

Welcome & thank you for joining us in-person or via live stream today.

Assisted listening devices are available near the doors in the back for those who need help hearing the service. Please turn them off and put them back in the box after use. The worship service is being live streamed into the chapel for those who need to step out of the sanctuary during the service.

Newsletter: We invite you to sign up for our email newsletter. Please email news@nmchurch.org.

Coffee Hour: Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Coffee Hour.

Join us on Sunday, Dec 3rd, Fellowship Hall at 11:30 AM for a **Christmas Card Craft and Chili Luncheon**. The children will have a chance to make Christmas cards to add to the donation bags for the nursing home.

Holiday Lunch and Learn Wednesday December 6th at 12:30 PM in the Taylor Room. Featuring music by a Villager Ringers quartet. RSVP to news@nmchurch.org

The Parables of Jesus the Bible Study from 6:00 -7:00 PM Tuesday evenings will take a break for the holidays. We look forward to meeting again in the new year!

Sunday bulletin information and announcements are due **Tuesday by noon** each week. Please email communicationsgroup@nmchurch.org. Thank you!

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“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”



**Remembrance Sunday
November 19, 2023**

WELCOME & CALL TO MINISTRY

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* (arr. Joel Raney)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

People: His steadfast love endures forever.

All: God’s people have gathered. Let us worship God together.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

GLORIA PATRI*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.

HYMN* *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* #718

INVOCATION & LORD’S PRAYER

On this Sunday, Lord, we look back on our lives and realize how much we have to be thankful for. When times were tough, in all your love, you saw us through. We can count many blessings. All the good things of life come from your hand. And now we gather as a church family – young and old alike – to worship you and to give you our thanks. We ask this in Jesus’ name who taught us to pray, saying:

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Choral Response

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 100

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Call to Offering

Offertory *Ancient Words* (arr. John Purifoy)

Song of Presentation*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer*

O God, with this gift of money we bring to you the offering of our lives, all that we have and are. Help us to serve you in our daily tasks. Help us to do your work in the world. Amen.

HYMN *Let All Things Now Living* #717

Church School children will process to the Parish House during the second verse.

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE (see insert)

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 17:11-19

Choral Response

SERMON What are you thankful for?

Choral Response

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for all his gifts so freely given to us. For the beauty and wonder of your creation in earth and sky and sea.

People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women revealing the image of Christ.

People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends.

People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play.

People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For the brave and the courageous, who are faithful in adversity.

People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For all who seek truth, freedom and justice.

People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For the communion of saints, in all times and places.

People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: Above all, we give thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN* *Now Thank We All Our God* #715

BENEDICTION* - spoken and sung.

POSTLUDE *Holy, Holy, Holy* (arr. Douglas E. Wagner)

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit



CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Every Sunday:	9:00 AM - Coffee House Crew 10:00 AM - Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Hour
Mondays	1:00 PM Women of the Bible Study
Nov 19	– Confirmation Class
Nov 20	- Transgender Day of Remembrance Service 7:00 PM
Nov 25	- Living Nativity 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Dec 2	– Church Clean-Up Confirmation Class
Dec 3	- Blessing of the Creche (during service) - Fall Meeting (2024 Budget Vote) following service - Christmas Card Workshop & Chili Luncheon 11:30 AM Fellowship Hall
Dec 10	- Christmas Concert 4:00 PM
Dec 15	- Baby Bundles 4:30—5:30 PM
Dec 16	- Men's Breakfast - Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary - Ugly Sweater Potluck 5:00 PM in Fellowship Hall
Dec 17	- Christmas Pageant