

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

PRELUDE: (Praise Team) As we Gather; Great are You Lord

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

*GOD'S GREETING

*MUTUAL GREETING

*SONGS OF PRAISE: (led by the Praise Team)

“Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King”

“I Give You My Heart”

CONFESSION (responsive)

FORGIVENESS (responsive)

SONG OF ASSURANCE: “How Blest Are They Whose Trespass” PsH #32:1-3

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

MISSION VIDEO UPDATE

SCRIPTURE:..... Colossians 1:1-14 (pg. 1831)

MESSAGE:..... **GROWING AND BEARING FRUIT**

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

*SONG: “Not What My Hands Have Done” PsH #260:1-3

VIDEO OF MEYER'S WORK IN MEXICO

PREPARATORY FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING: Ben and Amy Meyer

OFFERTORY: (Praise Team) **This I Believe (The Creed)**

*BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” PsH #637

*POSTLUDE



Rev. Ben Meyer, Worship Leader; Lori Hofstra, Organist

PsH=Psalter Hymnal (grey); TCH=The Celebration Hymnal (red)

*If you are able, please stand

WELCOME to New Life Christian Reformed Church of Highland. If you are a guest today, please stop by our Welcome Center in the lobby to learn more about us and receive a welcome gift and enjoy some coffee & fellowship after the morning service.

TODAY we welcome our missionaries, **Rev. Ben & Amy Meyer**, and thank Rev. Meyer for bringing God's Word to us.

NEXT SUNDAY, July 22, we plan to commemorate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. If you are unable to come to church & would like to receive communion in your home, please contact your district Elder this week.

“Growing and Bearing Fruit”; Colossians 1:1-14

Need: Why Do We Need the Good News of Colossians 1:1-14?

1. How would you like to grow as a person and follower of Christ in your next season of life?

a. In terms of my mind or understanding, I would like to: _____

b. In terms of my heart or character, I would like to: _____

c. In terms of my hands or conduct, I would like to: _____

Main Idea: What is the Good News of Colossians 1:1-14?

2. When we embrace the _____ of God in Christ, the result is growing in _____, being strengthened, and bearing _____ in our lives.

3. To participate in God's mission during our next season of life, the _____ is fully understanding the grace of God (v. 6). We grasp the grace of God in the _____ (vv. 5-6). The gospel gives us _____, love, and _____ (v. 4).

4. With this base we can fully _____ the _____ of God (v. 9).

5. The result is a _____-degree life of missional faith: a.) _____ in the knowledge of God (v. 10), b.) being _____ in every way with his power (v. 11), and c.) bearing fruit in every good _____ (v. 10).

6. All of this is carried out in an environment of _____, the Kingdom of the Beloved Son. We are freed from the dominion of _____, we enjoy redemption, and we experience the _____ of sins (vv. 12b-14).

Action Plan: What Am I Going to Do with the Good News of Colossians 1:1-14?

7. I have to grow in my understanding of the grace of God revealed in the Bible. To do this I will: _____

8. Then, I need to acquire more knowledge of _____, be strengthened in my character in terms of _____, and use my life to _____.

9. Finally, I want to live fully in the Kingdom of Christ, not under the dominion of darkness. In the power of Christ, then, I will leave behind: _____.

Answers:

1. Many possible answers
2. grace, knowledge, fruit
3. beginning, gospel, faith, hope
4. know, will
5. 360, growing, strengthened, work
6. light, darkness, forgiveness
7. Many possible answers
8. Many possible answers
9. Many possible answers

OPPORTUNITIES FOR TODAY

PARTNERS IN PRAYER meets in Room 4 in the East wing from 8:45-9:05 am each Sunday. Come join us any Sunday!

GREETERS: 9:30 AM–Bob & Sheila Wadkins/B. Gossman & J. Kostelyk

NURSERY: 9:30 AM–Deb Abbring & Madeline Zandstra

AM SOUND OPERATOR: Craig Menninga

AM POWER POINT OPERATOR: Hallie Hofstra

WELCOME CENTER: Cathie Bennett

COFFEE SERVERS: Bill & Kathi Fulton

COOKIE SERVER: Sandra Porter

NURSERY CARE is available during our morning worship service for children 0-3 years of age. The nursery is located on our main floor in the east wing of the church at the end of the hallway.

WORSHIP CENTER (Children's Worship) & EDUCATION CLASSES will resume in September.

POTLUCK: Please join us today in the basement after the morning service for a potluck dinner. Please join us even if you have not signed up!

AFTER THE POTLUCK we will be distributing our door hanger bags, for Wednesday Night Live, to homes within a radius of approximately 1/2 mile from New Life. **30-40 volunteers will be needed for this project.** It will take 45 minutes to 1 hour to cover each route. This is a great project for families.

5:00 PM SERVICE: There will be no afternoon worship service.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

Tina Hoeksema, Nancy Leep–7/15; Lily Everson–7/16

Jonathan Sitter, Ben Van Til–7/18

Sandy Corder, Bill McQueary (81)–7/21