



6th Sunday before Christ the King

Sunday, October 15, 2023

The People of New Joy, Ministers

The Rev. Chris Duckworth, Pastor

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Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Welcome to worship at New Joy Lutheran Church. We are blessed by your presence among us today. This bulletin contains the outline and words for worship this morning.



New to New Joy? If you'd like to get in touch with the Pastor, be added to our email list, share a prayer request, or more, simply fill out one of the welcome/prayer cards in (most of) the seatback pockets and set it in the offering plate, hand it to an usher, or leave it on the counter in the church office.



Little children are always welcome – even and especially when they're a little noisy! We welcome children to worship God by toddling around, playing with toys, shaking tambourines, babbling and singing, and coming to the Lord's Table.

If little ones get too noisy during spoken parts of the service – the reading of Scripture, the sermon, or prayers – please try to quiet them or take them into the hallway for a moment to calm down. Thank you!

Our **nursery** is also available most Sundays for **children aged 5 and under**.



Holy Communion: At our Lord's Table Jesus gives his own body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and intimacy of his promised presence with us. All who desire to receive our Lord are welcome. Communion is shared with bread (a wafer) and cup (grape juice). If you're uncertain about receiving or how to receive, don't hesitate to ask pastor when you come forward. You are welcome to receive a blessing or to receive the sacrament, as you feel led by the Spirit.

The Ministry Board is New Joy's governing council. If you have any questions about our ministry, or seek to become more involved, please reach out to one of these members or to Pastor Chris.

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GATHERING



Prelude



Opening Prayer

Opening Song

Come, All You People



U - ya - i - mo - se, *ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*
1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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u - ya - i - mo - se *Zvi - no.*
come now and wor - ship the Lord.
come now and wor - ship the Lord.
come now and wor - ship the Lord.

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.



Kyrie



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.



Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD



Children's Message



Scripture Prayer

R: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, which you have given us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.



First Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

R: A reading from Isaiah:

¹O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him,

so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

R: Blessed are those who hear the word of God. *(Luke 11:28)*

C: Let us delight in the law of the LORD. *(Psalm 1:2)*



Psalm

Psalm 23

The Psalm is read responsively between the reader and congregation.

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**



Second Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

R: A reading from Philippians:

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

R: Blessed are those who hear the word of God. (*Luke 11:28*)

C: Let us delight in the law of the LORD. (*Psalm 1:2*)



Gospel Acclamation

Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart



Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew:

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**



Gospel Acclamation



Sermon



Song of the Day

Everlasting God

Verse 1

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Pre-Chorus

Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

Chorus

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

*The **Assisting Minister** leads this portion of the service, where we renew our shared mission, lift our prayers to God, and extend God's peace with one another.*



Mission Statement

A: Let us say together the mission we share:

C: New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community called by God to extend a radical welcome, share a generous grace, nurture a transforming faith, and live God's promise.



Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



Prayers of Intercession

Each prayer petition concludes:

A: God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.



Sharing the Peace

A: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

A: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with those around us.

Announcements & Offering



As part of our acts of worship we share select activities and opportunities from our life together. We collect an offering for the work of New Joy and of the mission partners we support locally and beyond. This QR code takes you to [Tithe.ly](https://tithely.com), our giving platform.





Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to this table,
that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL



As we prepare to receive the gift of Holy Communion, we pray a table grace patterned after the great Old Testament and early church prayers that recount God's goodness and ask that such goodness would extend to us and through us now and until our Lord's promised return.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.



Pastor continues with the proper preface, appointed specifically for this season, which leads us to Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus), the angelic chorus of Isaiah 6. This version of the Sanctus, set in a language foreign to many of us, gives us a sense of the otherworldliness of God's sacred presence.

Em D G C Am D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

Em D G C Am D

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

G C G/B Am rit. D

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est!

The Pastor continues with eucharistic prayer, which includes the following response:

P: ...As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.



**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,**

forever and ever. Amen.



Lord's Supper *(please be seated)*

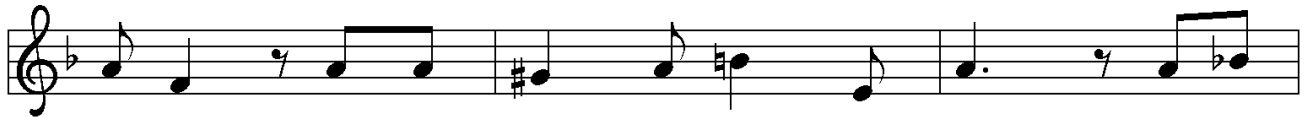
All are welcome to the communion feast, for our Lord is host and gives himself to all who desire to receive. Those not receiving Holy Communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing or remain in their seats in prayer. Come, let us eat and drink at the table of the Lord.



God Extends an Invitation



Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



sí es la co - mu - nión; pues a - sí es la co - mu - nión.
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

O Come to the Altar

Verse 1

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your
sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of
yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the
well
Jesus is calling

Chorus 1

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Verse 2

Leave behind your regrets and
mistakes
Come today there's no reason to
wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them
for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Bridge

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Verse 3

Bear your cross as you wait for the
crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've
found

He Came Down

Verse 1

He came down that we may have
love; (Repeat 3 times)
hallelujah forevermore.

