

To Know Christ and to Make Him Known

> Sunday, March 15, 2020 9:00 & 10:45am

## WELCOME

Today's worship services and Sunday School classes are cancelled in an effort to help limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus; however, the church office will be open this week. Join a virtual service by following the order below and listen to today's sermon online at www.newlifeglenside.com/resources/sermon archive.

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE:** All Is Well

CALL to GOD'S PEOPLE to worship the ROCK of our salvation: Psalm 95:1-6

Let us come and praise "the God who saves!"

- **SONG:** Come Praise and Glorify
- **READING:** Isaiah 53:4-5
- **CONFESSION:** Spend some time silently confessing our sins to the one who forgives, and heals, and keeps us, followed by this prayer:

Our merciful heavenly Father, You are the One who forgives our sins and heals our iniquities, who binds up the wounded, and comforts the brokenhearted. We come to you — broken, weak, fearful, foolish — asking for your forgiveness and healing. We pour out our hearts to you, confident you will hear us, because your Son Jesus was wounded for our transgressions; he bore our sins in His body on the tree, and by his wounds we are healed. As we continue to live and in this broken world, longing and groaning with all creation, for the Day when all is made whole, when suffering and sorrow flee away, we entrust ourselves once again to your faithful love and care. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

- **READING:** Lamentations 3:22-24
- SONGS: The Steadfast Love He Will Hold Me Fast
- **READING:** Psalm 46:1-3
- SONGS: A Mighty Fortress My Hope Is Built

### PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

#### SERMON

**RESPONSE:** It Is Well with My Soul

YouTube Play list of ALL the songs above ("Worship - New Life Glenside, 2020, March 15"): https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLmDVINv-qwVwC74y6AO1p62jWl2nqi 3p

One link to ALL Scriptures in the worship set:

https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+95%3A1-6%2Clsaiah+53%3A4-5%2C+Lamentations+3%3A22-24%2C+Psalm+46%3A1-3

# **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

- Prayer Chain: If you have a prayer request or would like to join the prayer chain, contact Linda Woods.
- Join our Facebook Page: "New Life Church in Glenside Facebook Page" http://facebook.com/newlifeglenside
- **Pastors' Blog:** https://newlifeglenside.com/blog/, or www.newlifeglenside.com and select BLOG under the RESOURCES tab.
- New Life's Weekly E-News: To receive our weekly e-news, email Greg Raysor at graysor@newlifeglenside.com or sign up at http://eepurl.com/hbCAY
- Deacons' Cell Phone: If you have or know of a need, please call our deacon on staff at 267-528-8637.
- **Meals Ministry:** If meals are needed, please contact March coordinator Carolyn Ritter at NewLifeMeals@gmail.com.
- **Perpetual Food Drive:** *Urgent need: canned pasta* Place your donations in the cabinet by the Weldon Room.
- Food Cupboard Hours: Mon.: 7–7:30pm for New Life families; Tues.: 6:45pm for the community; Thurs.: 1pm for seniors.
- New Life Nursery School: Piper Fordham, Director, 215-576-0783 NewLifeNurserySchool@gmail.com; www.facebook.com/NewLifeNurserySchool
- New Life Thrift Stores—www.newlifethriftinc.org—*two locations*: 800 N. Easton Rd., Glenside, 215-886-8619 | M-F: 9am-7pm; Sat.: 9am-6pm 67 Cheltenham Ave., Cheltenham, 215-635-0820 | M-F: 9am-6pm; Sat.: 9am-5pm

## **ONLINE GIVING**

Even though Sunday services are canceled, your financial contributions to the church are more needed than ever! By not meeting, we are losing the connection we have to give our tithes and offerings. Please continue to give your tithes and offerings, either by online donation here, or by mailing in your check. Thank you!

In today's fast-moving world, many have become accustomed to paying for purchases electronically. Did you know that you can make your tithes and offerings to New Life Church electronically, too? You can have your regular giving happen automatically. Choose a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly time frame—whatever works best in your schedule. Regular periodic giving makes budgeting easier for the church, and automatic electronic giving provides that consistency. If you are out of town for the weekend or forget to write the check the donation is still made. Here are two options on how to give electronically:

- 1. Use your bank's "Online Bill Pay" system. Most banks have a place to make electronic payments with the option to make it a reoccurring payment.
- Use the New Life secure website. Go to the New Life website: www.newlifeglenside.com and select the GIVE button at the top right of the home page.

You have the option to donate once or to set up a reoccurring contribution schedule. Either debit cards or credit cards can be used for the transaction. Caution: The Session does not think it is good stewardship to increase debt by using credit to contribute to our ministry.

When using a credit card the credit card company withholds fees and the service provider charges fees. (You get credit for the full amount of your donation.) Automatic transfers from your bank and checks have the same processing costs. Don't forget to check if your company has a matching contribution benefit.

When you sign up to give online you are deciding in advance to faithfully give and trust God's provision; God delights in that kind of faith!

# **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

#### **General Offering**

	This Week	Fiscal YTD	Average	Giving Shortfall
Needed:	\$20,159	\$725,724	\$20,159	
Received:	\$28,194	\$671,552	\$18,654	\$54,172

### **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

Pray for Bob and Martha Kepple as they grieve the passing of Bob's mother.

