

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



 **newchurch**
chiesa nuova, united church of christ

January 28, 2024
11:00am

We are the newchurch – the *Chiesa Nuova* – who gather and are gathered as an intentional, Christian community seeking to follow in the Way of Jesus.

WE GATHER

CHIMING THE HOUR

◆ SONG OF PRAISE

All Who Are Thirsty

Words and Music by Brenton Brown and Glenn Roberts

All who are thirst y, All who are weak,
 come to the foun tain. Dip your heart in the stream of
 life. Let all pain and all sor row, be washed a way
 in the waves of God's mer-cy as deep cries out to
 deep. (We sing) Come, Christ Je - sus, come.
 Come, Christ Je - sus, come. Come, Christ
 Je - sus, come. Come, Christ Je - sus,

come. Come, Christ Je - sus, come.

Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

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Come, Christ Je - sus, come.

♦ INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

WELCOME

WE PRAY

SONG OF PRAYER

Come, Emmanuel

Words and Music by Twyla Paris

Come and speak to us, come and re - new us,

come and live through us, E-man - u - el.

Grace to im - plore us, ev - er be - fore us,

come and re - store us, E-man - u - el. Come,

E-man - u - el. Come, E-man - u -

el. Come, E-man - u - el,

come. Love that be - gins us,

par - dons and wins us, come and reign in us, E-man - u -

el. Come and speak to us, fill and re -

new us, come and live through us, E-man - u - el.

E - man - u - el, E - man - u -

el.

INVITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

Words and Music by Jason Silver

Our God in hea - ven - Ho - ly be - Your name -

Your kin-dom come, - Your will - be done - on earth as it is in hea

ven. - Give us this day - our

dai - ly bread - and Lord, - for-give our sins - as we - for-give

- those who sin a - gainst - us. -

And lead us not - in - - to temp-ta - tion but -

de-liv-er us - from e - vil for - Yours - is - the kin - dom - and the pow

- er - and the glor - - ry - for - ev -

- er. - A - - - men.

WE LISTEN

◆ GOSPEL

Terri Moore

Mark 1. 21-28

Then Jesus and the disciples to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at Jesus' teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of the man. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! Jesus commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once Jesus' fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

Living the Questions: "What Have You to Do With Us?"

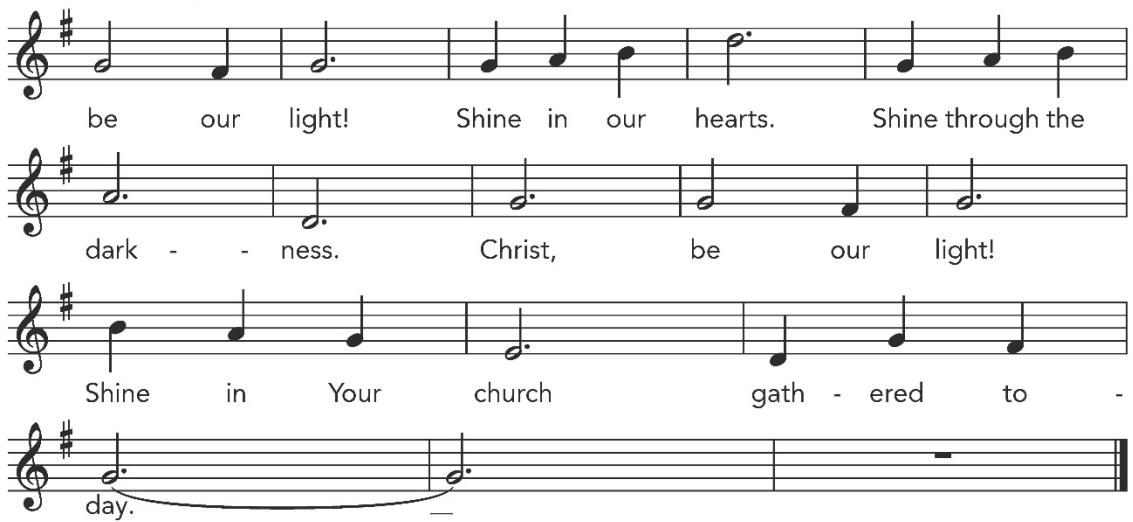
SONG OF RESPONSE

Christ Be Our Light

Words and Music by Bernadette Farrell

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: Long - ing for light, we live in dark - ness. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, Long - ing for truth, we turn to You. man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long. Make us Your own, Your ho - ly peo - ple, Let us be ser - vants to one a - noth - er, light for the worlds to see. Christ, help - ing Your kin - dom come.

