



SECOND SUNDAY  
OF  
CHRISTMAS



*We will glorify God by deepening the roots of our Anglican faith,  
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

## Processional Song      We Three Kings

(Verse 1)

We three kings of Orient are,  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar;  
Field and fountain moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

(Verse 2)

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown Him again;  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign.

(chorus)

O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to Thy perfect light.

(Verse 3)

Frankincense to offer have I,  
Incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, all men raising,  
Worship Him, God on high.

(Verse 4)

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume,  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.

(repeat chorus)

(Verse 5)

Glorious now behold Him arise,  
King and God and sacrifice;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Sounds through the earth and skies.

(repeat chorus)

## Opening Hymn

## Angels from the Realms

(Verse 1)

Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.  
Come and worship, come and worship;  
Worship Christ, the new-born King!

(Verse 2)

Shepherds in the fields abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night;  
God with man is now residing,  
Yonder shines the infant Light.  
Come and worship, come and worship;  
Worship Christ, the new-born King!

(Verse 3)

Sages, leave your contemplation's,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations,  
Ye have seen His natal star.  
Come and worship, come and worship;  
Worship Christ, the new-born King!

(Verse 4)

Saints, before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear;  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In His temple shall appear.  
Come and worship, come and worship;  
Worship Christ, the new-born King!

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## The Word of God *page 123*

## Acclamation *page 145*

Celebrant: For unto us a child is born.

People: **To us a son is given.** *Isaiah 9:6*

## Collect for Purity prayed together page 124

**All Pray:** 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: Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## First Reading Jeremiah 31:7-14

Lector: A Reading from the book Jeremiah

<sup>7</sup> For thus says the Lord: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'O Lord, save your people, the remnant of Israel.' <sup>8</sup> Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. <sup>9</sup> With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. <sup>10</sup> "Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.' <sup>11</sup> For the Lord has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. <sup>12</sup> They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall be like a watered garden, and they shall languish no more. <sup>13</sup> Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. <sup>14</sup> I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, declares the Lord."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm      Psalm 84 ESV

Lector: We will read from Psalm 84 in unison.

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
- 2 My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord;  
    my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.
- 3 Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
    where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! Selah
- 5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- 6 As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;  
    the early rain also covers it with pools.
- 7 They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.
- 8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah
- 9 Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!
- 10 For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
    I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- 11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor.  
    No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.
- 12 O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

## Second Reading      Ephesians 1:3-14

Lector: A Reading from the book of Ephesians

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Gradual Hymn   Once in Royal David's City

(Verse 1)

Once in royal David's city  
    stood a lowly cattle shed,  
    where a mother laid her baby  
    in a manger for His bed:  
    Mary was that mother mild,  
    Jesus Christ her little Child.

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## Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

'Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.' " <sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." <sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup> And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Gradual Hymn Once in Royal David's City

(Verse 2)

He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and His shelter was a stable,  
and His cradle was a stall:  
with the poor, and meek, and lowly,  
lived on earth our Savior holy.

(Verse 3)

And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
through His own redeeming love;  
for that Child so dear and gentle  
is our Lord in heav'n above,  
and He leads His children on  
to the place where He is gone.

## 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:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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: Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” *Acts 20:35*

## **Offertory Song**

(Verse 1)

We've come so far, we've followed the star  
Herod heard, said “bring me word”  
Take the long way around the sea

(Verse 2)

Here for us, a humble birth  
The Son of God descended to earth  
Take the long way around the sea

## **Long Way Around The Sea**

(Verse 3)

And on this day on bended knee  
Please accept the gifts we bring  
Take the long way around the sea  
Take the long way around the sea

(Verse 4)

We turn to go an angel shone  
Said, “don’t go back to Herod’s throne”  
Take the long way around the sea  
Take the long way around the sea  
Take the long way around the sea

## **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**

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## **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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made truly man, yet without the stain of sin, so that we might be cleansed from sin and be given the right to become your children. 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. 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 I

