

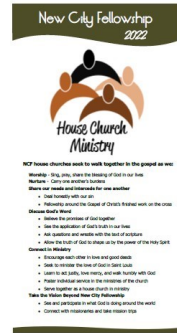
# Welcome!

## 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

## Luke 7:12-36 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. <sup>13</sup> And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." <sup>14</sup> Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." <sup>15</sup> And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. <sup>16</sup> Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" <sup>17</sup> And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

<sup>18</sup> The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, <sup>19</sup> calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" <sup>20</sup> And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" <sup>21</sup> In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. <sup>22</sup> And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>23</sup> And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

<sup>24</sup> When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>25</sup> What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. <sup>26</sup> What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>27</sup> This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you."

<sup>28</sup> I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." <sup>29</sup> (When all the people heard this, and the tax collectors too, they declared God just, having been baptized with the baptism of John, <sup>30</sup> but the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.)

<sup>31</sup> "To what then shall I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? <sup>32</sup> They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another,

"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not weep."

<sup>33</sup> For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' <sup>34</sup> The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' <sup>35</sup> Yet wisdom is justified by all her children."

<sup>36</sup> One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table.

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*In the Sanctuary*

## Call to Worship: Hebrews 10:19-22 (ESV)

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

*King of Kings*

*Alegría*

*Moyo Wangu*

## Prayer and The Apostles' Creed

*Break Every Chain*

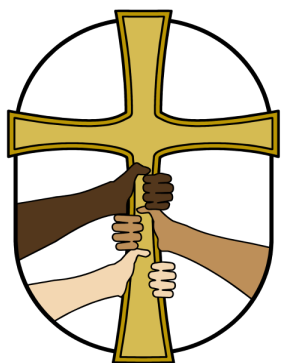
## Offering and Announcements

## Ministry Moment

## Sermon

*Before the Throne of God Above*

## The Lord's Supper



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

## Adult Ed and Sunday School - POSTPONED

Due to the rise in Covid cases, we're postponing the start of our Adult Ed classes and Children's Sunday School. The new start date will be determined soon.

Three Adult Ed classes will be offered:

*Discovering God's Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts* - taught by Jim Ward

*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](mailto:jward@ncfstl.org)**

## 40 Day Bible Reading Challenge

We're doing a new Bible Reading Challenge as a church beginning Monday, January 10th. The goal is to make reading a chapter of the Bible a day an ongoing habit for you and your family. Pick up your reading guide in the foyer or download the PDF in the Friday Email.

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

## Free Tax Service

The Metro St. Louis Community Tax Coalition is offering free tax filing at our church office: 1142 Hodiament Ave. This is for anyone in the community who needs assistance filing their taxes. Appointments are required this year. The dates are:

Jan 22, 9am-noon

Feb 5, 12, 26, 9am-noon

March 12, 26, 9am-noon

April 2, 9, 9am-noon



**To sign up, please use the QR code or call: 314-502-9185**

## Stay Connected

If you aren't getting the New City Friday emails, please contact Emily Hedlund in the church office to be added to the list. This is one of the main ways we communicate important news and updates as a church. We also encourage you to download the Church App and turn on push notifications. This is how we will communicate things like snow days that can't wait until Sunday morning. If you need help, please call or email the church office.

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

## Family Fellowship Night - POSTPONED

Unfortunately, due to the rise in Covid cases, we are rescheduling our first Family Fellowship Night for sometime in February. Be on the lookout for more details and a new RSVP form soon.

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

## Women's Bible Study - POSTPONED

The Women's Wednesday Bible study is being temporarily postponed. It was originally scheduled to begin January 12th from 9:15am-11am. We hope to start up soon - please be on the lookout for more details.

**For more information, contact Kathy Woodard: [kathyw169@gmail.com](mailto:kathyw169@gmail.com)**

## Thank You For Your Generosity In 2021!

Tax receipts will be mailed by the end of the month. To ensure the deductibility of your contributions made in 2021, please do not file your income tax return until you have received your written acknowledgement of contributions from NCF and Restore St. Louis.

**For more information, contact Jo Anne DuCharme: [jducharme@ncfstl.org](mailto:jducharme@ncfstl.org), 314-726-2302 x261**

# infants, kids & teens

## Wiggle room

The Wiggle Room is located in the Northwest corner of the gym and is a multipurpose space for various New City families and ministries. Families are welcome to use the play area during the service for babies and little wigglers. For now, we are removing the toys from it until we have more data about the transmission of the omicron variant. We will still have books, toddler and preschooler masks, and changing table supplies. In the meantime, feel free to bring toys from home for your own child to use. We ask that you pick up when you leave, and please do not leave your children unattended. Thank you!

**For more information, contact Amy Jensen: [ajensen@ncfstl.org](mailto:ajensen@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.** 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.

**For more information, contact Amy Jensen: [ajensen@ncfstl.org](mailto:ajensen@ncfstl.org)**

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

## teens

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

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