

# 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](mailto: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**

**Church Office:** \_\_\_\_\_ 1142 Hodiamont Ave, 63112; 314-726-2302  
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**Weekly church updates via email:** \_ send email address to [ehedlund@ncfstl.org](mailto:ehedlund@ncfstl.org)  
**For a copy of the church directory:** \_\_\_\_\_ [ehedlund@ncfstl.org](mailto: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](mailto:ehedlund@ncfstl.org), 314-726-2302 x243



# Sermon Text

## Acts 8:26-40 (ESV)

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place.<sup>27</sup> And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship<sup>28</sup> and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah.<sup>29</sup> And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot."<sup>30</sup> So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"<sup>31</sup> And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.<sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he opens not his mouth.  
<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup> And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"<sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.<sup>36</sup> And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?"<sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.<sup>39</sup> And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.<sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

# New City Fellowship

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

*Joy to the World*

## Advent Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7 (ESV)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.  
<sup>3</sup> You 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.  
<sup>4</sup> For 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.  
<sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.  
<sup>6</sup> For to 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.  
<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of 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.

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

*Bwana Anameremeta*

## Prayer and The Apostles' Creed

*Not What My Hands Have Done*

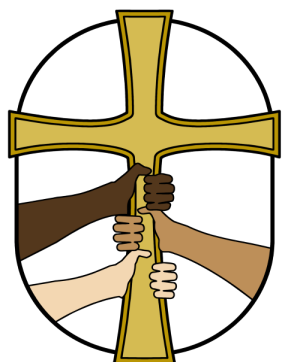
## Offering and Announcements

## Ministry Moment

## Sermon

*Cornerstone*

## The Lord's Supper



# What's Happening at New City Fellowship ...

## Health Insurance Resources

Need assistance finding health insurance? Let Health Connection help you!

**For more information contact Kim Swedlund: [kim@ncfstl.org](mailto:kim@ncfstl.org), 314-479-0919**

## Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School takes place from 9:00am-10:00am. If you'd like to sign up, please register your child online using the QR code. This year we are offering ONE form to register ALL kids age 0 through 5th grade.

**For more information contact Marianne Dean: [mdean@ncfstl.org](mailto:mdean@ncfstl.org)**



## Worship Team Volunteers Needed

As the holidays approach, we'd love to expand our worship team on Sunday mornings. This includes musicians, singers, audio tech and slides. Teens are encouraged to help out too! Whether you are gifted musically or not, we have a place for you on our team.

**For more information contact Christelle Mukendi: [cmukendi@ncfstl.org](mailto:cmukendi@ncfstl.org)**

## Firm Foundation Summer Opportunities

Looking to make an impact in Summer 2022? Firm Foundation Tutoring is looking for educators with experience in public or private school classrooms, homeschooling, and other educational settings to teach a dynamic and diverse group of elementary students this summer. Come make meaningful memories while doing Kingdom ministry!

**For more information contact Kristen Flores: [kristen@ncfstl.org](mailto:kristen@ncfstl.org), 314-278-6960**

## Adult Ed Classes

Adult Ed classes take place from 9:15am-10:00am Sunday mornings, both in person and on Zoom. There are currently three classes being offered:

**Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family**

**The Myth of a Christian Nation: How the Quest for Political Power Is Destroying the Church**

**Galatians For You**

**For more information contact Emily Hedlund: [ehedlund@ncfstl.org](mailto:ehedlund@ncfstl.org)**

## Parking Reminders

On the church property there is only parking available in the designated parking spaces in the North lot, South lot, and handicap/accessible parking lot.

When designated spaces on the property are full, parking is available in the street and in the Barbara C. Jordan school lot across the street.

Please do not park in the grass, in the driveways, or in the parking lots in areas not designated as parking spaces. Please do not double park, block dumpsters, or park in the fire lane. Thank you!

## Care For Our Congregation

The deacon team at New City is here for you! If you are struggling to have enough food, to pay your bills, or make financial decisions - please stop struggling alone. We want to come alongside you. If you belong to a house church, share your need with your HC leader or deacon. If you don't belong to a house church, please reach out to any deacon.

**For more information contact: [ucdeacons@ncfstl.org](mailto:ucdeacons@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 (though of course 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.**

# 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](mailto:mdean@ncfstl.org)**

## teens

High School Youth Group (grades 9-12) meet on Monday evenings from 7:00pm-9:00pm

Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8) meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm-8:30pm

**For more information or to volunteer contact Otto: [otto@ncfstl.org](mailto:otto@ncfstl.org)**