

Welcome!

We are glad you chose to worship with us today!

If you would like to know more about New City Fellowship, stop by the Welcome Table to ask questions, learn about our ministries, or fill out a visitor card to be personally contacted.

Our Mission

New City Fellowship exists to seek the establishment of God's kingdom rule in the lives of people from every ethnic group by discipling the nations in the reconciling Gospel of Jesus Christ through a clear proclamation of salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone and by doing Spirit-led deeds of justice and mercy.



Become part of a house church to know the joy of walking with each other through the ups and downs of life. **House churches are where the primary care for the body takes place.** Groups meet on different nights of the week in different locations around the city. Pick up a copy of the **HOUSE CHURCH BROCHURE** in the foyer for meeting times and locations, or contact Jim Ward for more information: jward@ncfstl.org, 314-726-2302 x257.

FYI

Worship Service and Livestream at 10:30am
French service at 10:30am in the auditorium
Adult Ed Classes at 9:15am

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Please reserve the parking lot behind the gym for those in our congregation that have a physical need for accessible parking close to the building. Able-bodied people may also park at the school across the street.

Baptisms—if you are interested in scheduling a baptism or to arrange to meet with a pastor contact Emily Hedlund: ehedlund@ncfstl.org, 314-726-2302 x243



Sermon Text

Isaiah 9:1-7 (ESV)

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

John 1:1-16 (ESV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

Matthew 5:13-18 (ESV)

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ¹⁷Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Advent Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5 (ESV)

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Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

你們的神說：你們要安慰，安慰我的百姓。

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

要對耶路撒冷說安慰的話，又向他宣告說，他爭戰的日子已滿了；他的罪孽赦免了；他為自己的一切罪，從耶和華手中加倍受罰。

³A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

有人聲喊著說：在曠野預備耶和華的路，在沙漠地修平我們神的道。

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

一切山窪都要填滿，大小山岡都要削平；高高低低的要改為平坦，崎嶇嶇嶇的必成為平原。

⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

耶和華的榮耀必然顯現；凡有血氣的必一同看見；因為這是耶和華親口說的。

Angels, We Have Heard On High

Build Your Kingdom Here

Chant de Louange

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Days of Elijah

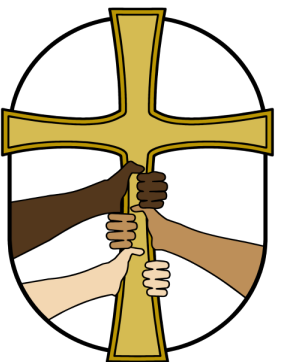
Offering and Announcements

Infant Dedication

Sermon

I Am Redeemed

The Lord's Supper



What's Happening at New City Fellowship ...



Important Dates - WINTER BREAK

Children's Sunday School - Not meeting December 19th - resuming January 9th
Adult Ed - Not meeting December 19th - resuming January 9th
Kids' Bible Time - Not meeting December 26th - resuming January 9th
Baby and Preschool - Not meeting December 26th - resuming January 9th
Middle School Youth Group - Not meeting December 9th - resuming January 27th
High School Youth Group - Not meeting December 13th - resuming January 24th
Church Office - Closing December 23rd (half-day) - reopening January 3rd

Special Holiday Services

Christmas Eve Service - December 24th from 6-7pm in the gym. Join us for a festive service where we light the last advent candle and sing Christmas songs celebrating the birth of Christ. You won't want to miss it!

Francophone New Years Eve Service - December 31st from 8pm-1am in the gym. Our French speaking brothers and sisters would like to invite you to their annual New Years Eve Worship Service. This is a time of celebration and worship for what the Lord has done in the past year.

Testimony Sunday - January 2nd, 10:30am in the gym. It's a New City tradition to share testimonies on the first Sunday of the New Year, proclaiming God's goodness. Consider sharing a 3-5-minute testimony of what God has done in your life in 2021.

Workday Job Opportunity

Workday is currently seeking a Director who will be responsible for implementing the mission and vision of Workday, a Ministry of RSL. The position involves oversight and leading of 2nd Saturday Workday Teams, Weekend Teams, Spring Break and Summer Teams of volunteers who share the gospel and complete minor home repairs, build wheelchair ramps and do yard maintenance. Candidates must be current members, or willing to become members of New City Fellowship University City, West End or South campus. The position is 45 - 50 hours a week. We seek to hire candidates that represent the communities that we serve. Please apply by January 3rd.

For more information or to apply contact Andrew Stern: andrew@ncfstl.org

NCF Sunday Morning Worship Services

As a church we will follow local and CDC guidelines. A large section of the gym is open seating and no mask requirement (people are free to wear masks if they want to). Another section of the gym is restricted for social distancing and wearing masks. In addition, we have a livestream service available in the building across the breezeway with masks and social distancing. Kids Bible Time is now meeting in the cafeteria. Thank you to all children 2 years of age and over, and their volunteers, for continuing to wear masks. If you have any questions, the deacon or usher in the foyer will gladly assist you!

Our chief goal is to allow as many of the people of God as possible to safely return to worship and fellowship.

Sign Up For Weekly Emails

If you are not receiving the weekly emails, sign up on the website or contact Emily Hedlund at the church office. This is how we are communicating ministry updates, events, announcements, and more! It's one of the primary ways we keep in touch as a church.

For more information contact Emily Hedlund: ehedlund@ncfstl.org

Join the Hospitality Team

Do you love people? Want to meet more folks and learn their names? Consider helping us greet on Sunday mornings! The commitment is just one Sunday a month, starting in January.

For more information contact Emily Hedlund: ehedlund@ncfstl.org

Help Us Welcome New Immigrants!

A family of new immigrants is moving here from Congo on January 8th. New City is setting up an apartment for them before they arrive. Here's what is needed:

2 Queen beds (box springs, mattresses)
Bedding and towels
Dining table and chairs

Dishes, glasses, mugs, cooking utensils, frying pan, pots, silverware
Donations for rent and bills—we'd like to bless them with 6 months of living expenses.

If you'd like to donate, please contact Emily Hedlund to coordinate pickup or drop-off.

For more information contact Emily Hedlund: ehedlund@ncfstl.org

infants, kids & teens

baby & preschool

During the sermon portion of the worship service we provide staffed preschool rooms for babies who are crawling through children 4 years of age (or beginning kindergarten). The nursery rooms are located at the top of the stairs from the foyer. You can register your child before the service at the "Baby & Preschool Sign Up Table." Parents are free to spend time in the nursery rooms with volunteers if they believe it will help their little one adjust to new surroundings. We are excited to welcome them!
Parents - please do not send kids to the nursery without you! Older siblings can NOT drop off children - drop off must be done by a parent or responsible adult.

A room has been provided for nursing mothers up the stairs in the foyer and to the far end of the hallway as you turn left. The sermon will be streamed to speakers there. Water and snacks are available.

children

New City Children's Ministry Team is committed to offering both in-person and virtual options for the discipleship of our children. Because of the on-going challenges of keeping children and volunteers safe amidst Covid-19, adjustments and changes to our programs happen often. Please make sure you are subscribed to the weekly children's ministry emails to receive updates, opportunities, and timing. If you do not currently receive these emails, contact Marianne Dean.

For more information contact Marianne Dean: mdean@ncfstl.org

teens

High School and Middle School Youth Group are on holiday break until the week of January 24th.

For more information or to volunteer contact Otto: otto@ncfstl.org