

# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



February 4, 2024  
11:00am



# WE GATHER

## CHIMING THE HOUR

### WELCOME

#### ◆ SONGS OF PRAISE

#### If We've Ever Needed You

*Words and Music by Mark Hall and Bernie Herms*

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The score ends with a double bar line on the eighth staff.


Hear our cry, — Lord, we pray. Our fa - ces down,  
our hands are raised. You called us out, we've turned a - way,  
we've turned a - way. If we've ev - er need - ed  
You, Lord, it's now, Lord, it's now.  
We are des - p'rate for Your hand, we're reach - ing out,  
we're reach - ing out.

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## God, I Need You

Words and Music by Christy Nockels / Daniel Carson / Jesse Reeves / Kristian Stanfill / Matt Maher



God, we come, we pro - fess. Bow-ing  
here, we find our rest. And with-out You, we fall a -  
- part. You're the One that guides our hearts.  
God, we need You, oh, we need You. Ev 'ry hour we  
need You. Our true de - fense, our  
right - eous ness. Oh, God, how we need You.

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### ◆INVOCATION

## MODERN LESSON

### Common Epiphanies

By Roddy Hamilton

Rev. Mike Wright-Chapman



# WE PRAY

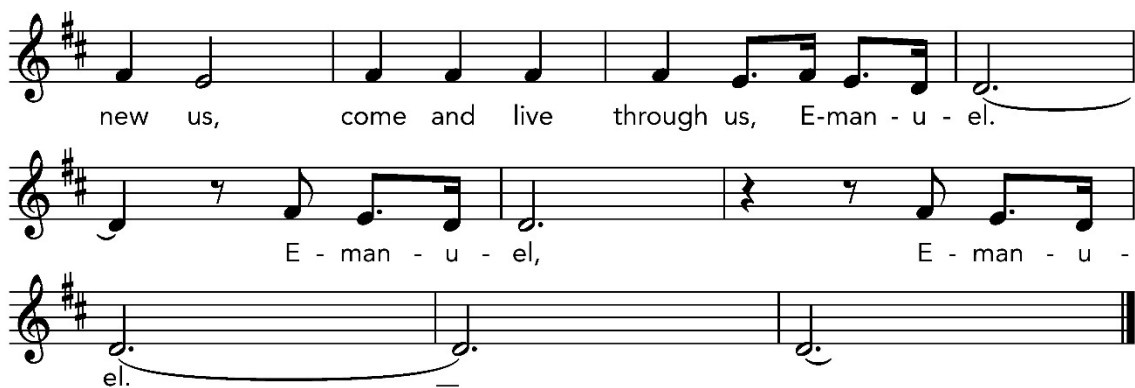
## SONG OF PRAYER

### 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 -





INVITATION

Pastor Monica Bradley

PASTORAL PRAYER

**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.**



# 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

Tim Fortenberry

#### Mark 1. 35-39

In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for Jesus. When they found him, they said, "Everyone is searching for you." Jesus answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do." And Jesus went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

### SERMON

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

#### Living the Questions: "Everyone Is Searching For You"

### 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 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of half notes and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words spanning across bar lines. The final note of the fourth staff is a half note followed by a double bar line.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our  
hearts. Shine through the dark - - ness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in Your  
church gath - ered to - day. —



## 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

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

### The Thanksgiving

#### 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 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.



## 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



Scan or  
Click to  
Donate

and we welcome donations for our next SoS day.

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.





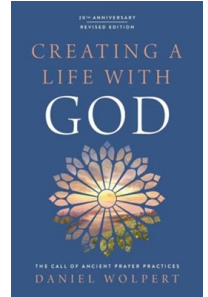
# SPIRITUAL FORMATION

## 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.



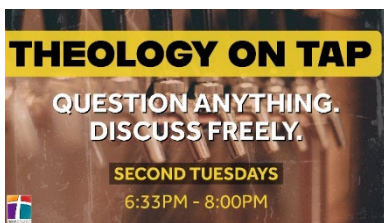
*Creating a Life with God* is a book that lends itself to practicing the spiritual disciplines that Wolpert covers. Some of our time during our Wednesday evening gatherings will be spent in the practice of prayer, silence, and the other practices covered in the book.

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.

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## THEOLOGY ON TAP

### February 13 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.



# LENT 2024

## **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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## **LENT BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY, VaLENTines DAY** **February 14, 6:33 pm**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is perhaps one of the most meaningful worship services of the church year.

We will join with Christians throughout the world as we gather to prepare for the journey of Lent by confessing our sins against God, each other, and our own best selves. We will ask for God's and each other's forgiveness and seek reconciliation.

As part of our worship service, we will receive the mark of ashes on our foreheads with the words, "From dust, you came and to dust you shall return, repent, and believe in the Gospel."

If you want this year to be different, if you want this Easter to have power and meaning for your life, then we hope you will worship at New Church on Ash Wednesday and discover the deep love of God on this VaLENTine's Day.





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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

**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

**Transfiguration Sunday**

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

**2/20**

6:33pm

**Lenten Book Club & Dinner**

Kye and Kerry's

**2/21**

6:33pm

**Online Book Club**

Zoom

**2/25**

11:00am

**Second Sunday of Lent**

ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP

St. Paul's E&R UCC — Fellowship Hall

**2/27**

6:33pm

**Lenten Book Club & Dinner**

Kye and Kerry's

**2/28**

6:33pm

**Online Book Club**

Zoom



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