

# New Life Presbyterian Church

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Seek the blessing  
Receive the bounty



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*"Faith is what you do between the last time you experienced God and the next time you experience God." -- Renita J. Weems,*

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† Please stand if you are able, SF - Sing the Faith, PH - Presbyterian Hymnal  
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*The chimes call us to the tables for worship.*

Prelude

This is the day that God has made filled with grace and peace.

## Gathering

† Gathering Hymn            "Come Sing O Church in Joy"            PH

*Sharing the Joys and Concerns of the Community*

*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: Here we are God

**All: Gathered to praise you**

One: Here we are God

**All: Bringing all we have to you**

One: Here we are God

**All: Come and be present in our worship**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

† Hymn    "Amazing Grace"    PH

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession in Unison

**Here we are God opening our hearts to you.  
We wrestle sometimes with our weakness and our shortcomings.  
We know you have told us to care for the poor  
and yet we blithely justify extravagances.  
We know you have told us to care for those who are hungry  
and yet we easily waste what you have given us.  
We know that you have told us to be kind to the stranger  
and yet we turn our heads looking at the mountains instead of the pain.  
Forgive us. Forgive me.  
Hear now my silent prayer of confession.**

Assurance of Pardon in Unison

**Forgiven and freed in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

### **Hearing the Word**

Old Testament Reading Genesis 32:22-31 *The Message*

In the Genesis story Jacob has tricked his father in law and he and his wives are fleeing from his anger. Jacob and Leah and Rachael and their children leave taking with them many of the family treasures. This is the Word of God

NL Choral Ensemble

Directed by Matalie Wham

*“That There May Be Bread”*

Weston Priory, Gregory Norbet and Mary David Callahan

*That there may be bread, that there may be joy for all humanity to share with gratitude:  
let this be our prayer, and may each child of earth long for a freedom  
that will flourish in all lands.*

*Sign of God’s deep love is this banquet of new life:  
know the presence of the Holy in spirit and in truth.*

The Children’s Message

Children leave for Sunday Circle.

† Sharing the Peace of Christ

*To our guests and first time visitors today: During the sharing of the Peace  
it is our custom to move around and greet one another. Please join us.*

Scripture Matthew 14: 13-21

Sermon "2+5 = 12 New Math"

Rev. Bobbie G. McGarey

Sung Call to Prayer (remain seated)

**Spirit of Life**      Words and Music by Carolyn McDade

Spi - rit of Life, come un - to  
me. Sing in my heart all the  
stir - rings of com - pas - sion. Blow in the  
wind; rise in the sea;  
move in the hand giv - ing life the shape of  
jus - tice. Roots hold me close;  
wings set me free. Spi - rit of  
Life, come to me, come to me.

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 Lord’s Prayer

### Invitation to the Offering

Offering

Improvisational Music by Matalie Wham

*We receive our 5th Sunday offering*

† Doxology

SF 2223 fourth verse

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love.*

† Prayer of Dedication

**Receive and bless these gifts of heart and hand that we return to You.**

**May Your kingdom come and Your will be done now and forever. Amen**

### Going Out

† Sending Hymn

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

PH

† Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Go out into the world to Love and Serve God.*

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

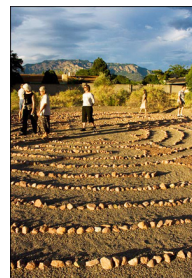
- We worship at round tables to signify inclusivity, connection and equality.

- 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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**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