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and bringing people to new life in Jesus Christ.*

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# The Holy Eucharist

*Renewed Ancient Text*

## Pre-Service Music

**Announcements** – beginning at 9:55am; followed by a few minutes of quiet reflection, prayer in preparation for worship

**Lighting of Advent Wreath** (As the candles are lit, we quiet ourselves and prepare for worship.)

## Processional Song      Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

(Verse 1)

Come Thou long-expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in Thee

(Verse 2)

Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth Thou art  
Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart

(Verse 3)

Born Thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring

(Verse 4)

By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By Thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

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## Opening Hymn

## Break Forth, Oh Beauteous

(Verse 1)

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light,  
and usher in the morning.  
O shepherds, shrink not with affright,  
but hear the angel's warning:  
this child, now weak in infancy,  
our confidence and joy shall be,  
the pow'r of Satan breaking,  
our peace eternal making.

(Verse 2)

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light,  
to herald our salvation.  
He stoops to earth, the God of might,  
our hope and expectation.  
He comes in human flesh to dwell,  
our God with us, Immanuel,  
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our fallen race befriending.

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## Word of God

### Acclamation *page 145*

Celebrant: Surely the Lord is coming soon.

People: **Amen. Come Lord Jesus!** *Revelation 22:20*

### Collect for Purity *prayed together page 124*

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Summary of the Law *page 124*

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 22:37-40

## Trisagion page 124

Celebrant: Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
**All:** *Have mercy upon us.*

## Collect of the Day page 614

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

Lector: A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup> And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. <sup>6</sup> The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup> They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup> In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm Psalm 72:1-15

Lector: We will read from Psalm 72 in unison.

- <sup>1</sup> Give the King your judgments, O God, and your righteousness to the King's son.
- <sup>2</sup> Then shall he judge your people with righteousness and defend the poor with justice.
- <sup>3</sup> The mountains also shall bring peace, and the little hills righteousness to the people.
- <sup>4</sup> He shall vindicate the poor among the people, defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrongdoer.
- <sup>5</sup> They shall fear you as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
- <sup>6</sup> He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, even as showers that water the earth.
- <sup>7</sup> In his time shall the righteous flourish, even an abundance of peace, so long as the moon endures.
- <sup>8</sup> His dominion shall be also from one sea to the other, and from the river unto the world's end.
- <sup>9</sup> Those who dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him; his enemies shall lick the dust.
- <sup>10</sup> The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall give presents; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring gifts.
- <sup>11</sup> All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service.

<sup>12</sup> For he shall deliver the poor when he cries, the needy also, and the one that has no helper.  
<sup>13</sup> He shall be favorable to the lowly and needy, and shall preserve the lives of the poor.  
<sup>14</sup> He shall deliver them from falsehood and wrong, and dear shall their blood be in his sight.  
<sup>15</sup> Long may he live! And unto him shall be given the gold of Arabia;  
prayer shall ever be made unto him, and daily shall he be blessed.

## Second Reading      Romans 15:1-13

Lector:      A Reading from the book of Romans.

<sup>1</sup> We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup> Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. <sup>3</sup> For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." <sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup> and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." <sup>10</sup> And again it says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." <sup>11</sup> And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." <sup>12</sup> And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." <sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Lector:      The Word of the Lord.

People:      Thanks be to God.

## Gradual Hymn   Lift Up Your Heads

(Verse 1)

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
behold, the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near;  
the Savior of the world is here!

(Verse 2)

Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

## Gospel   Matthew 3:1-12

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People:      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup> "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." <sup>3</sup> For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"

<sup>4</sup> Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup> And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup> Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown

into the fire.<sup>11</sup> "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.<sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Gradual Hymn Lift Up Your Heads**

(Verse 3)

Redeemer, come, with us abide;  
our hearts to thee we open wide;  
let us thy inner presence feel;  
thy grace and love in us reveal.

(Verse 4)

Thy Holy Spirit lead us on  
until our glorious goal is won;  
eternal praise, eternal fame  
be offered, Savior, to thy name!

