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Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Christmas Eve Worship



*You and Your Guests Are
Invited To Join Us
At Our 5:30 p.m. Service*



Mike's Message

Isaiah 43: 1-5; Hebrews 13:5-6

Most of you remember the old hymn, "How Firm a Foundation" which was published in 1787, author is unknown, at least to anyone living today. I love the words of this hymn and I wanted to let this be the bulk of my article for this month. There is so much fear in the hearts and minds of many today; and the outward circumstances in our country and the world doesn't bring much relief. In reality, much of life has been like this for the majority of man's time on earth. The writer of Hebrews was encouraging the early Jewish Messianic church who were fearful because of persecution and losing the outward security of their lives, in Hebrews 13:5-6, ⁵"Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."
⁶ So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

The hymn writer points us to the only source of comfort that is steadfast and always reliable, our Lord God. Meditate on the words of this hymn and how they reflect the truths and comfort of God's word.

"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent word! What more can He say than to you He hath said— To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?"

"Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed, For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by My gracious, omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; For I will be with thee thy trouble to bless, And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; The flame shall not harm thee; I only design Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus doth lean for repose, I will not, I will not, desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Blessings as we trust the Lord into a New Year.
Shalom!

Mike



Senior Warden Report

Light of Christ has been blessed in many ways during this difficult year. We kept our church open and held worship services every Sunday despite the Coronavirus.

Our pastor has given us strong faithful leadership, guiding the congregation into serious prayers for our world, and measures to help people in our community. Thank you, Mike. And many thanks to the congregation for paying off our mortgage ahead of schedule, freeing funds to increase our charitable giving.

Earlier this year, the vestry agreed to "test-market" a monthly movie night for our community. The "test" succeeded with flying colors, and we will now begin to host movie nights every month (except December). This is a wonderful time of fellowship among LOC parishioners and we are increasing the number of guests from outside LOC. It is also a time to reflect on what we can do for our community as Christians.

During this Advent season, I wish you a meaningful remembrance of the anticipated coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

George Beckett, Senior Warden

A Christmas Greeting From Donna Soule

My Dear Friends,

As I participate in Sunday services every week on the web, I am blessed by worshipping with you and seeing you go forward to receive the bread and wine. You all remain dear to me, and I miss you more than words can express. I cherish the rich memories I have of the years we shared in the fellowship at Light of Christ.

You remain my brothers and sisters in Christ and each one of you has left a forever imprint on my heart. May our Lord Jesus Christ who humbled himself to be born in a manger made out of the wood He created, and under the stars He named, fill your hearts with his love and grace this holiday season.*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

For God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness, made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." II Corinthians 4:6

Donna Soule

*Credited to Charles Stanley

Wheels For The World

I just returned from an amazing *Wheels for the World* trip to Guatemala. In four days, we distributed more than 200 pieces of mobility equipment, and supported and loved more than 800 people. The families who came all heard the Gospel presentation and received a Spanish Bible.

On the way back from Huehuetenango to Guatemala City, one of our team members was able to share the Gospel with one of the armed guards who patrol the highway. He said that he had committed too many sins in his life for God to love him.



I am so blessed to be a part of this ministry and to serve Jesus in this way. Thank you for praying for *Wheels for the World*.

Carolyn Costello

*Honest Greeting, Cheer and Best of Health and Spirit to you and yours,
in Christ Jesus.*

Several members of LOCA were gracious enough to listen to my lines and rhyme Sunday (Nov. 21) after lunch. One suggested that I submit it to The Beacon for consideration. So, here goes.

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*I found myself a foundling, of unexpected grace,
A life of toddling-rounding, led to a solid place,
My idiom composted; my foolishness was turned,
And God in heaven boasted, see what my fool has learned.*

*By all rights this was scandal,
By all rights all was loss,
No door withstood his sandal:
The Son of God, my Boss.*

Alec Ream

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Northern Neck Christian School Wednesday Morning Chapel

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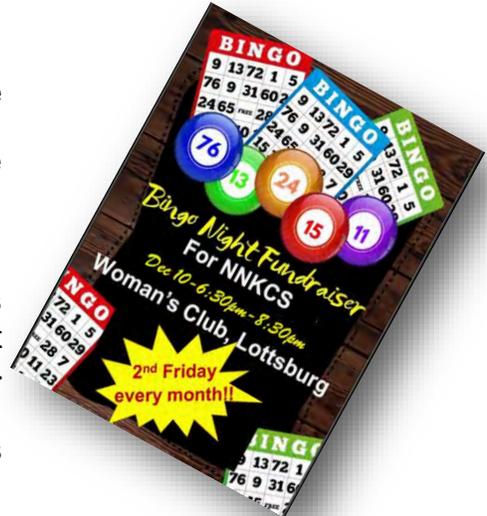
Singing was led by Ayden, 3 years old. She did a great job!

