

**NEW LIFE METROPOLITAN  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

10:45 a.m.

December 6, 2020

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

**MORNING WORSHIP**

**Rev. Mark Byrd**

**I Believe in the LOVE**  
*Daring Right Relationship*

**SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY**

**Isaiah 7:1-14**

In the days of Ahaz (Jotham's son and grandson of Judah's King Uzziah), Aram's King Rezin and Israel's King Pekah (Remaliah's son) came up to attack Jerusalem, but they couldn't overpower it. When the house of David was told that Aram had become allies with Ephraim, their hearts and the hearts of their people shook as the trees of a forest shake when there is a wind. But the LORD said to Isaiah, "Go out to meet Ahaz, you and your son Shear-jashub, at the end of the channel of the Upper Pool, by the road to the field where laundry is washed, and say to him, 'Be careful and stay calm. Don't fear, and don't lose heart over these two pieces of smoking torches, over the burning anger of Rezin, Aram, and Remaliah's son. Aram has planned evil against you with Ephraim and Remaliah's son, saying "Let's march up against Judah, tear it apart, capture it for ourselves, and install Tabeel's son as its king." But the LORD God says: It won't happen; it won't take place. The chief of Aram is Damascus; the chief of Damascus is Rezin (in sixty-five more years Ephraim will be shattered as a nation); the chief of Ephraim is Samaria; and the chief of Samaria is the son of Remaliah. If you don't believe this, you can't be trusted.'" Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz:<sup>1</sup> "Ask a sign from the LORD your God. Make it as deep as the grave<sup>[b]</sup> or as high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I won't ask; I won't test the LORD." Then Isaiah said, "Listen, house of David! Isn't it enough for you to be tiresome for people that you are also tiresome before my God? Therefore, the Lord will give you a sign. The young woman is pregnant and is about to give birth to a son, and she will name him Immanuel.

**Matthew 1:1-23**

A record of the ancestors of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham:  
Abraham was the father of Isaac.  
Isaac was the father of Jacob.  
Jacob was the father of Judah and his brothers.  
Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar.  
Perez was the father of Hezron.  
Hezron was the father of Aram.  
Aram was the father of Amminadab.  
Amminadab was the father of Nahshon.  
Nahshon was the father of Salmon.

Salmon was the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab.

Boaz was the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth.

Obed was the father of Jesse.

Jesse was the father of David the king.

David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah.

Solomon was the father of Rehoboam.

Rehoboam was the father of Abijah.

Abijah was the father of Asaph.

Asaph was the father of Jehoshaphat.

Jehoshaphat was the father of Joram.

Joram was the father of Uzziah.

Uzziah was the father of Jotham.

Jotham was the father of Ahaz.

Ahaz was the father of Hezekiah.

Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh.

Manasseh was the father of Amos.

Amos was the father of Josiah.

Josiah was the father of Jechoniah and his brothers.

This was at the time of the exile to Babylon. After the exile to Babylon:

Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel.

Shealtiel was the father of Zerubbabel.

Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud.

Abiud was the father of Eliakim.

Eliakim was the father of Azor.

Azor was the father of Zadok.

Zadok was the father of Achim.

Achim was the father of Eliud.

Eliud was the father of Eleazar.

Eleazar was the father of Matthan.

Matthan was the father of Jacob.

Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary—of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Christ.

So there were fourteen generations from Abraham to David, fourteen generations from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen generations from the exile to Babylon to the Christ.

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. When Mary his mother was engaged to Joseph, before they were married, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband was a righteous man. Because he didn't want to humiliate her, he decided to call off their engagement quietly. As he was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the child she carries was conceived by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you will call him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Now all of this took place so that what the Lord had spoken through the prophet would be fulfilled: *Look! A virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, And they will call him, Emmanuel.*

## **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, December 6, 2020

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### **OPENING CELEBRATION**

#### **Beloved**

Beloved let us love one another, For  
love is of God and ev'ryone that  
loveth Is born of God and knoweth  
God. He that loveth not knoweth not  
God for God is love. Beloved let us  
love one another

First John four seven and eight

### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT**

#### **WREATH**

#### **The Candles of HOPE & LOVE**

Choral Response:

#### **Love Lifted Me**

V1: I was sinking deep in sin Far from  
the peaceful shore. Very deeply  
stained within Sinking to rise no  
more, But the Master of the sea  
Heard my despairing cry From the  
waters lifted me Now safe am I

C: Love lifted me, Love lifted me,  
When nothing else could help, Love  
lifted me (Repeat)

V2: Souls in danger look above,  
Jesus completely saves. He will lift  
you by His love Out of the angry  
waves. He's the Master of the sea;  
Billows His will obey. He your Savior  
wants to be; Be saved today. [C]

### **WELCOME**

*Congregational Declaration:*

**I Believe In Love;** I believe in love,  
Even when even when I don't feel it.  
(Choral Response)

#### **1 Corinthians 13**

*Choral Response:*

**I Believe In Love;** I believe in love,  
Even when even when I don't feel it.  
(Repeated)

### **OUR PRAYERS TOGETHER**

*Choral Response*

#### **Believe**

Believe, with a loving heart! Believe,  
and shine your light! Believe,  
because the song we sing is sung for  
all! (Repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am  
strong;" Let the poor say, "I am rich  
because of what our God has done  
for us." (Repeat)  
Believe!

### **OLD TESTAMENT & GOSPEL READINGS**

**Isaiah 7:1-14  
Matthew 1:1-23**

*Choral Response:*  
**Emmanuel**

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

### **OFFERTORY**

#### **This Little Light of Mine**

V1: This little light of mine, I'm gonna  
let it shine, This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine; This little light  
of mine I'm gonna let it shine, Let it  
shine, let it shine, let it shine.

V2: Ev'rywhere I go...

V3: Jesus gave it to me...

*Congregational Response:*  
**Doxology**

### **MORNING MESSAGE**

### **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.  
Oo oo oo

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER - unison**

### **CLOSING SONG**

#### **Love Has Come**

V1: Love has come a light in the  
darkness. Love explodes in the  
Bethlehem skies. See all heaven has  
come to proclaim it Hear how their  
song of joy arises Love love Born  
unto you a Savior Love love Glory to  
God on high

V2: Love is born come share in the  
wonder. Love is God now asleep in  
the hay. See the glow in the eyes of  
His mother. What is the name her  
heart is saying. Love love Love is the  
name she whispers. Love love Jesus  
Immanuel

### **BENEDICTION**

*Choral Response:*

#### **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

V1: Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King: peace on  
earth, and mercy mild, God and  
sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye  
nations, rise, join the triumph of the  
skies; with th'angelic hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

R: Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King"

V2: Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in  
time behold him come, offspring of  
the Virgin's womb: veiled in flesh the  
Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel. [R]