

## **Welcome to Worship!**

New Life Church

“The Real Purpose of Christmas!”

To everything *there is* a season,  
A time for every purpose under heaven  
Ecclesiastes 3:1, NKJV

“A Time of Incarnation”

December 20, 2020

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. John 1:1-5, NKJV

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.’” <sup>16</sup> And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*. John 1:14-18, NKJV

### IF JESUS DID NOT BECOME A MAN – HE COULD NOT BE AN EXAMPLE!

<sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. John 13:15, NKJV

### IF JESUS DID NOT BECOME A MAN – HE COULD NOT BE TEMPTED!

<sup>14</sup> Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14-16

### IF JESUS DID NOT BECOME A MAN – HE COULD NOT DIE!

<sup>9</sup> But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. Hebrews 2:9, NKJV

## **PREPARING FOR COMMUNION**

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup> So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. <sup>29</sup> For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. <sup>30</sup> That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. <sup>31</sup> But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment. <sup>32</sup> Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world.

<sup>33</sup> So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all eat together. 1 Corinthians 11:23-33, NIV

- ❖ We should take the Lord's Supper thoughtfully because we are proclaiming that Christ died for our sins.
- ❖ We should take it worthily, with due reverence and respect.
- ❖ We should examine ourselves for true salvation, unconfessed sins, or resentful attitudes.
- ❖ We should be considerate of others, eating and drinking in an orderly and unified manner.

## **PARTAKING OF COMMUNION**

Matthew 26:26, NIV - While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, ***(a moment of worship and thanksgiving)*** He broke it ***(a moment of peeling off the thin purple film on the top to access the wafer)*** and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." ***(a moment of eating it together)***

Matthew 26:27-28, NIV - Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, ***(a moment of worship and thanksgiving)*** He gave it to them, ***(a moment of peeling off the foil from the top of the juice cup)*** saying, "Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup> This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ***(a moment of drinking it together)***

Matthew 26:29-30, NIV - I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." <sup>30</sup> When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

## **NLC's verse for 2020**

As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! *John 20:20, NLT*