NNKCS Chapel is led by the Reverend Bart Morrison teaching about the meaning of Advent.

Our next **Bingo** is on Friday Dec. 10, 2021 at the Women's Club in Lottsburg. We open at 6:30pm. Come and play 15 games for \$15. Cash prizes are awarded.

NNKCS is asking:

1. If you participate in a club, our 10 Legatus Christi students (Ambassadors for Christ) want to come during the day and present our 15-minute school program to the membership. Please let me know if you are interested in this opportunity and we will set a date.
2. If you use Instagram, please follow the school, just search on Northern Neck Christian School to see pictures of our activities.



News Flash: The NNCS kids will be performing at our December 19th worship service.

May God bless you and protect you,

Leslye and Bart

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Lesson Readers

Dec. 5 Charlaine Andrulot (L) Jim Conley (P)
Dec. 12 Joan Blackstone (L) Tony Blackstone (P)
Dec. 19 Jeanne Hickey (L) Julie Pritchard (P)
Dec. 24 Susan Read (L) Constance McDearmon (P)
Dec. 26 Ernie Proctor (L) Teresa Moffitt (P)

Acolytes

Dec. 5 Marie Carstensen
Dec. 12 Ed Feddeman
Dec. 19 Constance McDearmon
Dec. 24 David Gwaltney
Dec. 26 Ed Feddeman

Chalice Bearers

Dec. 5 Ed Feddeman
Dec. 12 Constance McDearmon
Dec. 19 Tony Blackstone
Dec. 24 ?
Dec. 26 Constance McDearmon

December Birthdays

Dec. 2 Bob Norman, Fred Woodard
Dec. 5 Bonnie Odend'hal
Dec. 10 Jim Logan
Dec. 17 Daniel Mochamps
Dec. 2 Ernie Proctor
Dec. 27 Jan Beckett, Hannah Hamlett

*O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon these your servants as they begin another year, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*



Altar Guild

Dec. 5 - Julie Pritchard
Dec. 12 - Anna Brennan
Dec. 19 - Anna Brennan
Dec. 24 - Anna Brennan - set-up and
Julie Pritchard - take down
Dec. 26 - Suzy Norman

Tellers

Dec. 5 Betty Dillingham
Dec. 12 Betty Dillingham, Jan Beckett
Dec. 19 Betty Dillingham, Pam Smith
Dec. 24 Betty Dillingham
Dec. 26 Betty Dillingham

Vestry Person on Duty

Dec. 5 - Doug Ludeman
Dec. 12 - Sandi Ward
Dec. 19 - Anna Brennan
Dec. 24 - George Beckett
Dec. 26 - Ed Feddeman

December Anniversaries

Dec. 22 Herb and Pam Smith
Dec. 28 Joan and Tony Blackstone
Linda and Rich Riddell

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants named above, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HELP WANTED

Please consider joining the Altar Guild. The duties require setting up the Altar (usually on Saturday morning) and then cleaning up after the service on Sunday. If you feel called to this ministry please talk to Anna Brennan, our Altar Guild chair.

We are also looking for more Chalice Bearers and Acolytes. If you are led to one of these ministries, please talk to Mike. Thank you!

Those who leave
everything in
GOD'S HAND
will eventually see
God's hand in
everything.

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third Sunday of each month.*



News From "Operation InAsMuch"

"Operation Inasmuch" is a worldwide ministry that comes alongside churches and pastors to equip and motivate them to obey the biblical mandate to minister to the "least of these." Using the "Inasmuch" model of compassion ministry, we empower believers to live out their calling to serve others and experience the joy that comes from serving. We encourage pastors who want to see their church connected in their community, but don't have the time or training to do it on their own. We show believers how they can create opportunities to share the gospel by doing the gospel.

"Operation Inasmuch" is focused on the entire body of Christ and provides tremendous opportunities for people to serve for the first time, families to serve together, and even congregations from multiple denominations to come together to be the hands and feet of Jesus and become the Body of Christ.

After kind donations of goods, our bake sale for "Operation InAsMuch" collected \$400 on November 20th at Allison's ACE Hardware, hosted by Smithland. Despite the chilly, windy morning, we were able to sell everything. Two ladies who thought we looked frozen had exactly the amount of money needed to buy the last items!

Many thanks to our friends at Light of Christ and Cobham Park for baked goods and being there that day. We are planning to host another bake sale around Easter. For more information about this community outreach please take a look at the website. <https://www.operationinasmuch.org/>

Submitted by Melinda Floom