

ORDINARY TIME



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chiesa nuova, united church of christ

November 24, 2024
11:00am

GATHER

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

PRAISE

GOD OF JUSTICE

God of jus - tice, Re-deemer to all,
came to res - cue the weak and the poor;
Chose to serve — and not — be served. —
Je - sus, You have called — us.
Free - ly we've re-ceived, now free - ly we will give. We must
go, live to feed the hun - gy, stand be - side the
bro - ken, we must go. — Step - ing
for - ward, keep us from just sing - ing, move us in - to
1. 2.

FIRST LESSON

PSALM 23

YOU, O LORD, ARE MY SHEPHERD. I WILL NEVER BE IN NEED. YOU LET ME REST IN FIELDS OF GREEN GRASS. YOU LEAD ME TO STREAMS OF PEACEFUL WATER, AND YOU REFRESH MY LIFE. YOU ARE TRUE TO YOUR NAME,
AND YOU LEAD ME ALONG THE RIGHT PATHS. I MAY WALK THROUGH SHADOWED VALLEYS AS DARK AS DEATH, BUT I WON'T BE AFRAID.
YOU ARE WITH ME, AND YOUR SHEPHERD'S STAFF MAKES ME FEEL SAFE.
YOU TREAT ME TO A FEAST, BEFORE MY ENEMIES. YOU HONOR ME AS YOUR GUEST, AND FILL MY CUP UNTIL IT OVERFLOWS. YOUR KINDNESS AND LOVE WILL ALWAYS BE WITH ME EACH DAY OF MY LIFE, AND I WILL LIVE FOREVER IN YOUR HOME.

WORD

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.

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SECOND LESSON

Micah 6. 6-8

MESSAGE

Words for Healing: "Just Us"

CONVERSATION

THANKS

Giving of Our Presence, Prayers, and Gifts

SONG OF THANKS

Thank You, Lord

African-American Spiritual

Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord,
Been so good, been so good,

thank You, Lord.
been so good.

I just want to thank You _ Lord.

Holy Communion

- The Story
- The Invitation
- The Blessing
- The Sharing

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. All are welcome.

Song of Communion

Be Thou My Vision/Will You Guide Me

Words & Music Traditional Irish Hymn Additional Words & Music by Adam Lancaster

Be thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
Rich - es I heed not, nor life's emp - ty praise,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my in - her - i - tance now and al - ways:
Thou my best thought, by day or by
Thou and thou on - ly, first in my
night, heart, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pre - sence my
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou
light. art. Will you guide me
when I can't see? Please, Lord, lead me; You're

all that I need. Will you guide me
when I can't see? Please, Lord, lead me; You're
1. all that I need. 2. all that I need.
Be thou my Vi - sion, O
Lord of my heart.

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The Thanks

The Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Healer, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

DEPART

REMINDERS

✦ BLESSING

SONG OF DEPARTING

I Offer My Life

Words and Music by Claire Cloninger & Don Moen

Lord, I of - fer my life — to You, ev - 'ry - thing I've
(we) (our) (lives) (we've)

— been through, — use it for Your glo - ry;

Lord, I of - fer my days — to You, lift - ing my praise
(we) (our) (our)

— to You, — as a pleas - ing sac - ri - fice,

— Lord, I of - fer You my — life.
(we) (our) (lives.)

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✦ SHARING THE PEACE – COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ

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.

WORSHIP

ADVENT WORSHIP! “More Than Words”

As hard as it is to believe, we are drawing close to the Season of Advent, and it's time to get the “words” out of storage. You know them: Hope. Peace. Joy. Love.

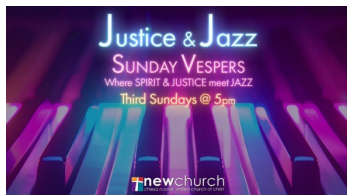


These words weave their way through the season of Advent, inviting us to prepare for the arrival of Jesus, whom we call the Word. They have a sense of familiarity like heirlooms passed down from generations past. And just like heirlooms, the original meaning and impact may have dulled over the years.

This year our worship series, More Than Words, will help us rediscover these four words, and how each invites us, challenges us, and prepares us for Jesus' arrival as we seek to draw closer to God even as God is always drawing closer to us.

JUSTICE & JAZZ SUNDAY VESPERS – Sunday,

December 13 at 5:00pm



Worship with us at Justice & Jazz Vespers on Sunday, December 15 at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary at 6464 E Lovers Lane, Dallas, 75214. (St Paul's UCC) for a special CHRISTMAS CONCERT, with our outstanding, Sound of Justice Jazz ensemble, a special Jazz Singers ensemble, and a reception following the service. As

always, the service will begin at 5:00 pm and conclude by 6:00 pm, unless the Spirit gets ahold of us and we stay a brief few minutes longer.

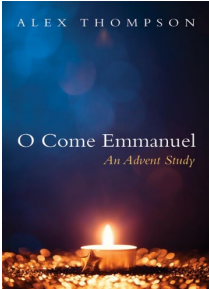
The service, as always will feature local jazz musicians, Sounds of Justice, and an inspirational message of justice. You won't want to miss this special Christmas event.

The goals of our Vespers Ministry are to provide a vibrant, spiritual worship service enhanced and inspired by jazz music. The ministry will develop justice leaders, communicate about justice efforts in our city, the DFW area, our state, and beyond, and grow community and connection among justice.

MINISTRY

ADVENT BOOK CLUB

Thursdays, December 5 - 19



This year, our Advent Book Club will be an onsite Book Club continueing on Thursday, We will gather at 7:00 pm at the home of Kye Corn & Kerry Davenport. You can RSVP to attend and [receive the address by emailing us here.](#)

Our book is *O Come, Emmanuel: An Advent Study*, by Alex Thompson. Amidst the busy Christmas season, Advent is often treated as little more than an extended celebration of Christmas. In this study, drawing on the rich imagery of the classic Advent hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," Thompson explores the way the New Testament draws on the Hebrew Scriptures to express the longing for God's deliverance in Jesus. The book is available from [Amazon](#) in paperback and on Kindle.

Just a reminder that you don't have to have read the book to come and share the meal and join the conversation.

And, as always, we will offer an online option continuing on Wednesday, December 6, at 6:33 pm on [Zoom](#).

SUNDAY OF SERVICE - Sunday, December 29 at 11am

On 5th Sundays (months that have five Sundays), our New Church Community, family, and friends are invited to help feed unhoused 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, we'll feed ourselves at a Dutch treat lunch.



Amazon List



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. Our Amazon Wishlist has been updated and we welcome donations for our next SoS 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 ...

11/17

11:00am

Ordinary Time

ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP

5:00 pm

Justice & Jazz Vespers

Onsite in the Sanctuary & Online on FB

11/20

6:33pm

NC Online Advent Book Club

Via Zoom

11/21

NC In Person Advent Book Club

Corn & Davenport Home

11/24

11:00am

Reign of Christ Sunday

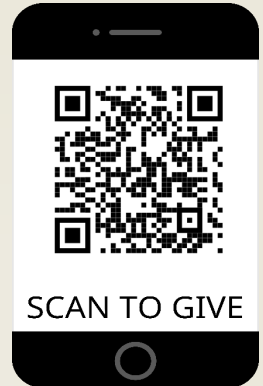
ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP

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11:00am

First Sunday of Advent

ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP



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

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