

New Life Presbyterian Church

May 8, 2011



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that my soul cries out
to know.

May the time
not be too distant
when we meet by the river,
by the shore.

'Til then,
dream of that wonderful day
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† Please stand if you are able  
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The chimes call us to the tables for worship.

Prelude

Grace and Peace to you. Let us worship God.

Gathering

† Gathering Hymn

*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

† Hymn

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance

Hearing the Word

NL Choral Ensemble

Directed by Matalie Wham

“River in Judea” Words by Linda Marcus, music by Jack Feldman, arr. John Leavitt

*Oftentimes I dream of music, of the river that freely flows.
And it sings a song sweeter than honey—one everybody knows.
Late at night I hear it singing, then again when I wake at dawn.
And it fills me up with hope and goodwill: the will to go on.
There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago.
And it’s a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know.
May the time not be too distant when we meet by the river, by the shore.
’Til then, dream of that wonderful day as we sing once more.
I believe it keeps on traveling, but it rests on the Sabbath day.
And the time when it pauses in stillness, I almost hear it pray.
When I’m weary and down-hearted, how I long for the song it sings,
for the calm within its gentle blue: the peace that it brings.*

Sharing Our Bounty

Offering

Improvisational Music by Matalie Wham

† Doxology

Copies on Tables

† Prayer of Dedication

Going Out

† Sending Hymn

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

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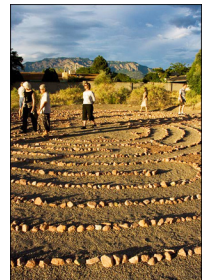
Welcome to New Life Community Presbyterian Church, a welcoming family of believers and seekers from diverse spiritual backgrounds, striving to be a cooperative and mutually respectful community in which to pursue our individual and community relationship with God.

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 meets today 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