

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**All Are Welcome Here:** For your comfort, listening devices are available by the front doors of the church. Large print bulletins are available at both entrances. Please see a Deacon if you need assistance.

**Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for pizza, ice cream and BINGO following service today.**

Today's Prelude music is in memory of **Ron Stewart**, beloved friend and choir member.

**BYOB&B** –Bring your own Bible, your own brew and join others for fellowship and discussion on **September 11th @ 6:00 PM** in the Taylor Room. Questions? Call or text Hannah Albright: 203.240.2014.

**Lunch & Learn** - Join us **Wednesday, October 2nd at 12:30 PM** in the Taylor Room. This month we will host Bill Buckbee from Harrybrook Park/Harden House Museum. We look forward to an informative session along with a time for fellowship. This is a potluck luncheon, please RSVP to Leslie at [news@nmchurch.org](mailto:news@nmchurch.org) with what you will bring.

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#### Today's Service

Deacon on Duty	Hannah Albright
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Scripture Reader	Pam Cafiero
Acolytes	Christian Metz & Georgia Bradley Lisk

*"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."*



**September 8, 2024**

**WELCOME & CALL TO MINISTRY**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

**PRELUDE**

*Jerusalem/Blake and Perry*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

**People: O come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

Leader: For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

**All: Let us praise God. 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\*

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee #2*

### INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

**Holy God, in the power of your love, the world took shape. In the power of your love, Jesus came into the world. In the power of your love, we were born and our lives are sustained. Grant now that silence of heart in which we may worship you. Bring us into your presence, and let us be strengthened there. We give ourselves to you. 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

Matthew 22:36-40

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Call to Offering

Offertory

*With a Voice of Singing*

### 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\*

**Lord, accept the offerings we make. Grant that our gifts may be made holy by your blessing and used in your service. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

### HYMN\*

*Sweet Hour of Prayer #570*

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

### SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:3

Choral Response

### SERMON

*Do You Want to be a Great Lover?*

Choral Response

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### HYMN\*

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus #233*

### BENEDICTION\* - spoken and sung

### POSTLUDE

*Crown Him with Many Crowns/arr. John Innes  
Toni Sullivan, organ and Sarah Fay, piano*

*\*All are invited to stand in body or spirit*