



New Apostolic Church
Divine Service Experience Information
February 2025




OVERVIEW

As the new year begins, it often brings with it a natural opportunity for realignment, reorientation, and a fresh sense of purpose. We reflect on the past, identifying areas where we desire growth, change, or improvement, while also looking forward with hope and anticipation for the future. This time of year calls us to pause, reassess, and recalibrate our lives.

With that in mind, our sermon theme for February is “Refocus.” We will take intentional time to refocus on our relationship with God—examining how we encounter Him and how we respond to His Almighty presence in worship. We will also explore how to realign our perspectives with the love, healing, and teachings of Christ. Refocus:

- *On our encounters with God in His house*
- *On the reasons and ways we worship and praise*
- *On Christ’s commands to love God, our neighbor, and ourselves*
- *On the healing that is available to us in the presence of Jesus Christ*
- *On Christ’s teachings and prohibitions*

In our LID districts, we are focused on the coming of our Chief Apostle to Bogotá and Cúcuta, on February 15th and 16th. Please pray for a joyful celebration there with our members.



John S. Schnabel

Sunday February 2 2025

Theme: Refocus

Title: The House of God

Message: The house of God is the place where human beings encounter God.

Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord.

Luke 2:22

Summary

- In the temple, the devout felt safe and close to God.
- Jesus taught in the temple.
- Christians experience the nearness of God above all in word and sacrament.
- It is important for us to reflect on the meaning that a divine service holds for us.
- The preaching of the gospel allows us to realign ourselves.
- By attending the divine services we demonstrate that we belong to God.

Sunday February 9 2025

Theme: Refocus

Title: Worship and Praise

Message: Worshipping and praising God is an expression of our faith.

Sing aloud to God our strength; make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob. Raise a song and strike the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the lute.

Psalm 81:1-2

Summary

- We praise God for our election, the sacrifice of His Son, and the apostolate.
- We worship Him by doing His will and loving our neighbor as ourselves.
- We praise Him even in suffering because we are convinced of His love for us.

Sunday February 16 2025

Theme: Refocus

Title: Christ's Commands of Love

Message: Jesus Christ commands love for God and love for our neighbor.

Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your god with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

Summary

- Love is the driving force behind the commandments.
- Sincere effort to fulfill God's will is the strongest expression of love for Him.
- God's love and care for human beings is reflected in the positive relationship we have with our neighbor.
- Anyone who loves God and their neighbor and acts accordingly is a true follower of Christ.

Sunday February 23 2025

Theme: Refocus

Title: Healing in His Presence

Message: In His love, God reaches out to both the living and the dead.

Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well.

Mark 6:56

Summary

- All souls have access to the salvation offered by Jesus.
- We ask God to show compassion and love towards all those in need in this world and in the beyond.
- Those in need must seek a connection to Jesus.

USA Midweek Service

Theme: Refocus

Title: Christ's Teaching and Prohibitions

Message: We model our behavior on Jesus.

Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.

Luke 6:38

Summary

- We forgive others and want to be reconciled with them.
- We accept others as they are.
- We consider the needs of others to be just as important as our own.