Verse 2

He came down that we may have
light; (Repeat 3 times)
hallelujah forevermore.

Verse 3

He came down that we may have
peace; (Repeat 3 times)
hallelujah forevermore.

Verse 4

He came down that we may have joy;
(Repeat 3 times)
hallelujah forevermore.



Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray.

Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to invite all the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

SENDING



Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.
In the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit

C: Amen



Sending Song

Verse 1

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy
 Down in my heart (where?)
 Down in my heart (where?)
 Down in my heart

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy
 Down in my heart (where?)
 Down in my heart to stay

Verse 2

I've got the love of Jesus, love of
 Jesus

Down in my heart (where?)
 Down in my heart (where?)
 Down in my heart

I've got the love of Jesus, love of
 Jesus

Down in my heart (where?)
 Down in my heart to stay

Chorus

And I'm so happy, so very happy.
 I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.
 And I'm so happy, so very happy.
 I've got the love of Jesus in my heart
 I've got the peace that passes

I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy

(V1, V2, C, V3, V4, C)

understanding

Down in my heart (where?)
 Down in my heart (where?)
 Down in my heart

Verse 3

I've got the peace that passes
 understanding

Down in my heart (where?)
 Down in my heart to stay

Verse 4

I've got the wonderful love of my
 blessed Redeemer

Way down in the depths of my heart
 (where?)

Down in the depths of my heart
 (where?)

Down in the depths of my heart
 I've got the wonderful love of my
 blessed Redeemer

Way down in the depths of my heart
 (where?)

Down in the depths of my heart to
 stay

Chorus



Dismissal

A: Go in Peace. God is at work in you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

WORSHIP NOTES

LITURGY IS ROOTED IN SCRIPTURE: Besides reading Scripture in worship, much of the liturgy itself is rooted in Scripture verses and imagery. The first Christians, about whom we read in Acts chapter 2, “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” That description sounds a little bit like church, don’t you think?

THE SCRIPTURE PRAYER we say prior to reading the appointed Bible lessons was written by Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury and leader of the English Reformation (1489-1556).

TODAY’S APPOINTED READINGS were the same readings that Pastors Chris & Jessicah shared at their wedding 21 years ago this week. They placed an A-frame sign on the sidewalk of their city inviting anyone to come to the wedding. In one of their wedding photos, a local woman – known to the church as someone who struggled with poverty and homelessness – was in the background, having some food.

WORSHIP LEADERS

We give thanks for all who give of themselves for service to God and to this community.

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Cana Duckworth	<i>Cana Duckworth</i>
Reader	Alexa Helm	<i>Chuck Studer</i>
Acolyte	Jane Abbey	<i>Kinzi Jones</i>
Livestream Operator	Lukas Fiur	<i>Naaman Duckworth</i>

The band members are Glenn Hoffman, Jim Gregory, Karen Archbold.

The Altar Guild members are Judy Moon, Kristi Kittilstved, Nancy Trullinger, Morgan Studer, and Shawna Harouff.

The Livestream team is Phil Havlik, Rich Kittilstved and Naaman Duckworth. The audio is run by Steve Castle.

Our nursery care provider is Anya Verik.

