



**Welcome to
Worship!**

We are an inclusive faith community. Please find a warm welcome here!

Children are lovingly included in worship. Please be patient with peeps and squirms. Worship activity bags are available from an usher for children up to age 10. Staffed nursery care is available for children through age 4.

*indicates to please stand as you are able.

We are a Stephen Ministry, Covenant Network, and Earth Care Congregation.

Prayer Requests:
Contact Pastors Riz or David in the office with a voicemail message.



New Life Presbyterian Church
December 7, 2014 ~ 10:00 am

Words of Meditation ~

Join with us, Christ, in this hour of worship. Lift us out of the routine of our daily lives and set us up on your holy mountain. Let our worship come from our hearts, that it may be genuine. Let our praises for you leap from our mouths, that we may be alive with faith. Make us fresh again!

Prelude "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" J.S. Bach

*Call to Worship (all-bold)

Where are the voices that lead us to faith in Christ?

In the wilderness where people like John the Baptist are calling out "Repent!"

Where are the voices that call us to justice and hope?

They are in the streets, where people call into question the comfort of our lives.

The voices of repentance, the voices of justice – what are we going to do when we hear them?

Today we are going to turn our lives around and live in faith.

We relight the First Advent Candle of Hope as we wait expectantly for the world's transformation.

We light the Second Advent Candle of Faith as we wait for new life to spring forth from the wilderness of brokenness.

Here and now we live into new life!

*Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 82

*Sharing the Love of Christ Jesus

Peace and Love be with you.

And also with you.

Let us now greet one another with the Love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time	"Voice Lessons"	Pastor David
Anthem	"Comfort, Comfort"	arr. John Ferguson
Scripture	Mark 1:1-11	
Message	"Speak Up"	Pastor David
*Hymn	"Of the Father's Love Begotten" Verses 1,3 & 6	No. 108

Responding to the Word

Stewardship of New Life Litany

O God, as we engage in the use of our time, talents and treasures, make us discontented with things the way they are in the world, and in our lives.

Make us notice the stains when people get spilled on.

Make us care about the slum child downtown, the misfit at work, the people searching in the mental hospital, the men, women and youth behind bars.

Jar our complacency, expose our excuses, get us involved in the life of our city and world.

Give us integrity once more, O God, as we seek to be changed and transformed,

with a new understanding of faith and awareness of our common humanity.

Adapted words from Robert Raines

Morning Prayer and 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion Music "Comfort, Comfort, Now My People" arr. Mark Sedio
Sanctuary Choir

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Good News of Ministry

Intergenerational Advent Faith Formation

Next Sunday! – Glorious Impossible!

December 14 Luncheon RSVP

Stewardship Pledge Opportunities

Offering Our Lives and Gifts to God

(Your loose change in the Offering Plate and Bowl of Abundance during December supports the Christmas Joy Offering.)

Offertory "Bell Peal on How Great Our Joy" Linda R. Lamb
Prime Chimers

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

All Giving God, with all that we are and all that you have given us, we dedicate these gifts of time, talent, and treasure to you. May these gifts represent our faith in Jesus' transforming love—this is the ministry of New Life Presbyterian Church. Amen.

*Hymn

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

No. 106

*Benediction (bold-all)

We have gathered in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ.

We have gathered as God’s people, uniting our voices.

Let us take, then, the promise of faith into the events of a new week.

Let us take, then, the compassion of Christ into the workings of our lives.

Let us go as ministers of this church to serve God and love our neighbors with all the compassion and mercy we can muster—daring to live in Jesus’ transforming love!

Amen!

Postlude

“Pat A Pan”

arr. Chip Davis

SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE WHO MADE TODAY A WONDERFUL CELEBRATION:

The flowers are given with joy and thanksgiving by the Stephen Ministers. They graced the refreshment table yesterday during the service of "Hope in the Light" and add beauty to the festive sights and sounds of this second Sunday of Advent!

Worship Leader: Margie Johns

Guest Greeters: Syd Jensen and Lois Nyman

Host Greeters: Bev Liebenstein and Ed Zoerb

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY:

Intergenerational Education in the Atrium at 11:15 - All ages will be joining together for education hour today and December 21st for faith and fun-filled activities.

The Advent Candles were lit by members of the Session this morning. Our Ruling Elders lead us to live in faith as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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**Rides available to
worship:**

Contact Chris in the
office by noon on
Thursday.

The church office is
open Monday - Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm;
closed
12:30 pm to 1:00 pm
for lunch.

Ruling Elders:

Scott Barraclough,
Eric Brandsness,
Thomas Chandy,
Nancy Holt, Marjory
Johns, Bruce Nelson,
Pam Nofsinger,
Lois Nyman,
Laurie Reis, Tom Ruter,
Lyn Throckmorton,
Kate Wolfe-Jenson
(Barb Nelson, Clerk)

*(If you have ever been
ordained as an Elder,
you are always an
Elder!)*

GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS!

Bible Study—Show Me Jesus! Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Join us anytime.

Please do not bring any food or drink into the Sanctuary. Thank you!

Order your Christmas Poinsettia Today - White poinsettias with gold pot covers are available. The plants will have 5-8 blooms in 6" pots. Cost is \$8 per plant. Order forms are on the Opportunities table.

