



New Life Presbyterian Church

February 6, 2011

“Let me tell you why you are here.
You’re here to be salt-seasoning
that brings out the God-flavors
of this earth.

If you lose your saltiness,
how will people
taste godliness?

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*"The world can exist without pepper but not without salt."
(Jerusalem Talmud, Hor. 48c)*

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

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.

Sung Call to Worship

"I Will Call Upon the Lord"

SF 2002

Responsive reading of Psalm 112

One: Hallelujah! Blessed man, blessed woman, who fear God,
Who cherish and relish God's commandments,

**All: Their children robust on the earth,
And the homes of the upright—how blessed!
Their houses brim with wealth
And a generosity that never runs dry.**

One: Sunrise breaks through the darkness for good people—
God's grace and mercy and justice!

**All: The good person is generous and lends lavishly;
No shuffling or stumbling around for this one,**

One: But a sterling and solid and lasting reputation.
Unfazed by rumor and gossip,
Heart ready, trusting in God,

**All: Spirit firm, unperturbed,
Ever blessed, relaxed among enemies,
They lavish gifts on the poor—**

One: A generosity that goes on, and on, and on.
An honored life! A beautiful life!
Someone wicked takes one look and rages,
There's nothing to the dreams of the wicked. Nothing.

**All: Hallelujah! Blessed man, blessed woman, who fear God,
Who cherish and relish God's commandments,**

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

† Hymn

"I Believe in God Almighty"

SF 2042

Call to Confession

To confess our sin each week and hear again the promise of God's mercy is to be reminded of our baptism by which we were once and for all set free from bondage to sin and given a new life to live in the sure grace of our God in Christ Jesus. Confident that we belong to God as beloved children, let us confess together our sin. Trusting the abundant mercy of God which has been poured out for us,

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Manna God, who fed Israel in the wilderness,
we confess that we have not fed your world.**

**People go to bed hungry
who could be nourished just on what we throw away,
and we are divided from our sisters and brothers in grace.**

**Forgive us, Lord,
and multiply the loaves of your generosity in us
until all your children are fed and satisfied.**

**Manna God, on whom alone we depend,
we confess that we have turned away
from the living bread you offer in Jesus Christ,
preferring to rely on self instead.**

**We find it safer to make our own bread,
trust our own abilities,
than to live each day from your hand.**

**Forgive us, Lord,
and multiply the loaves of your grace in our hearts
until we can receive again your mercy, in Christ. Amen.**

Assurance

This is the good news of the gospel,
and it is for you and for all.
Whatever you have done ,whatever you have failed to do,
whoever you are, whoever you wish you were but are not:
You are accepted, you are welcomed.
You are washed clean, you are raised up.
You are forgiven, you are set free.
In the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever.

Hearing the Word

New Life Choral Ensemble

Directed by Matalie Wham

"God Gives Us a New Heart"

Words , Baptist Association of El Salvador; music, Jubilate Hymns; arr. Christopher Norton

God gives us a new heart, each and every day... strong enough for peace.

Loving people, learning to be kind; joyous people, learning to be just;

gentle people, standing by the poor, giving hope to those in need.

God gives us a new heart, big enough to love... strong enough for peace.

Gives us heart! Let's love! Right now!

A time with the children

Children leave for Sunday Circle.

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you...and also with you

Scripture

Isaiah 58: 1-9a

Matthew 5: 13-20

Sermon

"From Where Does Our Saltiness Come?"

Karen Wagner

We welcome to the pulpit this morning Karen Wagner, Candidate for ministry,

Indian Nations Presbytery, Oklahoma. Karen is certified ready to

receive a call and is presently working with youth in Austin Texas.

Hymn

"Blest Are They"

SF 2155

The Chimes Signal the Prayers of the People

Spirit of the Living God

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

"God, you hear our prayers," or "God, we thank you."

Bidding Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*We pray this prayer inviting each of you to pray it in the version closest to your heart.
Even as we pray, we listen to the rich diversity here.*

Sharing Our Bounty

Offering

Improvisational Music by Matalie Wham

† Doxology

Copies on Tables

† Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Accept O God, these our gifts of heart and hand that your Kin-dom come and
Your will be done. Now and forever. Amen**

Going Out Into the World

† Hymn for Going Out "Bring Forth the Kingdom"

SF 2190

We will sing the first verse three times

† Charge and Benediction

Go out into the world to love and serve the Lord.

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This morning's service was prepared by Bobbie McGarey and the Worship Committee  
with resources from the General Assembly Mission Council  
(Prayer of Confession and Assurance)  
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Congregational Meeting today after worship.

**New Life will continue collecting
nonperishable food next Sunday.
If you forgot your cans today, please write
yourself a note for next Sunday.
(Dollars are always good, too!)**



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 ordinarily meets on the second Sunday of each month after worship and Random Sacks of Kindness.
Taizé service at 6:30 every Sunday evening.