

New Song News

John 1:1–5, 9-10,14 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. **(ESV)**

1 John 1:5–7 (ESV) ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

This Week

- ✓ Purchase **Christmas gift cards** through New Song. Let Wendy know ASAP.
- ✓ Need someone with electrical skills to install outlet at sign
- ✓ Tuesday, 1pm, Experiencing God small group at Katie Weber's.
- ✓ Wednesday, 10am, Ladies' Bible Study at New Song HQ.
- ✓ Thursday, 7pm, Learning Community in person and via Zoom.
- ✓ Friday, 10am, Women's Bible Study at New Song HQ.
- ✓ Friday, 1pm, Learning Community in person and via Zoom.

Looking Ahead

- ✓ Dec. 10, Men's Study. NOTE: it is the 2nd Saturday instead of 3rd.
- ✓ Children's Program in worship, Dec. 11 with All-Church potluck following.
- ✓ Christ Birthday Offering, Dec. 18. Annual birthday gift to Jesus, the first \$500 goes to Church of God global missions; the remainder to the Perkins. Pastor Herb's challenge: give to Jesus as much as you give to the most expensive human.
- ✓ **Welcome to the Family Class.** If you have not participated in the class since coming to New Song, please sign up to get more deeply connected. Choose one: Sun., Dec. 18 or Sun. Feb. 12, noon to 4:00pm with lunch provided.
- ✓ New Song FB Live link: <https://www.facebook.com/NewSongPittsburgh/>.
- ✓ New Song YouTube Channel - Sunday sermons, Thursday Bible Studies & Pastor Herb's daily 12:11pm From Where God Sits episodes: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGj3cRY-AnOkv1AetkgDMMw>
- ✓ Find Sunday sermons, & Pastor Herb's daily 12:11pm From Where God Sits episodes at New Song Pittsburgh on Spotify

Regular Offering	Projected Budget	Family Assistance	Children of Promise
11/20/2022 2,679.00	\$ 2,818.54	11/20/2022 \$ 0.00	11/20/2022 \$ 1.35
To Date \$ 145,762.52	\$ 132,471.31	Balance \$ 5,190.77	Month Total \$ 50.11
Building Fund			
Experiencing More Campaign (ended 4/3)			
11/20/2022	\$ 225.00	Actual	\$ 51,424.66
Year To Date	\$ 8,142.00	Pledged	\$ 84,800.00
So you can receive credit for your giving, please print your name & amount on the offering envelope.			

New Song Notes, Pastor Herb Shaffer

Living the Light Kingdom TOGETHER

Experiencing God, part 11

November 27, 2022

1 John 1:7 ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.
1 John 1:7 (ESV)

John 1:1–14 (ESV) (Pew Bible page 886)

Actions to be the experience and be the true Light of Christ

1. Receive a Right-Side up Identity as Light.

Matthew 5:14–16 (ESV) ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

John 8:12 (ESV) ¹²Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

John 17:13–18 (ESV) (Pew Bible page 903)

2. Assume everything in this world is Upside-Down Darkness.

➤ Jesus is Light and the world is darkness, thus opposition & conflict
John 1:5, 10-11 (ESV) (Pew Bible page 886)

- Christ-followers are Jesus' light and the world is darkness, thus opposition & conflict

John 15:20–21 (ESV) ²⁰Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. ²¹But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.



3. Live and Speak Right-Side Up Light in the midst of darkness.

- Live the truth ALWAYS
"Live not by lies" – Refuse to cooperate with what is not true

1 John 1:5–7 (ESV) (Pew Bible page 1021)

Ephesians 5:6–14 (ESV) (Pew Bible page 978)

- Speak the truth in love ALWAYS

Ephesians 4:11–16 (ESV) (Pew Bible page 977-978)



4. This season: Focus on Advent not Christmas.

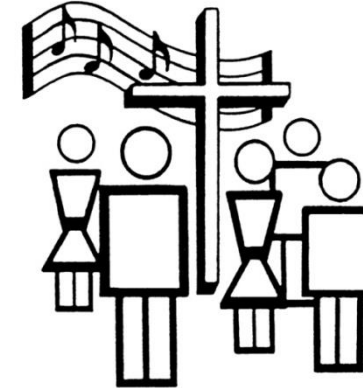
- "Advent" is ...

- "Christmas" is ...

Candle-lighting

What do we do with this?

- What stuck out to you?
- What is God saying about what stuck out?
- What do you need to do in response?



New Song
Community Church

Living Right-Side Up

- † S.L.O. Lifestyle with God Together
Surrender ➡ Listen ➡ Obey ...***together***
- † Soldier-like Friendships
"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." Proverbs. 27:17
- † Salty Presence "Beyond the Walls"
Making people thirsty for Jesus