



New Life Presbyterian Church

March 20, 2011
Second Sunday in Lent

Journey to Easter

New Birth

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

Prelude

*Grace and Peace to you in the Name of Jesus
who calls us into community to worship and praise God.*

Gathering

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

*We welcome all who have come to worship as a part of this community.
Your presence makes us stronger. We invite you to join in all of our celebrations, prayers,
study and activity. We pray that you will consider yourself already part of who we are as
New Life Presbyterian Church.*

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: O Let us gather our hearts and our minds.

All: That we may worship in fullness of Spirit.

One: O Come Let us hear the Word, spoken and sung

All: That we may be lifted from care.

One: O Come that in community we may be fed

All: And in all things readied for service.

Let us Worship God.

† Gathering Hymn

“Gather Us In”

SF 2236

Intercession for Lent

One: Jesus remember us when you come into your kingdom.
Hear our intercessions
For your church around the world,

All: we ask new life.

One: For all who carry our ministries in your church,

All: we ask grace and wisdom.

One: For people who have accepted spiritual disciplines,

All: we ask inspired discipleship

One: For Christians in every land,

All: we ask new unity in your name.

One: For Jews and Muslims and people of other faiths,

All: we seek your divine blessing.

One: For those who cannot believe,

All: we ask your faithful love.

One: For government leaders in every land,

All: we ask your guidance.

One: For people who suffer and sorrow,

All: we ask your healing peace.

Silence

**All: Holy God,
Your Word, Jesus Christ spoke peace to a sinful world
and brought humanity the gift of reconciliation.
Teach those who bear his name to follow the example he gave us.
May our faith, hope and charity turn hatred to love,
conflict to peace, and death to eternal life
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Hearing the Word

A reading from the Psalter

Psalm 121

NL Choral Ensemble

Directed by Matalie Wham

“Esa Einai” words from Psalm 121 ed. by Miranda Bresnahan
music by Shlomo Carleback, arr. by Samuel Adler.

*I will lift up mine eyes to the hills, from whence comes my help.
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth,
from this time forth, now and forevermore.*

A time with the children
Children leave for Sunday Circle.

Greeting one another sharing the Peace of Christ.
Peace be with you ---And also with you.

Scripture

† Hymn "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry" SF 2051

A reading from the Gospel John 3: 1-17

Sermon "Born Again?" Rev. Bobbie G. McGarey

Silence

Call to Prayer (remain seated) "Santo, Santo, Santo" SF 2007
Sing 1st in Spanish 2nd time thru in English

Bidding Prayers of the People

Our time of prayer will offer us time to raise our own prayer and to hear the prayer of others.

We will respond with "God, you hear our prayer," after each individual intercession.

We offer prayers of thanksgiving....

(we give thanks silently or aloud for our many blessings)

We pray for those who are ill and need your healing presence....

(offer prayer, silently or aloud, those for whom we seek God's healing)

We pray for the created world....

(offer prayer for concerns for the earth)

We pray for the world where there is need

(offer prayer, silently or aloud for the world's needs)

We offer prayer for the Church and for our church family....

(offer prayer, silently or aloud for the faithful)

We offer prayer for those who need your protection....

(offer prayer, silently or aloud for those needing God's guidance and protection)

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

The One Great Hour of Sharing Mission Statement

Offering Improvisational Music by Matalie Wham

† Doxology Copies on Tables

† Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Take my life and let it be consecrated God to thee for the work of the Kin-dom.
Take these gifts of heart and hand and hear our dedicating them to You.**

† Sending Hymn “Creator of Mountains, of Glaciers and Streams 2061 SF

† Charge and Benediction in Unison

**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 life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

† Choral Benediction
Postlude

“Walk in Love”

Music on Tables

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

Resources: Intercession for Lent and the Benediction: *Book of Common Worship*.

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**5:30 PM on Wednesdays: All are invited to the light Supper
on Wednesdays with the Lenten Bible study.**

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Church Women United, an ecumenical Christian women’s movement, will meet on Friday, April 1 at Grant Chapel A.M.E. beginning with coffee fellowship at 9:30 followed by the program at 10:00. Marshall Jenson, Director of the Center for Refugee Settlement & Support with Catholic Charities, will talk about settling refugees from other countries into homes and schools in Albuquerque.

Grant Chapel, 7920 Claremont Ave. NE, is located between Pennsylvania & Wyoming and between Candelaria & Menaul. Please join us!

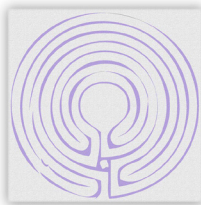
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Welcome to New Life Community Presbyterian Church, a welcoming family of believers and seekers from diverse spiritual backgrounds, striving to be a cooperative and mutually respectful community in which to pursue our individual and community relationship 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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Please call Bobbie if these times are not convenient for you.

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The New Life Session ordinarily 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

Wednesday Evenings at 7:15, **Choir Rehearsal** for one hour