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WE COME TO THE TABLE

HOLY COMMUNION

The Story

The Sharing

The Blessing

The Song

Come to the Table

Come to the table where the bread is broken

Come to the table where the Word of God is spoken

And take this bread into Your life a token

Come to the table of the Lord

Come to the table and drink this wine

Come to the table believing in this sign

Renew Your spirit with this food divine

Come to the table of the Lord

The Thanksgiving

We serve communion by intinction – at the ushers' guidance, you are invited to come forward where you will be served a piece of bread. You are invited to then dip the bread in the cup, which contains grape juice, and receive the two elements together. Gluten-free bread is also available to the far right.

Hungry and thirsty we come Christ to Thee

We humbly bow on bended knee

Come to the table and dwell in God's sight

Come to the table and kneel before God's light

Join in communion and know God magnified

Come to the table of the Lord

Come to the table of the Lord

Unison Prayer

Now we know: all is grace, all is gift. Jesus, at this table, and in Your gifts of grape and grain, You have met us with love that will not let us go. We give You thanks and praise for this mystery of your love that gives us life. Now we know: all is grace, all is gift. Amen.

WE DEPART

THE COMMUNITY REMINDERS

✦ THE BLESSING

✦ DEPARTING

✦ SONG OF DEPARTING

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Words and Music by Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse

Won - der - ful, Mer - ci - ful Sav - - ior,
pre - cious Re - deem - er and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Child could res-cue our
souls and then Oh, You make each of us Your kin.
You are the One that we praise, You are the One we a -



✦ PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And, also with you.**

One: La paz de Cristo esté con vosotros.

Many: **Y tambien contigo.**

One: Nos deja intercambiamos palabras y gestos de paz.

✦ DISMISSAL

newchurch Guiding Scripture:

Seek first the realm of God and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:33

GENEROSITY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL GENEROSITY IN 2023 YOUR GIFTS HAVE HELPED TO SUSTAIN NEW CHURCH

2023 Giving Statements

If you would like a copy of your 2023 giving to New Church, you can go to our website and download a copy of your giving record or email us and request a copy of your giving record.

Automatic Giving

If you would like to give the gift that keeps on giving, you can sign up for automatic giving through our website. While either method of giving is welcome, a bank draft does not include the fees that credit card giving includes. Another option would be to increase your giving to cover the credit card processing fees.

When you sign up to make a recurring gift, you can edit your gift at any time, including the frequency, and amount.

Direct Giving

You can also use your phone or other electronic device to make a direct electronic gift to the church using apps such as Zelle or Venmo. This allows you to make a direct and immediate transfer from your bank account to the church's bank account at your convenience. And there are no fees for you or New Church for these services.

If you have any questions related to giving, please feel free to reach out to Kelli Vaughn-Hebert, who serves as our treasurer.



MISSION & OUTREACH

SUNDAY OF SERVICE — Sunday, April 7 at 11am



At New Church we have always believed that a church is not about a building, but is made up of the people who make up the church. We also believe that God is calling us outside the walls of our physical worship space to care for others.

On 5th Sundays (months that have five Sundays), our New Church Community, family and friends will be invited to help feed unhoused, poor and hungry people. We will not worship in person, but will gather near downtown to distribute bags containing a meal, along with snacks and various hygiene items. Once we have fed all we can feed, we'll go feed ourselves at a Dutch treat lunch.

On our last Sunday of Service, December 31, 2023, we had 21 people help distribute 200 lunches, 100 blessing bags, and a wagon full of blankets to hungry people in downtown Dallas. A huge thank you to everyone who donated supplies to make this day successful. Our Amazon Wishlist has been updated and we welcome donations for our next SoS day.



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Donate

If you worship with us online, we hope you might find a similar opportunity where you live — volunteer at a food pantry, or soup kitchen, or distribute bags yourself. We will post a worship service on Facebook and our website that morning for our online worshippers. We will post a worship service on Facebook and our website that morning for our online worshippers.

WE COULD USE A HAND! Saturday, February 3, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Did you know that New Church has two storage spaces? Well, yes, it's true...for now. On Saturday, January 20, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, we will empty our current storage space and move our stored items to our new storage space. We will rent a truck so that everything will go smoothly and quickly. Turns out New Church (well, our stuff, anyway) is on the move again.



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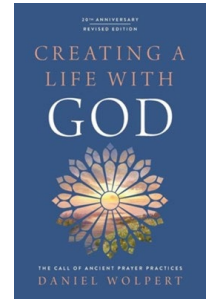
SPIRITUAL FORMATION

ONLINE BOOK CLUB FOR THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

Wednesdays at 6:33pm via Zoom

For the Season of Epiphany, you are invited to participate in our New Church Book Club beginning Wednesday evening, January 3, at 6:33 pm on Zoom. Book Club will meet for the six Wednesdays before Ash Wednesday on February 14.