A special roast pork luncheon will be held on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 11:15 am - We need reservations for the caterer, so please sign up in the atrium today. Suggested donation \$10-12 yr & older, \$5-5 yr to 12 yr, 5 & under-FREE. Following the luncheon, entertainment will be provided by the North Suburban Chorus with Christmas music, Santa Claus, and Rudolph! Please RSVP. Any questions, contact Lois Nyman 651.489.6965.

December 24 Christmas Eve Services - 4pm Family Service: Joyful Noise will sing, lessons read, and lighting of candles. 9pm Candlelight Service: Lessons and Carols, Sanctuary Choir, and Communion.

Youth Group supply drive for Homeless Youth - From now until Dec. 21st please help our youth support Youth Link, an organization dedicated to serving homeless youth, **by donating the following:**

New socks for men and women, deodorant for men and women, plastic storage bins, feminine hygiene products (esp. tampons), diapers (sizes 3-5) urgent need!, baby wipes, and baby formula. The donation box will be in the atrium, please give to the youth in our city that need our help and God bless you! Young people age 21 and under are the most likely to be homeless. 29% of youth who are homeless are also parents.

Christmas Joy Offering - This special offering supports students of all racial and ethnic backgrounds at Presbyterian-related schools, and offers assistance to families of active and retired Presbyterian church workers with unexpected needs. **Your gift can go in special envelopes in the pew, or mark your check or envelope for Christmas Joy Offering.** Your loose change ("Change the World" offering) in the offering plate and Bowl of Abundance during December supports this offering. Thank you for supporting past, present, and future leaders of the church.

GOOD NEWS! PART 2!

Holiday Fair Trade Market... bits, bobs and foodstuff will be on sale in the atrium following worship today. Please stop by our table and support artisans in the developing world.

Advent Mitten Tree plus Pajamas! - Please help decorate our Mitten Trees in the atrium with colorful mittens, gloves, hats & scarves for children in need in our community. Under the tree we're gathering new pajamas for all ages, adults and kids, for guests at Project Home family shelter. Thanks for sharing gifts of warmth and love!

Year-End Contributions - For 2014 tax deductibility, your contributions must be received in the church office or postmarked by December 31, 2013. This is a requirement of the Internal Revenue Service. To ensure your church contributions are tax deductible, do not file your 2014 income tax return until you have received your calendar year 2014 contribution statement. 2014 statements will be mailed from the church office by the end of January.

Blue Barrel - As you're food-shopping this holiday season, consider picking up a few extra non-perishable items (look for "buy one, get one free" opportunities!) for our Blue Barrel in the atrium. The Kaposia Men's Group loves to see the Barrel fill up and happily delivers the items to our local Roseville Food Shelf to help hungry families in our community.

Enjoy the special ADVENT CALENDAR posted on the bulletin board by the office. You may copy some of the ideas for you and your family to use for Advent observances at home or take one of the copies from the table next to the office. Have a blessed Advent season!

Without Partners Group will meet for potluck, Saturday, Dec. 13 at 11:30 am at Ann Bursch's home at 2220 Midland Rd, #201, Roseville (651.235.5333). Ann will provide a hotdish and we bring the balance. All are welcome for lunch, games, and socializing. Please RSVP to Ann and let her know what you will bring. If you need a ride, call Lois Nyman 651.489.6965.

SAVE THE DATE! Winter is just knocking at the door, but we are already making plans for summer!! **Camp-in-a-Van**, an outdoor ministry partnership with Clearwater Forest, will be returning to our church JUNE 21-26, 2015. Keep your eyes open for more information!!

WANTED: Camp-In-A-Van Ministry Planning Team Members - This team will come together to compose goals and expectations for CIAV, offer suggestions and ideas for programming, promote CIAV to the church and large community, recruit a volunteer staff, and will plan for and arrange a congregational/family/community event to be held one night during the week. This team will meet approximately 6 times between now and June 21. Please see Wendy Griffin for more details.

THIS WEEK AT NEW LIFE PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, December 7

9:00 am-3:00 pm Kenyan Outreach Church-
Youth Space, Kitchen
10:00 am Worship-Sanctuary
11:00 am Fellowship-Atrium
11:15 am New Member Class-Heritage Rm
11:15 am Intergenerational Education-Atrium
5:00 pm AA Meeting-Great Rm, Nursery
5:30 pm Youth Group-Fireside Rm

Monday, December 8

9:30 am Rebekah Circle-Great Rm
10:00 am Kaposia-Heritage Rm
6:00 pm TOPS-Heritage Rm

Tuesday, December 9

9:15 am TOPS-Heritage Rm
6:00 pm Education & Nurture-Conf Rm
7:00 pm Church & Society-Heritage Rm

Wednesday, December 10

8:30 am Men's Group-Great Rm
9:00 am New Life Quilters-Heritage Rm
12:00 pm Staff Lunch-Out of Office
5:00 pm Pageant Rehearsal-Sanctuary
5:45 pm Handbells-Bell Rm
6:45 pm Comosso-Sanctuary
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir-Choir Rm

Thursday, December 11

6:30 pm AA Meeting-Great Rm
7:00 pm Bible Study-Heritage Rm
7:00 pm Finance Committee-Memorial Lng
~January Notes articles due

Friday, December 12

~Session Reports due by Noon
Set-up Great Room

Saturday, December 13

11:30 am Without Partners Group @
Lois Nyman's

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