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## **Sermon The Rev. Michael J. Bridge**

### **Nicene Creed** *said together page 126-127*

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People page 128**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

*After each bidding, please silently or aloud offer your own prayers.*

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For Steve, our Archbishop, Mark and Allen, our Bishops, also Bishops Ray Sutton and Julian Dobbs, and Michael, our Priest, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, especially the leaders and staff of Campus Outreach, the Mossy Foot Project and the Underground Church.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially Donald Trump, our President.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially \_\_\_\_\_].

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution of Sin** *page 129-130*

**LEM:** Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence* *Everyone may kneel as able and pray*

**People:** **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Comfortable Words** *page 130-131*

Celebrant: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

**Peace** *Please stand page 131*

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And with your spirit.**

*Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Offertory** *page 131*

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! *Psalm 96:8*

## Offertory Song

(Verse 1)

My peace I give unto you  
It's a peace  
That the world cannot give  
It's a peace  
That the world cannot understand  
Peace to know peace to live  
My peace I give unto you

(Verse 2)

My joy I give unto you  
It's a joy  
That the world cannot give  
It's a joy  
That the world cannot understand  
Love to know love to live  
My joy I give unto you

## My Peace

(bridge)

Let not your hearts be troubled  
And do not be afraid

(Verse 3)

My love I give unto you  
It's a love  
That the world cannot give  
It's a love  
That the world cannot understand  
Love to know love to live  
My love I give unto you

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## Doxology

*Please stand as the offering is brought forward*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

## Offertory Prayer

*page 131*

Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord.

People: **And of your own have we given you.** *1 Chronicles 29:11, 14*

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*page 131(154)*

*Please remain standing, if you are able to do so.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All Sing: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## Prayer of Consecration *page 132-134*

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become, subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

*Prayed together page 134*

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the cross.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## The Prayer of Humble Access *page 135*

**All Pray:** We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen

## Holy Communion *page 136*

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb. *John 1:29, Revelation 19:9*

We invite all baptized Christians to join in Holy Communion. The ushers will guide you forward where you may receive Communion. The celebrant will offer you bread then a chalice bearer will offer you wine. Should you prefer not to drink from the cup, you may dip the bread into the chalice. If there is a reason you do not want to take bread or wine, you may remain seated or you are welcome to come to the front, to the left of the Communion service, where a member of our prayer team is available to quietly pray with and for you.

## Communion Hymn Draw Nigh

(Verse 1)

Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured.  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the Victim and Himself the Priest.

(Verse 2)

He that His saints in this world rules and shields  
To all believers life eternal yields,  
With heavenly bread  
makes them that hunger whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

(Verse 3)

Approach ye, then, with faithful hearts sincere  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Judge of all, our only Savior Thou,  
In this Thy feast of love be with us now.

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## Post-Communion Prayer

Prayed together page 137

Let us pray: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## Blessing page 137

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen

## Recessional Hymn Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

(Verse 1)

Rejoice, rejoice believers!  
And let your lights appear;  
The evening is advancing,  
And darker night is near  
The Bride-groom is arising,  
and soon he will draw nigh  
Up! watch in expectation!  
At midnight comes the cry

(Verse 2)

See that your lights are burning;  
replenish them with oil;  
Look now for your salvation,  
the end of sin and toil,

The watchers on the mountain  
proclaim the Bridegroom near,  
Go meet him as he cometh,  
with alleluias clear.

(Verse 3)

Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, thou Sun so longed for,  
above this shadowed sphere!  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
we plead, O Lord, to see  
The days of earth's redemption,  
and ever be with thee!

