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† Please stand if you are able  
PH - Presbyterian Hymnal, BOJ - Book of Joy  
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## **Gathering**

*The chimes call us to the tables for worship.*

Gathering Music, Revs. Bobbie and John McGarey

† Gathering Hymn

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

PH 29

*Announcements and Introductions  
Welcome and Introduction of Guests*

*The chimes signal a time of silence in order to center ourselves for worship.*

We kindle the first light.

*It is our custom at New Life to light the votive candles on the Communion table  
as we sing hymns, pass the peace of Christ, and offer prayers of the people.*

*Please come forward at any of these times.*

### Call to Worship

One: Great and good God,

**All: give us pure hearts that we may see you,**

One: humble hearts that we may hear you,

**All: hearts of love that we may serve you,**

One: hearts of faith that we may live in you.

**All: reverent hearts that we may worship you,**

One: here in the world out there,

**All: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Hearing the Word

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways  
like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.**

**We have offended against your holy laws.**

**We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things we ought not to have done.**

**O, Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults.**

**Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared  
to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O merciful God, for Jesus' sake, that we may live a holy,  
just and humble life to the glory of your holy name.**

Assurance of Pardon

New Life Choral Ensemble

Directed by Matalie Wham

*"When the Wind of Winter Blows" by Ruth Duck*

*When the wind of winter blows, bringing times of solitude,  
fill the silent, icy night; be our heart's companion.*

*Holy Light, warm our night: warm the time of winter.*

*When, in days of falling snow, change confounds or love burns low,  
from the ashes may there rise phoenix of our growing.*

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† Sharing the Peace of Christ

Parents accompany their children to Sunday Circle

**First Old Testament Reading ~ Jeremiah 31:7-14**

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, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

**Second Old Testament Reading**

*The Book of Sirach derives its name from the author, Jesus, son of Eleazar, son of Sirach (Sirach 50:2) The author, a sage who lived in Jerusalem, was thoroughly imbued with love for the law, the priesthood, the temple, and divine worship. As a wise and experienced observer of life he addressed himself to his contemporaries with the motive of helping them to maintain religious faith and integrity through study of the holy books, and through tradition. The*

*earliest Greek translation of the Old Testament was the Septuagint, which contained the entire thirty-nine books of the Old Testament and the Apocrypha, a collection of books written between Malachi and beginning of the New Testament and which are now included as part of the Catholic Canon. The Book of Sirach is part of these Apocryphal writings.*

### **Sirach 24:1-12**

Wisdom praises herself, and tells of her glory in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth, and in the presence of God's hosts she tells of her glory:

"I came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and covered the earth like a mist. I dwelt in the highest heavens, and my throne was in a pillar of cloud. Alone I compassed the vault of heaven and traversed the depths of the abyss. Over waves of the sea, over all the earth, and over every people and nation I have held sway."

Among all these I sought a resting place; in whose territory should I abide?

"Then the Creator of all things gave me a command, and my Creator chose the place for my tent. God said, 'Make your dwelling in Jacob, and in Israel receive your inheritance.'

Before the ages, in the beginning, God created me, and for all the ages I shall not cease to be.

In the holy tent I ministered before God, and so I was established in Zion.

Thus in the beloved city God gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my domain.

I took root in an honored people, in the portion of the Lord, God's heritage.

### **Reading from the Gospels ~ John 1:10-18**

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'")

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

† Hymn

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

PH 27

**Responding to the Word**

Offering

Improvisational Music by Matalie Wham

*The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.*

*Psalm 24: 1*

† Doxology

Copies on Tables

† Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Blessed are you, God of all creation;**

**through your goodness we have these gifts to share.**

**Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service**

**of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever.**

Sung Call to Prayer (remain seated) “Spirit of the Living God”

PH 322

The Chimes Signal the Prayers of the People

*As we offer our prayers of petition and of thanks, the people respond,*

*“God, you hear our prayers,” or “God, we thank you.”*

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus

**Going Out Into the World**

† Hymn for Going Out

“The Trees of the Field”

BOJ 147

† Charge and Benediction

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing in all of creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

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This morning’s service was prepared by Bobbie McGarey and the Worship Committee.

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Put this date on your calendar:  
January 16, 2011 ~ for Bobbie’s installation at New Life Presbyterian Church.  
4:00 PM ~ Reception following

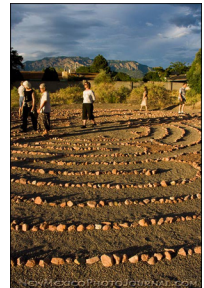
**W**elcome to New Life Community Presbyterian Church, a welcoming family of believers and seekers from diverse spiritual backgrounds, striving to be a cooperative and mutually respectful community in which to pursue our individual and community relationship with God.

We carry out God's mission for New Life as a joyful, sensitive faith community modeled on the inclusive and healing love of Jesus Christ. We reflect Christ's love to all who come through our doors, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, age, race or economic status. We extend this ethic to our pastor, elders and deacons.

- We are open to freedom of interpretation of Scripture, believing that truth is also found in our experiences of God in our individual and communal lives.
- We practice freedom of expression in worship, inviting participation from the whole congregation.
- We worship at round tables to signify inclusivity, connection and equality.
- As part of our ministry to explore and deepen our individual and collective spirituality, we host an ancient form of walking meditation called the labyrinth.
- We reach out to the community at large through our ongoing participation with Project Share, Habitat for Humanity, the Martineztown House of Neighborly Services, and other projects.

**NEW LIFE is home to two labyrinths**, tools for walking prayer and meditation, that date back to the 12th century pattern found in Chartres Cathedral in France. Our indoor canvas labyrinth is used for meditative services throughout the year. The outdoor labyrinth is open from dawn to dusk daily year-round.

**Every Sunday evening, a contemplative Taizé service** from 6:30 - 7:15 is held at New Life. On the last Sunday evening of each month we hold a shorter Taizé service with a labyrinth walk following. The Labyrinth walks will be held outside, weather permitting. In 'uncooperative' weather and on special occasions, we will have the walk on the indoor labyrinth.



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**PASTOR - THE REV. DR. BOBBIE G. MCGAREY: 918-0240**  
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Please call Bobbie if these times are not convenient for you.

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**The New Life Session** ordinarily meets on the second Sunday of each month after worship and Random Sacks of Kindness.  
**Contemplative Taizé Service** ~ Every Sunday evening at 6:30  
**Taizé service and Labyrinth walk** ~ the last Sunday of each month