THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

PRELUDE Ruby McGuill

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN,** # 162 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs 1 & 2)

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11: 1 - 2 Janet Gillentine

Luke 2: 7

John 1: 1 - 4, 14

MESSAGE It's All About the Baby Ruby McGuill

**GARLAND GREENERY** 

HYMN "Silent Night"

CHRISTMAS TREE CHRISMON

**POINSETTIAS** 

*HYMN* "Away in A Manger"

HOLLY GREENERY

ADVENT WREATH CANDLES Erica & Al Menconi

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

**DOXOLOGY** 

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

CLOSING HYMN, # 201 "Joy to the World" (vs 1 & 4)

**BENEDICTION** 

SENDING OUT, # 162 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (refrain only)

## MANOUNCEMENTS

#### LOVE OFFERING

As you depart, please leave a love offering for Ruby McGuill Ministries in the marked baskets. This helps Ruby continue sharing the message of Christ through story telling and music. Please also visit her ministry table in the Fellowship Hall that has items from her ministry available for donations.

## SECOND CHANCE

Volunteers needed for this week: Mon. Dec. 1, Noon to 3pm. Tues. Dec. 2 ~ Thurs. Dec. 4, 9am to 3pm. Friday & Saturday 8am to 3pm. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

#### **ADVENT CANDLES**

Sign up online or use this QR code to light the Advent Wreath candles on a Sunday during Advent or at one of our Christmas Eve services. Wednesday, Dec. 24 at either 4pm or 6pm.



#### ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Our Advent study "Brought to the Light" begins this week with two meeting options: Tuesdays at 1:00pm or you can attend Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Study books available now in the Narthex.

### PLEDGE DRIVE

Your faithfulness has fully funded the ministries of our church this year. Thank you for your stewardship. Please consider making a pledge for 2026. Your dedicated commitments helps the church budget and plan for the future. Pledge cards are in the Narthex or online under "Give."

## HOLY LAND TRIP

Bishop Leah Gregory and Pastor Andy invite you to visit the Holy Lands October 27 thru November 5, 2026. The cost of \$4,198 covers airfare to and from New York, hotels, breakfast & dinner, and all entrance fees. Imagine sailing on the Sea of Galilee and visiting places Jesus ministered. Our trip ends in Jerusalem. Scan the QR code for more information and to register.



## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

The Church humbly asks for worship volunteers to sign-up to serve entire months as Greeters, Ushers, and Communion Servers. Sign-up is online or in the Narthex. If you can't serve every Sunday in a month, we can easily find substitutes. Thank you!

## CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Chancel Choir & Glory Tones offer this special cantata on Sun. Dec. 14 at the 9:00am service

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

- \*For our Military & their families
- \*Nursing Home & Homebound members
- \*Jill Eilers (healing for her eye)
- \*Rick Schultze (healing mercies)
- \*Luke Carden (diagnosed with a type of diabetes)
- \*Jon & Maxine Ballard (healing mercies)
- \*Marie Allen (recovering from spine procedure)
- \*Dan Teas (cancer treatment)
- \*Brenda & Ron Holcomb (healing mercies)
- \*Barbara & Frank Walla (healing mercies)
- \*Lina Fleck (healing from knee surgery)
- \*Linda Hartson (grace & mercy)
- \*Jo Anne Hill (healing mercies)
- \*Gary Martyr (healing mercies)
- \*Jack Anderson (breathing difficulties)

## For Our Extended Family:

- \*For Bellville Methodist Church in the loss of their Associate Pastor: Jason Samford
- \*Michael Barney (Heather Dornwell's Father)
- \*Michael Ballard (cancer treatments)
- \*For Gary (Kari Willrich's Dad receiving radiation 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)

## **Birthdays**

- \*Nancy Hajek (today!); \*Janet Parker (12.3);
- \*Marty Emmons (12/6); \*Dustine Machinsky (12.6)

#### JOINING THE CHURCH...

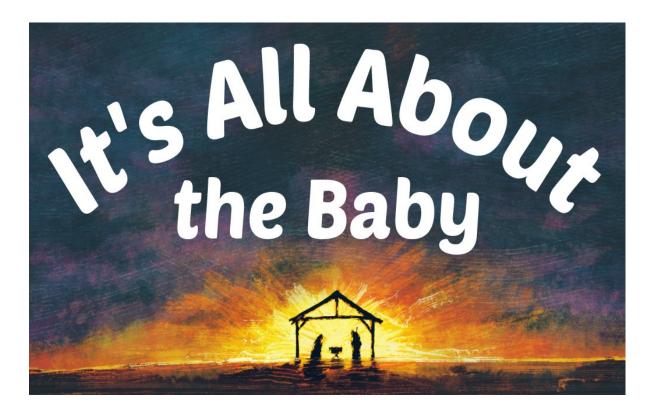
We treasure the opportunity to be your church and invite you to consider joining through one of the ways listed below. Questions? Talk with Pastor Andy: andy@newlifelg.org Cell: 830-203-0881
by <i>Transferring</i> your membership from your current church.
by <i>Profession of Faith:</i> declare your belief in Jesus Christ and commitment to His church.
A second baptism is <b>NOT</b> necessary, but if you have never been baptized, please contact Pastor Andy to make arrangements.
by <b>Restoration:</b> 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):
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?

## New Life Methodist Church

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# Celebration of Worship November 30, 2025

1st Sunday of Advent

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