## **Dismissal** page 138

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

### **THE SEASON OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**

We have now entered the season of Advent. Awaiting the coming of the Messiah, Jesus, our Lord and Savior. The color has been changed to purple and will change to white Christmas Eve, His coming. The Advent wreath is standing in the nave. Four candles, three purple and one pink, in the center the Christ candle, all surrounded by evergreens. Each Sunday a candle is lit representing Peace, Love, Joy, and Hope. As we reflect, let us not forget....Jesus is the reason for the season. Our most treasured gift from a Father who loves us. Merry Christmas.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **FR. MIKE'S OFFICE HOURS** – Tuesday & Wednesday 1–5pm, Thursdays & Fridays 9:00am – 1pm
- **ACTIVATE THE PRAYER CHAIN** please text or call Bonnie Bridge at 231-445-1810 or e-mail [bfbridge@gmail.com](mailto:bfbridge@gmail.com)  
If you would like to be part of New Life's Prayer Chain please contact Bonnie

### **MEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **MEN'S BREAKFAST** – Tuesdays at 8:30am for food and fellowship at Southwood's Restaurant
- **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – Fridays at 9am in the annex study
- **MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM** – is currently on hiatus – our next meeting is January 22nd, location and leader TBD. Our meetings will include fellowship 5:30 – 6:30pm, dinner 6:30 – 7:30pm and a short teaching 7:30 – 8:00pm. I hope you will join us. Bring your own beverage of choice and a friend.

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **LADIES BIBLE STUDY** – Thursdays from 5:00–6:30pm – Step into a deeper understanding of Scripture with our upcoming women's 10-week Bible study on the book of Revelation by Jen Wilkin. This is a space for women of all ages to gather, grow, and be encouraged in faith. We will be meeting in the annex conference room. For more details contact Bonnie Bridge.
- **WOMEN'S COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** – Come share conversation, laughter, and a warm cup of coffee with us! We'll gather on Saturday, December 13th from 9–11am—Erika Dielman will be hosting at New Life. This welcoming group meets every second Saturday of the month, and we'd love for you to be part of it, bring a friend and enjoy a relaxed morning together. Interested in hosting? A sign-up sheet is available in Blanz Hall. Let's connect, encourage, and grow—one cup at a time.

### **OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **FOOD FOR THE NEEDY OUTREACH** — We will be collecting food items to put together meal bags for needy families to pickup outside the church. Please donate canned meats: tuna or chicken, pasta meals: hamburger helper or tuna helper, canned fruits and vegetables, mashed potatoes, gravy and Jell-O. For more information contact Lacy.
- **ANGEL TREE** — We will be sponsoring 10 kids from Lincoln for Christmas. Because Thanksgiving and Christmas are so close together this year it will be a quick turn around. Gifts should be left in Blanz Hall by December 17th and will be delivered the 18th. Please tape the angel to the gift so we know what child will receive it. What a blessing y'all are to kids in our community. For more information contact Gretchen 231-622-2057

## MEETING & EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **NEW LIFE'S ANNUAL MEETING** is Sunday, January 18, 2026 after the morning worship service.
- **CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE** – Wednesday, December 24th at 6:30pm, remember to invite your friends and family.
- **FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS PARTY** – after the service Sunday, December 14th. All are welcome
- **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** – children 3 - 8yrs are dismissed at the beginning of the service to the annex classroom. For more information contact Darlene Wandrie 231-347-5871
- **THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER** – meets Thursdays at 8:30 am in Fr. Mike's Office. All are welcome.
- **THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN** – is currently on hiatus. When we resume, please join us at New Life on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:30–8:00 PM. Come read the Bible and share testimonies of what Jesus has done in your life and others', alongside D. W. Lucky III and Fr. Mike Bridge. We'll continue our journey through Matthew, with plenty of time for open Q&A. Adults 18+ are warmly welcome.
- **CORE CHRISTIANITY: JONAH – DISCOVER THE DEEPER STORY** – Join us for a 10-week Bible study designed to help you explore God's mercy and justice and see how the Old Testament points to the work of Christ. Each session will guide you through Scripture, reflection, and meaningful discussion. Join us Wednesdays – Dinner at 6:00pm(Pizza & Salad) – Study begins at 6:30pm and wraps up by 8:00pm, in Blanz Hall. Order the eBook at: <https://store.solamedia.org/products/copy-of-jonah-bible-study-1>  
We hope you'll join us for this enriching time of learning, fellowship, and discovery.