Pray for Karen Preston as she grieves the passing of her father.

Pray for Rose Marie Miller as she recovers from a recent fall.

#### Pray for those in our congregation who are undergoing cancer treatment:

Miska Brown, Kris Reidenbach, Rick Warner

**Pray for our deacons and deaconesses** as they meet tomorrow evening. Deacons: Josh Chapman (on sabbatical), Ben Cochran, Ed Coley, Bob Custer Jr., Dave Douds, Andy Fordham, John Hagerty, Greg Hargis, Bret Johnson, Jonathan Kratz, Dennis Reidenbach, David Sellers (Chairman), Nelson Shane, Alan Smith, and Joe Vescovich. Deaconesses: Cara Clark, Martha Cochran, Russlyn Cook, Rita Harris, Jeri Johnson, Judi Lemay-Lusk, and Rita Ramos.

## LOOKING AHEAD

#### PHILADELPHIA PCA WOMEN'S SPRING BREAKFAST—Sat., April 4, 9am-Noon

#### The Secret of Contentment | Speaker: Barbara Miller Juliani

Some say contentment comes from not caring too much about what others have. Others argue for self-control, or changing your self-talk. But, even if we could change the way we think, can we ever hope to be content in a world where hard and sad circumstances are a daily reality? Yet centuries ago Paul wrote from prison that he had found "the secret" of contentment. Could it be as easy (and as hard) as he says? Let's listen to his words and see if they have stood the test of time. Cost: \$5 pay at the door (includes light breakfast). Location: New Life Glenside. RSVP by March 30 at http://evite.me/S1zxhG1DtE.

#### NEW LIFE WOMEN'S WEEKEND 2020!—May 1-3 at Harvey Cedars

#### *Relationships, Desires, and Disappointments: Gospel Hope and Help* Speaker: Ellen Dykas, Women's Ministry Coordinator for Harvest USA

Our retreat this year will provide biblical encouragement for the amazing ways that God uses desires and disappointments as both a gift and a trial. Through Jesus Christ, our desires, disappointments, and relationships are transformed into pathways which draw us closer to him, and propel us to love people from a free and whole heart. For more info, pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center in the lower lobby or visit newlifeglenside.com and click on the "Connect" menu. Register by Sunday, April 12.

### **NEW LIFE STAFF**

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## UPDATE: COVID-19 | NEW LIFE CLOSED FOR TWO WEEKS

Dear New Life Family:

Governor Wolf has asked that public venues close for the next two weeks, starting Friday, March 13, to further contain the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

We believe it is right and biblical to respect the governing authorities (Romans 13:1-7), and we also think it is wise and loving to our church community and to our local community that we do our part in helping to reduce the spread of this new virus.

We do not want to put anyone at risk by gathering in a large group.

So, the Session is canceling worship services and Sunday classes this Sunday, March 15, and next Sunday, March 22.

We are also canceling all of our meetings up through Friday, March 27. We are, however, seriously considering how we can keep the food cupboard distribution open, with new safety procedures in place for our volunteers and for those who need food assistance. We think that this vital outreach ministry will be more critical for people during and after this lockdown.

#### SO WHAT NOW?

**This does not mean that you can't worship on Sunday: worship online at home instead!** Mark will be video recording his sermon, entitled, "This Coronavirus Moment." It will be on the front page of our website: www.newlifeglenside.com. You will also find there the worship service Scripture readings and songs.

We are also looking into streaming our Sunday service by next Sunday, the 22nd. We will let you know how you can access that.

Based on medical advice we have received, the big unknown here is the incubation period when people are not aware that they are carrying the virus. **Therefore, we think it is best to cancel all groups, including community groups and other small groups, for at least two weeks.** 

During these two-weeks, think out of the box when it comes to relationships and community. We encourage you to step up communication with your community group and ministry friends. Email, text, (*hey, even make a phone call!*); consider having video talks with your friends and groups over Facetime, Duo, Zoom, and the like. Do community group online. We can still care for one another, pray with one another, and love one another during this time of temporary separation.

Community with one another is so important! Let's be creative in reaching out and maintaining contact.

Finally, we especially ask that you check in with people you know, in our church community, and in your neighborhood, who are more vulnerable to this virus. Ask if they need any help. This is a time to practice caution and self-care, but we don't want to turn completely inward. We want to love others and glorify the Lord in all that is happening. Paul urges us in Philippians 1:27: "Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ." The church has historically been a place of love and refuge during times of community upheaval, and we want to do so again during this time. Let's ask the Lord to give us a bold love for others as we care for one another in the name of Jesus.

Remember, the Lord is sovereign over this situation and present with us as we go through it. Psalm 46 is a great psalm to meditate and believe in, for "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear..."

More information will be coming out beginning next week on ways we want to shepherd our church family. In the meantime, if you need any help, don't hesitate to reach out to your community group leaders, our deacon coordinator (Dave Douds at deaconcrd@newlifeglenside.com), or the elders and pastors (via Mark or Nicholas' email).

In Christ,

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