

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

Matthew 2:1-12 (ESV)

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶ "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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

TODAY IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

Call to Worship: Colossians 1:15-20 (ESV)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Who You Say I Am

The First Noel

You Deserve It

Prayer and The Apostles' Creed

Lokumu Eza Yayo

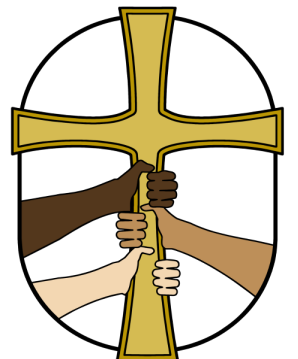
Offering and Announcements

Ministry Moment - InsideOUT

Sermon

Silent Night

The Lord's Supper



What's Happening at New City Fellowship ...



Important Dates - WINTER BREAK

Children's Sunday School - resuming January 9th

Adult Ed - resuming January 9th

Kids' Bible Time - resuming January 9th

Baby and Preschool - Not meeting December 26th - resuming January 9th

Middle School Youth Group - resuming January 27th

High School Youth Group - resuming January 24th

Church Office - reopening January 3rd



Special Holiday Services

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. We hope you can join us!

Adult Ed Resumes January 9th

Adult Ed classes take place from 9:15am-10am Sunday mornings. There are currently three classes being offered:

Discovering God's Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts - taught by Jim Ward (begins January 23rd)

Loving Your Prodigal - taught by Jim and Jennifer Owens

The Five Books of Moses: God's Foundational Revelation for Living as God's New Humanity In Jesus Christ - taught by Barry Henning and guest lecturers

For more information contact Jim Ward: jward@ncfstl.org

Hope and Lament Worship Night

Join us for a worshipful evening of Hope and Lament. Let's cry out to the Lord together for peace in our broken world. We'll meet in the Youth Room at 82nd Street Friday, January 14th from 7pm - 8:30pm.

For more information contact Mims Williamson: mims21@gmail.com, 314-304-7993

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.
- In addition, 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.

Congregational Meeting and Meal

You're invited to join us on Wednesday, January 12th from 6pm-8pm in the cafeteria for a time of fellowship as a church body. Umetulisha will provide individually prepared dinners for everyone. We will have activities for the whole family including nursery, children's ministry, youth group and adults. Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 5th so that we have food and resources available. Join us for the meal at 6pm or just for the gathering time that will start around 6:45pm. You can RSVP using the QR code here:



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

Women's Bible Study Resumes January 12th

Women's Daytime Bible Study resumes Wednesday, January 12th from 9:15am-11am in the small dining room. The study is on the book of Titus and is for women of all ages. We also have time where we break up into small groups and pray for one another. Babysitting is provided. We hope you can join us!

For more information contact Kathy Woodard: kathyw169@gmail.com

InsideOUT Prison Ministry

InsideOUT Prison Ministries partners with churches, individuals, secular and religious organizations and groups to spread two messages: **All humans are equally created in the Image of God AND All humans need Jesus Christ to fulfill their destiny and flourish!**

For more information contact Marshall "Book" Robinson: book@ncfstl.org

infants, kids & teens

Wiggle room

The Wiggle Room in the back northwest corner of the gym will be open for all services over the holiday season, however we are removing the toys from it until we have more data about the transmission of the omicron variant. Books, toddler, and preschool masks, as well as changing table supplies will remain. In the meantime, feel free to bring toys from home for your own child to use. Thank you!

Questions? Please email Amy Jensen: ajenaen@ncfstl.org

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, 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