We will read and discuss the book *Creating a Life with God, Revised Edition*, by Daniel Wolpert. In recent years, interest in the spiritual life has grown stronger both within the church and within popular culture. In the face of a world filled with chaos, uncertainty, and constant change, spiritual practices and prayer shape us into people who can provide healing, love, and compassion in response. The twelve prayer practices in this book are designed to elevate one's relationship with God to a new level.

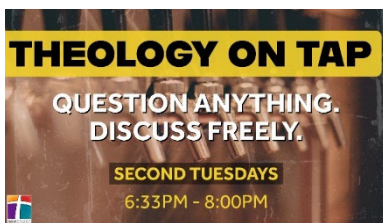


Creating a Life with God is a book that lends itself to practicing the spiritual disciplines that Wolpert covers. Some of our time during our Wednesday evening gatherings will be spent in the practice of prayer, silence, and the other practices covered in the book.

Come, gather with us, and invite a family member or friend to participate with you, as we explore this exciting time of growing closer to God through our shared spiritual practice.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

February 11 at 6:33pm – Glass Half Full Taproom



Everyone is invited to join us for a time to ask questions and have a discussion. Our topic changes each month. No book to read – just come with your questions and thoughts.

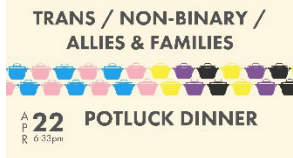
We will gather at the Glass Half Full Taproom (Inside Alamo Drafthouse), 100 S Central Expy #14,

Richardson, TX 75080.

COMMUNITY FORMATION

TRANSGENDER/NON-BINARY/FAMILIES POTLUCK DINNER

Saturday, February 3, 6:33 pm



All are invited to participate in a Trans/Non-Binary/Allies/Families Potluck Dinner on Saturday, February 3 at 6:33 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A main dish of chili and cornbread, water, and iced tea will be provided. Guests are invited to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

Young adults, youth, adults, seniors, families, and friends are invited to attend this inter-generational gathering. All are welcome to come and enjoy the food, fellowship, and conversation. The hosts, Evie Wise and Sheri Vaden are looking forward to welcoming you.

LET'S DO LUNCH — February 4 at 12:15pm

You are invited to a Dutch Treat lunch following worship today. For our next lunch, we will gather at Oak'd Handcrafted BBQ, 5500 Greenville Ave, Suite 1300, Dallas TX. No RSVP needed!



FAT TUESDAY (On a Sunday) PANCAKE BRUNCH

Sunday, February 10 at 12:15pm



Fat Tuesday, also known as Shrove Tuesday and Mardi Gras, is the day in February or March immediately preceding Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent), and in many cultures, this is a carnival day, and also the last day of "fat eating" before the fasting period of Lent.

This year, New Church and St. Paul's will share in a "Fat Tuesday" Pancake Breakfast, but instead of gathering on a Tuesday, we will gather on a Sunday. Plan to stay after church for pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, sweet potato hash, and King cake!

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newchurch OPEN AND AFFIRMING (ONA) STATEMENT

We are the newchurch — the Chiesa Nuova, United Church of Christ — who gather and are gathered as an intentional, Christian community seeking to follow in the Way of Jesus. We are a community of faith witnessing to God's love and grace for persons of every race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability, political stance and theological perspective. As agents of reconciliation and wholeness, we pledge to stand against all forms of discrimination and to embrace all who are disenfranchised from church and community. Together in our diversity and empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8)

Did You Know...

Chiesa (/ˈkjɛzə/) Nuova (/ˈnwo.vo/) is "New Church" in Italian. We include the Italian translation in our name to honor Saint Francis of Assisi, whom we claim as the Patron Saint of **newchurch**.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

1/28

11:00am

Third Sunday After the Epiphany

ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP

St. Paul's E&R UCC — Fellowship Hall

1/31

6:33pm

Online Book Club

Zoom

2/3

10:00am

6:33pm

Storage Unit Moving Day

iStorage- 2771 Oak Tree Dr. Carrollton, TX 75006

Transgender/Non-Binary/Families Potluck Dinner

St. Paul's E&R UCC — Fellowship Hall

2/4

11:00am

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP

St. Paul's E&R UCC — Fellowship Hall

12:15pm

Dutch Treat Lunch

Oak'd Handcrafted BBQ

5500 Greenville Ave, Suite 1300, Dallas TX

2/7

6:33pm

Online Book Club

Zoom

2/11

11:00am

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP

St. Paul's E&R UCC — Fellowship Hall

12:15pm

Fat Tuesday on a Sunday Pancake Brunch w/ St. Paul's

2/13

6:33pm

Theology on Tap

Glass Half-Full Taproom

2/14

6:33pm

Ash Wednesday Worship

St. Paul's E&R UCC — Fellowship Hall

2/18

11:00am

First Sunday of Lent

ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP

St. Paul's E&R UCC — Fellowship Hall



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