

**NEW LIFE METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

10:45 a.m.

November 29, 2020

1st Sunday of Advent

MORNING WORSHIP

Rev. Mark Byrd

I Believe in the Sun (Son)
Hope For Tomorrow

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY

Isaiah 40:1-3,26,28-31

Comfort, comfort my people! says your God.
Speak compassionately to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her compulsory service has ended, that her penalty has been paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins!

A voice is crying out: "Clear the LORD's way in the desert! Make a level highway in the wilderness for our God!

Look up at the sky and consider: Who created these? Don't you know? Haven't you heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. He doesn't grow tired or weary. His understanding is beyond human reach, giving power to the tired and reviving the exhausted. Youths will become tired and weary, young men will certainly stumble; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength; they will fly up on wings like eagles; they will run and not be tired; they will walk and not be weary.

1 Peter 1:3-9

Praise God, the Creator of us all, and of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is so good, and by raising Jesus from death, God has given us new life and a hope that lives on. God has something stored up for you in heaven, where it will never decay or be ruined or disappear. You have faith in God, whose power will protect you until the last day. Then God will save you, just as God has always planned to do. On that day you will be glad, even if you have to go through many hard trials for a while. Your faith will be like gold that has been tested in a fire. And these trials will prove that your faith is worth much more than gold that can be destroyed. They will show that you will be given praise and honor and glory when Jesus Christ returns. You have never seen Jesus, and you don't see him now. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Mark 1:1-3

This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. It began just as the prophet Isaiah had

written: "Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way. He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the LORD's coming! Clear the road for him!'"

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans that I have for you, says the LORD, plans for peace and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

HOLY COMMUNION

One: *The Lord is with you!*

All: *And also with you!*

One: *Lift up your hearts!*

All: *We lift them up to the Lord!*

One: *Let us give thanks to the Lord!*

All: *It is right to give God thanks and praise!*

All: *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!*

*Blessed is the One Who comes in the Name of
The Lord!*

Hosanna in the highest!

Proclamation of our faith:

All: *Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ shall come again.
Hallelujah!*

OUR MISSION:

We are an inclusive, diverse, Christ-centered church, in which you have the freedom to be who you are, participate in community, explore spiritual transformation, and be part of social action.

OUR VISION:

We Are... ORDINARY PEOPLE

Somos... PERSONAS REGULAR

Believing... GOD'S LOVE IS FOR ALL

Creemos... EL AMOR DE DIOS ES PARA TODOS

Called To... REVEAL GOD'S PRESENCE IN

EVERYONE

Llamados... A REVELAR PRESENCIA DE DIOS EN

TODO Y TODA

PRAYING TOGETHER

Prayer(s) as we begin the Capital Campaign

Creator God, in your love for us you have blessed us abundantly. We glorify you and give you thanks for all the gifts you have given us: Our faith, our lives, our loved ones, and especially for the wisdom and love of our founding members whose example of sacrifice in time, talent and treasure, continues to bless us.

Most of all, we thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ whose sacrifice on the cross is made present to us through Christ's presence in each of us.

We also thank you for the opportunity to purchase our church home and for making that purchase possible by supplying our every need, according to Your riches. You have blessed us with both the gifts and finance necessary to reach our goal.

Continue to pour out your Spirit upon us, give us hearts of humility and gratitude. Help us to live as disciples modeling our lives after Christ's own pattern of self-giving love.

We humbly ask you to send your Spirit upon our community during this crucial time as we embark upon this campaign to build upon the foundation laid by those who came before us in faith.

We offer our prayers, joys, works, and treasures to you and we unite them to the love and grace of Christ. Let the beauty of you our God be upon us and establish the work of our hands for us. May our work manifest our gratitude and glorify you Oh God, forever and ever.

Amen.

In addition, the Prayer Team offers these three daily prayers for our New Life Capital Campaign. Please feel free to use these and your own prayers as you feel led, as the Spirit guides and empowers us toward reaching our goal of raising the necessary funds together to purchase the church building at 1000 Sunset Drive, Norfolk, VA.

Morning Prayer:

God of Abraham and Sarah, hear our voice as the faint light of morning grows on the horizon. We recall the journey of our faith ancestors who changed their lives in response to Your call. As this day unfolds before me, keep my ears open to Your call for this church as we move forward with this capital campaign in response to Your holy "nudge." We lay our request before you and wait expectantly. Amen.

