



New Apostolic Church
Divine Service Experience Information
January 2025



OVERVIEW

In December, we anticipated the coming of Jesus Christ. Now, in January, we can proclaim that **He is here!** Each sermon this month will dwell on aspects of the presence of Christ in our lives.

Our New Year will begin with the Chief Apostle's 2025 theme for the year: *It's time to do good!*

The second sermon will illustrate how God is revealed through Jesus Christ. The third sermon will focus our attention on knowing Christ through His teaching. The last Sunday sermon will walk us through the presence of Christ in the sacraments, and how we can respond to them. The midweek sermon will illuminate how the light of Christ permeates our lives.

*What it cost the Son to get so near to us that we could say "**Come in,**" is the story of His life. He stands at the door and knocks, and when we open to Him He comes in, and dwells with us, and we are transformed...*

From ***Unspoken Sermons***

Spend these next few weeks letting Jesus Christ into your life.

Wishing you a most blessed and happy New Year!

John S. Schnabel

Sunday January 5 2025 – New Year’s Service

Theme: He is here...

Title: It’s time to do good!

Message: We do the will of God without delay.

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Galatians 6:9-10

Summary

- God grants us time to prepare ourselves for the return of Christ.
- We work out our salvation by conforming to the divine will without delay.
- We take every opportunity to do good to others.
- We contribute to the spiritual well-being of our brothers and sisters.

Sunday January 12 2025

Theme: He is here...

Title: Revealing God to us!

Message: Jesus Christ has revealed the loving God to us.

No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

John 1:18

Summary

- No one can see God. That means no one has irrefutable proof of His existence and can assess His glory.
- Jesus revealed God’s love, His grace, His perfect, His righteousness, and His eternal being to humankind.

Sunday January 19 2025

Theme: He is here...

Title: Teaching with authority!

Message: Jesus Christ lives and teaches the truth.

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them.

Matthew 5:1-2

Summary

- Jesus Christ proclaimed God’s will with authority.
- The Holy Spirit reminds us of the teachings of Jesus.
- The Apostles teach us how we can put the gospel into practice today.

Sunday January 26 2025

Theme: He is here...

Title: Celebrate the sacraments!

Message: Sacraments are signs of salvation in Christ.

He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
Psalm 111:4

Summary

- The sacraments remind us of God's activity in the past and allow us to experience His activity in the present.
- Sacraments are necessary for salvation.
- Baptism signifies burial and resurrection with Christ as well as incorporation into His body.
- Sealing completes the rebirth begun in baptism and is the prerequisite for becoming a firstling.
- Holy Communion allows us to partake in the body and blood of Christ. It strengthens our fellowship with Him.

USA Midweek Service

Theme: He is here...

Title: The Light of the world!

Message: Jesus Christ is the light in the darkness of the world.

That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.
John 1:9

Bible reading: John 1:1-9

Summary

- As the true light, Jesus reveals the love of God.
- The light of Christ illuminates my sin, gives me grace, and guides me.
- The light of Christ shines for all human beings of all time periods.
- Let us be children of the light.