story ever told."

- Sinclair Ferguson

"Jesus does not belong to this realm; He has come into this world from glory, from eternity."

- Martyn Lloyd-Jones.

"The Son of God is perfect God and perfect man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting; who, although He is God and man, yet He is not two, but one Christ."

- Athanasian Creed
(5th–6th Century)

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.

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

December 22, 2024

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SCRIPTURE CALL to WORSHIP

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord.

And this will be a sign for you;

You will find the baby wrapped in swaddling cloths
and lying in a manger."

- Luke 2:11-12 (ESV)

CHORAL MEDITATION

"Sweet Little Jesus Boy"

- Adult Choir

HYMN

#208 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vss. 1-4)

PRAYER of INVOCATION

- *Pastor Sam Capitano*

ADVENT READING - 'Peace'

Michael and Colleen Stoeckel family

RESPONSIVE READING (*on screen*)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shown.

For to us a child is born,

To us a son is given,

And the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God,

Everlasting Father,

Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end.

On the throne of David and over his kingdom,

To establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time
forth and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

- *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7(ESV)*

SONGS of PRAISE and WORSHIP *(on screen)*

- *What Child Is This*
- *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
- *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

followed by the Lord's Prayer

- Pastor Bob Rumbaugh

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

OFFERTORY

"Away in a Manger"

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 7:28-29 (ESV)

SERMON

**The Gospel According to Matthew:
"The One Who Spoke with Authority"**

- Pastor Sean Whitenack

HYMN

#214 "Angels We Have Heard on High" (vss. 1-3)

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

"The eternal Son of God, who
is, and continues true and
eternal God, took upon Him
the very nature of man, of
the flesh and blood of the
Virgin Mary, by the operation
of the Holy Spirit; that He
might also be the true seed of
David, like unto His brethren
in all things, sin excepted."
*- Heidelberg Catechism
14:35. (1563)*

NOTES

Lord's Day

December 22, 2024

**The Gospel According to Matthew
"The One Who Spoke with Authority"
Matthew 7:28-29**

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 2025	General Fund	Faith Promise
Weekly Budget	19,124	\$3,430
Giving last week	23,736	2,273
+/- for week	+4,612	-1,157
+/- fiscal year	+16,582	-7,455

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

Ways to Give:

Cash or Check written to New Life in Christ Church
 Online: <https://pushpay.com/g/nliccva>
 By App: PushPay
 Or by Text: Text GIVE to (877) 566-7559

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 Larry Plating**, Joe Plaia*, Eric Schroeder,
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* denotes currently serving on session
 **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 22	9:00 am	Children and Adult Sunday School Classes
	10:00 am	Worship Service - Pastor Sean Whitenack preaching
	4:30 pm	NO Youth Discipleship (6 th - 12 th grades)
	6:00 pm	Evening Service - Christmas Cantata "Joy Has Dawned"

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Peace

THIS WEEK

Tuesday		Christmas Eve - Office Closes at Noon
	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Pre-Service Handbells 5:45 pm)
Wednesday		Christmas Day - Office Closed
Saturday	9:00 am	AM Praise Team rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY

Only One Service at 10:00 AM

December 29	9:00 am	NO Children's and Adult Sunday School Classes
	10:00 am	Worship Service - Pastor Sam Capitano preaching
	4:30 pm	NO Youth Group
	6:00 pm	NO Evening Service

FUTURE

December 31		New Years Eve - Office Closes at noon
December 31	7:00 pm	PCA Singles New Year Eve Celebration (at Grace O'Hara's home)
January 1		New Year's Day - Office Closed
January 3	7:00 pm	Session/Deacon meetings (rooms 217/215)
January 8	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study begins - <i>Isaiah</i> (room 217)
January 8	6:00 pm	Congregational Day of Prayer (room 100)
January 11	9:00 am	Women's Saturday Bible Study begins - <i>Romans, Part 2</i> (room 217)
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 217)
January 14		Arts Ministries begin for 2025 (choirs, handbells and drama)
January 15		Pioneer Girls and Christian Service (Boys) Brigade begin
January 16	6:30 pm	Christianity Explored begins (room 217)
January 17	6:30 pm	Youth Game Night
January 19		Focus Sunday
January 25		PCA Singles Event: Tubing at Massanutten
January 25	6:00 pm	Orientation Dinner
February 7-8		Festival of the Arts

This week's Fighter Verses (memorization)
1 Corinthians 15:58 (fighterverses.com)

Deacon on call this week: e-mail: nlicc@nlicc.org
 Drew Kittredge (540) 786-4848 or
www.nlicc.org and click on "Tell A Deacon"
 (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

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

Prayer and Praise

As we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent, pray for those in need of *Peace* and for the spread of peace through the world.

Praise God for the indescribable gift of His Son Jesus Christ. We are so glad to worship together today. We look forward to our Christmas Cantata tonight. The nursery will be open for use but not staffed today. You can also take advantage of our cry room if needed.

Pray for the *PCA Ministerial Relief Fund* which provides assistance to retired pastors and their widows in times of financial need. We will receive an offering at our Christmas Eve Service.

Praise God for a successful kidney transplant for Joe Dibella. Pray for his body to accept the kidney and to recover. Pray for healing for the donor.

Pray for those struggling with depression during the holiday season. Pray for those who are alone this holiday and for the hospitality of the church.

Pray for those serving in the US Military who will be separated from family this holiday.

Praise God for the birth of Andrew James Griffin born on Saturday, December 14th to James and Jeneva Griffin. He weighed 7lbs 12oz and was 20in long. Krisee Yee is organizing meals for the family. If you would like to provide a meal for the family go to <https://takethemameal.com/DKXS5077>.

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

Scott and Julia Ross - *Five and Two Global Initiatives (Peru)*
Maurice and Joann Sikes - *Presby Evangelistic Fellowship (Romania)*

Pray for the work of the gospel in the Middle East with the recent news. 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 our outreach opportunities during Advent: Adult Choir Christmas Cantata (tonight at 6:00 pm), Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:00 pm with pre-service handbells concert at 5:45.

Thank God for the pastors He has provided for NLICC. The Session has voted to call Pastor Sam Capitano and Pastor Bob Rumbaugh as Associate Pastors (they are currently serving as Assistant Pastors). This will require a congregational vote on February 16, 2025. We will have a meeting on January 12th to discuss this change of call.

Praise God for the elders who serve our church. Thank God for Kim Lorei and Chris Garcia as they rotate off the session for the coming year.

Pray for the ministry to the residents of Chancellor's Village as we send a team to lead them in worship on the 4th Sunday of each month. This Sunday our Youth will be leading the worship.

Announcements

Please note that the **tithes and offerings** to be applied to the current tax year need to be in the office by December 31st. Tithe, Faith Promise, and Building Fund Offerings received after December 31st 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: _____

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**