## THIS WEEK AT NEW LIFE (Unless otherwise indicated, all events are at the church)

### **Sunday 12/7**

9:55 am Announcements followed by Quiet Reflection  
**10:00am The Rev. Michael J. Bridge**

**After Service ~ Coffee Hour ~ downstairs in Blanz Hall**

### **Tuesday 12/9**

8:30am Men's Breakfast at Southwood's Restaurant  
6:00pm December Vestry Meeting

### **Wednesday 12/10**

6:00pm Pizza & Salad Dinner / 6:30pm Jonah Study

### **Thursday 12/11**

8:30am Morning Prayer - in Fr. Mike's Office

5:00pm Ladies Bible Study - annex conference room

### **Friday 12/12**

9:00am Men's Bible Study in annex study

### **Saturday 12/13**

9:00am Women's Coffee Fellowship @ New Life

### **Sunday 12/14**

9:55 am Announcements followed by Quiet Reflection

**10:00am The Rev. Michael J. Bridge**

**After Service ~ Coffee Hour ~ downstairs in Blanz Hall**

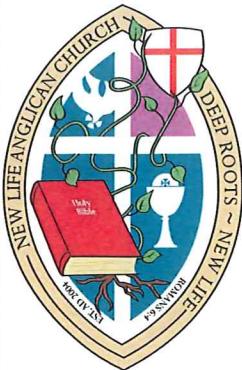
## SERVING SCHEDULE

### **TODAY, DECEMBER 7:**

Altar Guild: Karen Dielman  
Music: Dylan, Wes & Ferd  
Lector: Gretchen Lucky  
Lay Minister: Toni DuBois  
Prayer Team: Sharalen & Bonnie  
Usher/Counter: Randy F. / Don L.  
Greeter: Leah Williams  
Coffee Hour: The Greenwells

### **NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14:**

Altar Guild: Karen Dielman  
Music: Dylan, Wes & Ferd  
Lector: Dan Wandrie  
Lay Minister: Wally Stansbury  
Prayer Team: Leah & Toni  
Usher/Counter: Don L. / Dan W.  
Greeter: The Flynns  
Coffee Hour: Fellowship Christmas Party



## Who We Are

We, the Members of New Life Anglican Church, form a welcoming and loving Anglican community. As followers of Jesus Christ, we love and praise God, and love our neighbors as ourselves. We celebrate liturgy and the sacraments, engage in lifelong formation through the Holy Spirit, and proclaim God's reign of justice, mercy and peace.

## Our Vision

We will glorify God by deepening the roots of our Anglican faith, and bringing people to new life in Jesus Christ.

## Our Mission

We will achieve the Great Commission through fulfillment of spiritual needs of our Church and community.

## Our Motto

Deep Roots, New Life

## Our Beliefs

We believe in the Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God.

We believe that through the sin of Adam in the Garden of Eden, all of mankind has fallen and been corrupted by sin, and that God gave his only Son, Jesus, to die upon the cross for the forgiveness of our sins.

We believe that The Nicene Creed and The Apostles Creed summarize the essentials of the Christian faith.

We believe that God the Holy Spirit dwells within us, and empowers us to a life of transformation and sanctification.

We believe in spiritual gifts.

We believe in the power of prayer.

## Our Core Values

We value God's word.

We value God's creation.

We value holiness and spirit filled living.

We value life from conception to death.

We value generosity, charity and giving in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

We value spiritual growth.

We value the sacrament of Marriage as ordained by God.

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## If You Are Visiting For The First Time

We welcome you, and we pray you will encounter the Lord in this place.

If you have any special needs, please tell one of our greeters or ushers. One is usually seated at the back of the room during the service.

Bathrooms are at the bottom of the stairs: the ladies' room is to the right; the men's room is down the hallway on the left.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments downstairs.

We invite you to sign our guest book or a Visitor's Card in the pew and drop it in the offering plate.

If you need additional prayer after services, please ask someone on the prayer team or fill out a Prayer Request Card

If you would like to learn more about New Life, please let us know.

We pray God will bless your day, and we hope to see you here next Sunday.