Afternoon Prayer:

This afternoon, O God, I stop in the middle of a busy day to reflect on the manifestations of Your Spirit in the life of this church and in my own life. Remind me each and every moment that every gift I have comes from You. Please give me a willing heart to use them well and use them for You. Thank you for blessing my efforts. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

As we end our day together, O God, I thank You for today and the opportunities I have had to bring my congregation and its capital needs into the Light of Your presence. Although the light of day has now faded from sight, let me rest assured that Your Light shines forever. May the bricks and frame of our church building serve as a beacon of that Light to all who still search for it. Thank you for blessing our efforts on behalf of them. Amen.

NLMCC Song Sheet
Sunday, November 29, 2020
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OPENING CELEBRATION
Soon And Very Soon

V1: Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King. Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King. Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King. [C]

C: Hallelujah hallelujah, We're going to see the King.

V2: He'll be born in manger; We are going to see the King. He'll be born in manger; We are going to see the King. He'll be born in manger; We are going to see the King. [C]

V3: He'll bring hope to all of us; We are going to see the King. He'll bring hope to all of us; We are going to see the King. He'll bring hope to all of us; We are going to see the King. [C]

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Candle of HOPE

Choral Response:

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

V1: O come, O come Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

C: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee O Israel.

V2: O come Desire of nations bind All peoples in one heart and mind. Bid envy strife and quarrels cease. Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. [C]

V3: O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight. [C]

WELCOME

GIVING THANKS & PRAYING FOR THE WORK AT HAND

Choral Response:

Thank You, Lord

V1: Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord, I just want to than You, Lord.

V2: Been so good, been so good, been so good, I just want to thank You, Lord.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF REMEMBRANCE, HOPE, & RESILIENCE FOR WORLD AIDS DAY

Choral Response:

Lord Listen

To Your Children Praying

Lord listen to Your children praying; Lord send Your Spirit in this place. Lord listen to Your children praying; Send us love send us pow'r send us grace.

OUR PRAYERS TOGETHER

Choral Response:

O Lord, Hear Our Prayer

O Lord; hear our prayer. O Lord; hear our prayer. Grant the desires within Your will. Help us to wait and just be still. O Lord; hear our prayer. Amen.

The Prayers Still in Our Hearts...

Choral Response:

Hear Our Prayer

Hear our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer, O Lord; Incline Thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN SCRIPTURE & SONG

Isaiah 40:1-3,26,28-31

Mark 1:1-3

Choral Response:

Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel. God with us revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.

OFFERTORY

My Hope Is Built

soloist, Charlie Simon

Congregational Response:

Doxology

MORNING MESSAGE

1 Peter 1:3-9

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Meditation:

I Believe

V1: I believe in the sun; I believe in the sun, Even when even when it's not shining. I believe in the sun; I believe in the sun, Even when even when it's not shining.

V2: I believe in love; I believe in love, Even when even when I don't feel it. I believe in love; I believe in love, Even when even when I don't feel it. I believe in love; I believe in love, Even when even when I don't feel it. I believe in love; I believe in love, Even when even when I don't feel it.

V3: I believe in God; I believe in God, Even when even when God is silent.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER - unison

CLOSING SONG

Hope Has A Name

V1: There is a song I know it well, A melody that's never failed. On mountains high in valleys low, My soul will rest My confidence in You alone.

C: Hope has a name His name is Jesus. My Savior's cross has set this sinner free. Hope has a name His name is Jesus. Oh Christ be praised I have victory.

V2: There is a light salvation's flame; Christ undefeated trampled the grave. See now the cross be lifted high; The light has come the light has won. Behold the Christ!

BENEDICTION

Jesus, The Light of the World

C: We'll walk in the light, beautiful light. Come where the dew drops of mercy shine bright. Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus the light of the world.

V1: Hark the herald angels sing, Jesus the light of the world. Glory to the new born King, Jesus the light of the world. [C]

V2: Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Jesus the light of the world. Christ, the everlasting Lord, Jesus the light of the world. [C]

E: Jesus the light of, Jesus the light of Jesus the light of the world.