

## THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

**INTROIT**      "Sing Praise and Bless the Lord" ("Laudate Dominum")

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus is Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End.

**All: Our hope is in You, everlasting Lord.**

One: He is the Lamb who was slain.

**All: And is worthy of all honor and praise.**

One: The Lord promises to wipe every tear from our eyes.

**All: We hold fast to Your promise of new life.**

One: Salvation belongs to our God.

**All: Glory and praise to You forever and ever.**

HYMN, # 7

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all grace and glory, we confess that too often we lose sight of Your victory. We are tempted by fear, distracted by worries, and slow to act on Your promises. Forgive us for the times we have chosen comfort over courage and silence over witness. Wash us clean from what is broken within us and make us new. Be patience as we learn to follow. Be merciful when we stumble, and help us to persevere so that we may join with all creation in singing Your praises. In Christ's holy name. Amen**

SILENT PRAYERS / WORDS OF PARDON

BLESS YOUR NEIGHBORS The close of this time is signaled by singing the Gloria Patri.

**GLORIA PATRI**, OGRP #33

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21: 1 - 8

Chuk Guzman

HYMN, # 32

"How Great Thou Art"

Pastor Andy

MESSAGE

Worth the Wait

Ruby McGuill

GIVING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Communion Music:

**"Come Share the Lord"**

arr. Keith Christopher

Chancel Choir

Ruby McGuill

Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Those wishing to join, please come forward during next hymn

**CLOSING HYMN, # 478**

**"Lead On, O King Eternal"**

BENEDICTION

**SENDING OUT, # 265**

**"Because He Lives"** (refrain only)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ALTAR RAIL

Special donations during January support the Meals on Wheels ministry and can be left on the communion rail or in the special giving box in the Narthex.

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

Come to the fellowship hall after worship for coffee, refreshments, & fellowship before joining one of our small groups. We have groups for children, youth, and have 4 different adult groups.

### NEW PEW BIBLES

Support the church's effort to fill our pew racks with new Bibles. They are \$10 each. You can dedicate this Bible in memory or in honor of someone. Each Bible will include a special label inside the cover to recognize your dedication. You can purchase a Bible on our website.

### HOLY LAND TRIP

Those interested in our trip to Israel are invited to an information meeting on Sunday, January 25, at 10:20am in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Andy will provide details and answer any questions.

### CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our yearly Church meeting is set for Sunday, January 25, at 3pm at First Methodist Church in Gonzales. Church bus available. Please sign-up in the Narthex or call the church office.

### TUESDAY NITE LIVE

Our week night dinner & Bible study starts Tuesday, January 27, at 5:30pm. We will watch season 2 of "House of David." Please sign up in the Narthex or call the office for meal count.

- ⇒ Your **faithful giving** supports our church's ministries. In addition to the offering plate, donations can be made thru our website, app, or by texting the dollar amount to (979) 428-2257. Electronic giving is always safe and secure.
- ⇒ Our **Prayer Team** meets Wednesday at 1:00pm in the Conference Room.
- ⇒ **Girls In The Middle** ministry for 3rd - 8th grade girls resumes, Mon. Feb. 2. Information in Narthex.
- ⇒ The church office is closed tomorrow. However, the Church Board meets at 5:30pm in Room 5.

### As Disciples of Jesus Christ...We Pray For:

\*For our Military & their families  
\*Jonathan Chovanetz (at Marine Basic Training)  
\*Nursing Home & Homebound members  
\*Rick Schultze (going on hospice care)  
\*Linda Childers (recovering from a fall)  
\*Ronnie Lannier (recovering from hip replacement)  
\*Dana Hall (healing mercies)  
\*Stephanie Bunch (brain tumor)  
\*Pat Garrett (healing mercies)  
\*Maxine & Jon Ballard (healing mercies)  
\*Dan Teas (cancer treatment)  
\*Brenda & Ron Holcomb (healing mercies)  
\*Barbara & Frank Walla (healing mercies)  
\*Linda Hartson (hospice care)  
\*Marie Allen (healing mercies)  
\*Jo Anne Hill (healing mercies)  
\*Gary Martyr (complications with kidneys)  
\*Jack Anderson (breathing difficulties)

### JOINING THE CHURCH...

We treasure the opportunity to be your church and invite you to consider joining through one of the ways listed below. Questions? Talk with Pastor Andy: [andy@newlifelg.org](mailto:andy@newlifelg.org) Cell: 830-203-0881

by **Transferring** your membership from your current church.

by **Profession of Faith:** declare your belief in Jesus Christ and commitment to His church.

A second baptism is **NOT** necessary, but if you have never been baptized, please contact Pastor Andy to make arrangements.

by **Restoration:** for former members of this congregation who wish to renew their commitment to commitment to Christ's Church.

### WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN CHRIST'S CHURCH TODAY

(Come Forward during the final song and give this information to the Pastor)

NAME (S):

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Former Church:

#### You will be asked to faithfully respond to these questions:

1. Do you confess Jesus Christ as Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord?
2. Will you be loyal to Christ's church and strengthen its ministries by your prayers, presence, gifts, service, & witness?

### For Our Extended Family:

\*Michael Ballard (cancer treatments)  
\*Ledger Robertson (5 year old with brain tumor)  
\*Randall Slinkard (healing from stroke)  
\*Adam Watson (Mazac family ~ leukemia)  
\*Mark Gillentine (fighting cancer)  
\*Sheila Traybig (Stage 4 colon cancer)  
\*Brea Laudano (recovering from back surgery)  
\*Merry Douly (healing mercies)

### Birthdays

\*Connie Sneed (1.18); \*Gay Mazac (1.18);  
\*Mildred Schaefer (1.20); \*Brad Cutright (1.20);  
\*Thomas Matthews (1.21); \*Lorie Machinsky (1.22);  
\*Claire Dornwell (1.24)

### Anniversaries

\*Ted & Nada Burns (1.19)  
\*Jackie & Thomas Matthews (1.21)  
\*Ken & Shirley Smith (1.21)

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Rev. Andy Smith



Celebration of Worship  
January 18, 2026

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

Nursery available throughout Sunday morning.  
Childcare provided by Noreen Dopslauf & Martha Galindo