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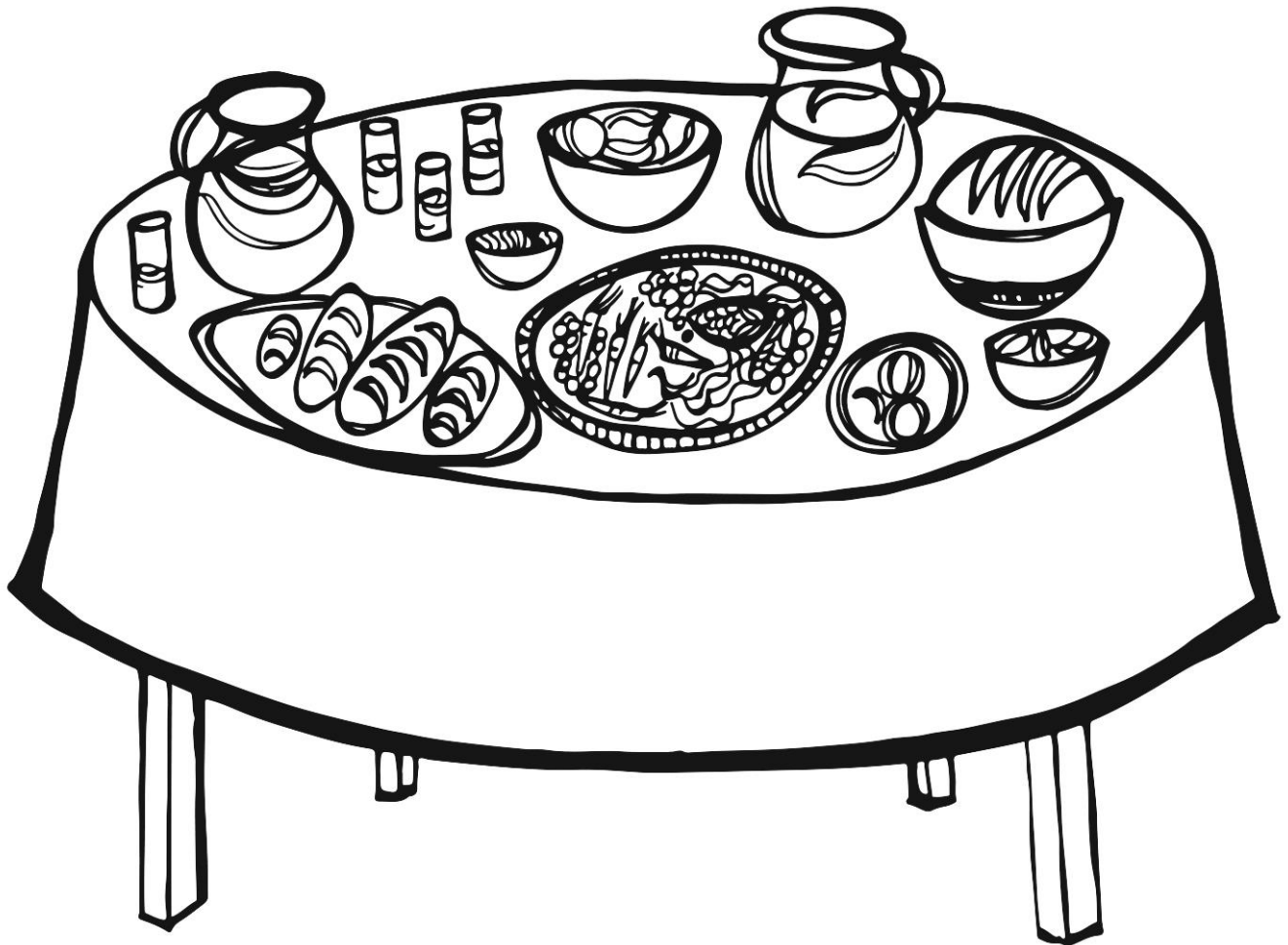
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Matthew 22:9



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a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

Isaiah 25:6



ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR is shared on the first Sunday of the month, and on other special occasions. If you would like to help with Coffee Hour, please reach out to Kristi Kittilstved.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING early bird discounted registration deadline is today. Please contact Pastor Chris right away if you have any questions or concerns.

MEN'S GROUP meets approximately every other Saturday at 8am for breakfast and Bible Study. We are reading Professor Amy-Jill Levine's book, *The Gospel of Mark: A Beginner's Guide to the Good News*. Upcoming dates are October 28; November 11; December 2, 16. We will read Chapter 3 in advance of our next session on October 28.

PRESCHOOL TRUNK OR TREAT will be on Wednesday, October 25 at 6pm! All families with preschool age children – in our church and preschool – are invited to come and go “trunk or treating.” All New Joy households are welcome to decorate their cars and share in a meal. Questions or to sign-up, check with Preschool Director Miranda Verik, or see the Sign-Up Genius from the October 3 *News to Know* email. The link will go out in this week's News to Know email as well.

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER is starting! The preschool will be selling Texas Roadhouse rolls, honey butter & gift cards again this year. Selling will go till **Oct 31**. Rolls & butter will be in before Thanksgiving! They will be using the proceeds to help with the upkeep of their playground.

AUTHOR & BOOK EVENT: *Raising Children Beyond the Binary: Celebrating God's Transgender and Gender-Diverse Children*, on Sunday, October 29, 6:30pm. Members and friends of New Joy are invited to gather to explore the intersection of parenting, gender diversity, and Christian faith. Event will feature a 30-minute Zoom session with the author of *Raising Children Beyond the Binary*, Jamie Bruesehoff.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Sunday, October 15

- Worship, 9:30am
- Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under
- Scout 12pm

Monday, October 16

Tuesday, October 17

- Seasoned Believers, 9am, @ Chick-Fil-A on Route 32 in Westfield
- BSA Troop 1910 & 1920 meeting, 7pm

Wednesday, October 18

- Afternoon Bible Study, 1pm
- Evening Bible Study, 7pm
- Band Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Thursday, October 19

Friday, October 20

Saturday, October 21

Sunday, October 22

- Worship, 9:30am
- Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under
- Confirmation Class, 4pm

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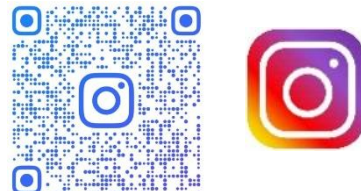
Extend a Radical Welcome We are a spirited community that strives to welcome, value, accept, and nurture all people wherever they are in their relationship with God. Since our founding in 2002, New Joy has been committed to welcoming people of all races, incomes, and expressions of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Share a Generous Grace We are a spirited community which boldly proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

Nurture Transforming Faith We are a spirited community that receives faith as a gift of God that transforms us and the world.

Live God's Promise We are a spirited community that boldly lives in our Lord's promise of renewed and everlasting life.

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