

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.

Get Connected!

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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For a copy of the church directory: _____ ehedlund@ncfstl.org



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

Luke 1:67-79 (ESV)

And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,
⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;
⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people
in the forgiveness of their sins,
⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Restore St. Louis

Jesus tutors children, teaches them how to work as teenagers, heals them when they are sick, and visits them if they go to jail; he feeds them, and he cares for them when they get old. Jesus is doing all these things through his people through the ministries of Restore St. Louis--the outreach arm of New City Fellowship. We would love to show you what the Lord is doing through us and share ways you can get involved.



Workday Health Connection
The Freedom School
Firm Foundation Tutoring
Harambee Youth Training
Umetulisha Food Program
Inside Out Prison Ministry

For more information or to set up a meeting contact Andrew Stern, Director:
andrew@ncfstl.org, (314) 280-4397

New City Fellowship

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

Holy, Holy, Holy

Advent Reading: Isaiah 11:1-5 (ESV)

Esaya 11:1-5 (Fulfulde)

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
Laamu laamiibe be asngol Daawuda bii Yessa ittaama. Ammaa bana lisal keccal fudirta diga tuggere lekki, bana non laamiido keso mo asngol Yessa wargirta.
² And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
² *Ruuhu Jawmiraawo don dow maako, ruuhu hikma e haggiilo, ruuhu sawari e cuusal, ruuhu annad e kulol Jawmiraawo.*
³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
³ *O seyorto kulol Jawmiraawo. O hiitataako fodde giide gite maako, o ta'ataa kiita fodde nande noppi maako.*
⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
⁴ *Ammaa o hiitanto laafube fodde adilaaku, o hiitoto leesbe lesdi kiita ngoonduka. O halkan duniyaaru bee wolde wurtiinde diga hunnduko maako, bee poofde hunnduko maako o mbaran kalludo.*
⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
⁵ *Adilaaku e goongaaku laatoto taadorgol maako*

O Come All Ye Faithful

O Little Town of Bethlehem

What Child is This

Prayer and The Apostles' Creed

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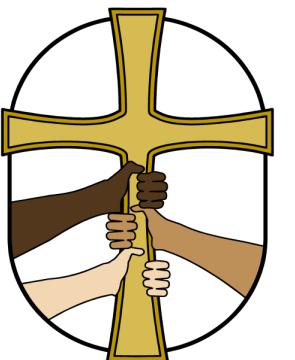
Offering and Announcements

Ministry Moment - RSL

Sermon

What Wondrous Love is This?

The Lord's Supper



What's Happening at New City Fellowship ...



IMPORTANT DATES - Christmas Schedule

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 19th - 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 - Friday, 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. This is a joint service with our French speaking brothers and sisters and with New City West End. You won't want to miss it!

Francophone New Years Eve Service - Friday, 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 - 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. We hope you can join us!

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 (mattresses + box springs)
- Bedding and towels
- 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

THANK YOU to everyone who has already donated!

To coordinate a donation contact Emily Hedlund: ehedlund@ncfstl.org

NCF Sunday Morning Worship Services

As a church we will follow local and CDC guidelines.

- Masks are currently required in the building for those ages 2 and up. Soft masks appropriate for small children will be available.
- A large section of the gym is open seating and another section of the gym is reserved for social distancing.
- We have a livestream service available in the building across the breezeway with masks and social distancing for those who wish to avoid crowds.

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

Winter Coats at The Exchange

We have received a large donation of winter coats for anyone who could use them. The Exchange will be open TODAY after the service and next Sunday, December 19th after the service. The Exchange is located under the overpass and down the stairs. If you need assistance, any deacon would be happy to help you.

For more information contact Anna Scannell: annakathryn.hardy@gmail.com

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

Student Housing Request

Jackline Umurerwa (Jackie) is an international student from Rwanda - East Africa who currently attends NCF Dallas. Jackie is seeking a host family to stay with for the Spring and Fall semesters of 2022 so she can attend Covenant Seminary for her Masters of Arts in Counseling. (She will likely return to Dallas for the summer.) Please contact Emily Hedlund if you would like to learn more about hosting Jackie in your home.

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