(Verse 1)

O holy night the stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

(chorus 1)

*Fall on your knees*  
*Oh hear the angel voices*  
*Oh night divine*  
*Oh night when Christ was born*  
*Oh night divine*  
*Oh night oh night divine*

(Verse 2)

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming  
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming  
Here came the wise men from Orient land  
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger  
In all our trials born to be our Friend

## Oh Holy Night

(chorus 2)

*He knows our need*  
*To our weakness is no stranger*  
*Behold your King*  
*Before Him lowly bend*  
*Behold your King*  
*Before Him lowly bend*

(Verse 3)

Truly He taught us to love one another  
His law is love and His gospel is peace  
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother  
And in His name all oppression shall cease  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we  
Let all within us praise His holy name

(chorus 3)

*Christ is the Lord*  
*O praise His name forever*  
*His power and glory evermore proclaim*  
*His power and glory evermore proclaim*

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## Post-Communion Prayer *Prayed together page 137*

Let us pray: **Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be 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      All Glory Be To Christ

(Verse 1)

Should nothing of our efforts stand  
No legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house  
In vain its builders strive  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain  
Tell me, What is your life?  
A mist that vanishes at dawn  
All glory be to Christ!

(chorus)

All glory be to Christ our king!  
All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing  
All glory be to Christ!

(Verse 2)

His will be done, His kingdom come  
On earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread  
Praise Him, the Lord of love  
Let living water satisfy  
The thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet  
All glory be to Christ!

(repeat chorus)

(Verse 3)

When on the day the great I Am  
The faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain  
Is making all things new  
Behold our God shall live with us  
And be our steadfast light  
And we shall e'er his people be  
All glory be to Christ!

(repeat chorus)

## Dismissal *page 138*

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ .

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

## 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 [bbridge@gmail.com](mailto:bbridge@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

- **WOMEN'S COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** – Come share conversation, laughter, and a warm cup of coffee with us! We'll gather on Saturday, January 10th from 9–11am— Host and location TBA. 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.

## **MEETING & EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **NEW LIFE'S ANNUAL MEETING** is Sunday, January 18, 2026 after the morning worship service.
- **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.

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

<b>Sunday 1/4</b>	9:55 am	Announcements followed by Quiet Reflection
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>The Rev. Michael J. Bridge</b>
<b>After Service ~ Coffee Hour ~ downstairs in Blanz Hall</b>		
Tuesday 1/6	8:30am	Men's Breakfast at Southwood's Restaurant
Thursday 1/8	8:30am	Morning Prayer - in Fr. Mike's Office
Friday 1/9	9:00pm	Men's Bible Study in annex study
Saturday 1/10	9:00am	Women's Coffee Fellowship @ TBD
<b>Sunday 1/11</b>	9:55 am	Announcements followed by Quiet Reflection
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>The Rev. Michael J. Bridge</b>
<b>After Service ~ Coffee Hour ~ downstairs in Blanz Hall</b>		

## **SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE**

### **TODAY, JANUARY 4:**

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

### **NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 11**

Altar Guild: Karen Dielman  
Music: Dylan, Wes & Ferd  
Lector: Bonnie Bridge  
Lay Minister: Wally Stansbury  
Prayer Team: Toni & Guy  
Usher/Counter: Dan W. / Randy F.  
Greeter: The Flynnns  
Coffee Hour: Sally Stump

## **WARNING NOTICE:**

- **DUE TO FALLING ICE - PLEASE DO NOT WALK OR PARK WITHIN 6 FEET OF THE OUTER SIDES OF THE SANCTUARY BUILDING IN THE WINTER/EARLY SPRING. WHENEVER IT WARMS UP AT ALL THE ICE FALLS OFF THIS VERY HIGH ROOF IN LARGE CHUNKS. PLEASE BE CAUTIOUS AND WARN OTHERS. THANK YOU.**



## 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.