

How can we pray for you?

- I would like a pastor to contact me or follow up regarding this request.
- Please keep this request confidential (ministry staff only).

Comment/question/keyword:

Please contact me:

- I want to learn more about becoming a Christian.
- I recently received Jesus as my Savior! What do I do now?
- I would like to take the next step into membership.
- How can I get more involved in ministry here at Friends?
- Other: _____



WELCOME TO FRIENDS

I'm New

Please stop by our **Welcome Center** to receive a small gift for joining us and find out how you can get further connected in ministry at Friends.


Worship Services: Whether you join us at 9:15 or 11, in person or online, we pray you will be blessed, encouraged, and challenged for the upcoming week.



Get Connected

 Check out www.noefc.org for information about our ministries, events, service live stream, and more!

 Like us on Facebook! [/northolmstedefc](https://www.facebook.com/northolmstedefc)
Engage with our posts during the week and view a live stream of services.

 We encourage everyone to be involved in a home growth group or discipleship class. Visit noefc.org/adult-discipleship for more.

Coronavirus Updates

We're taking many steps as a church to exercise caution and show love to others during the COVID-19 outbreak.

WORSHIP AND GIVING

As we seek to keep each other safe and healthy, face coverings should be worn in the building. However, when seated in the Sanctuary and at a comfortable distance from others, the masks may be removed. When singing, standing, or moving through the building, masks should be put back on. Masks are required during the entire service for those worshipping in the Family Life Center.

Offering boxes are available in the Atrium. You can also give securely online anytime at www.noefc.org/giving.

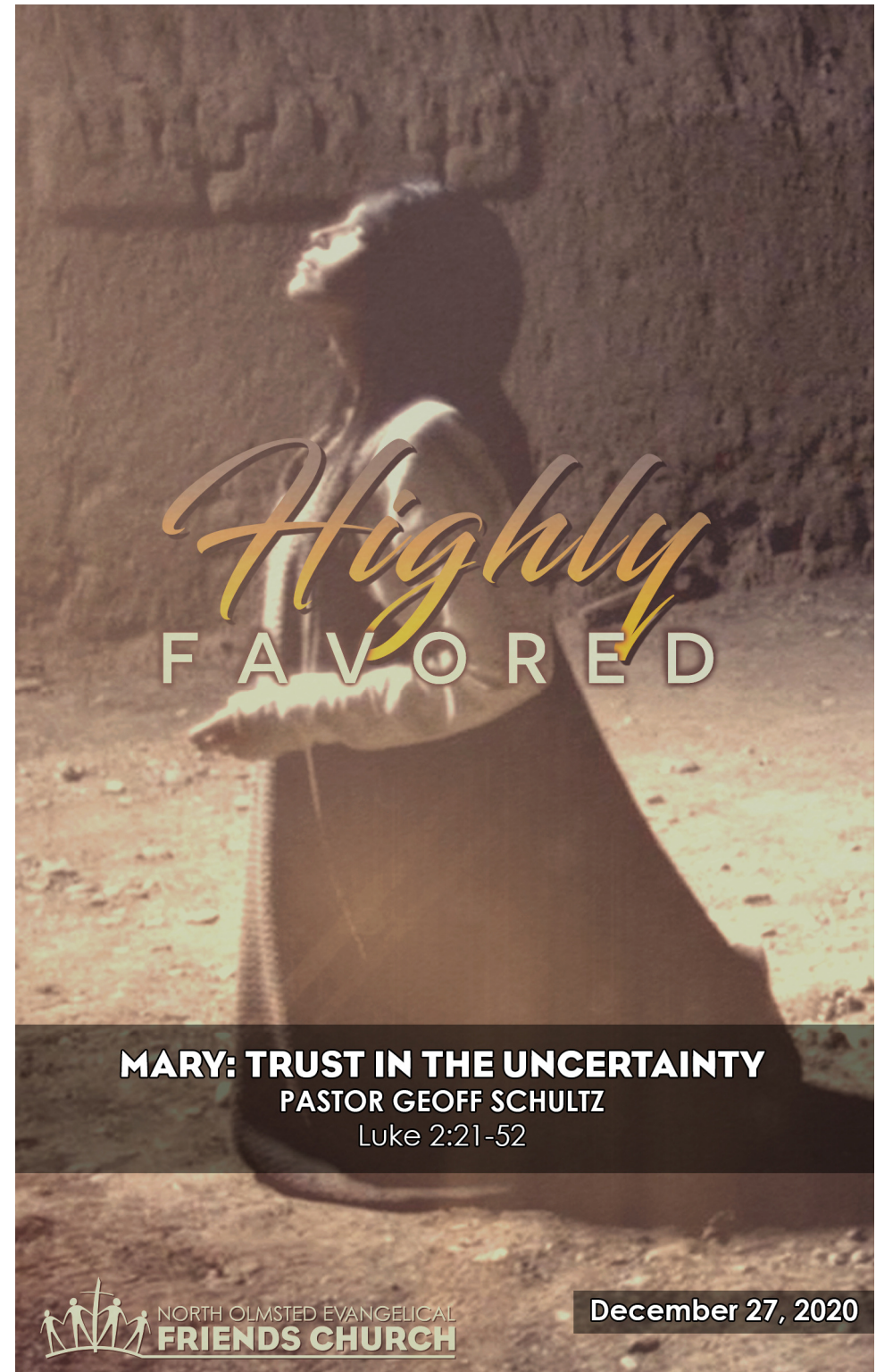
CLEANLINESS

Hand sanitizer is available throughout the church. Children's areas are cleaned before and between services. Volunteer teams will be opening exterior doors.

FOR MORE INFO

Check your email and visit noefc.org/corona-virus for the most updated information.

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MARY: TRUST IN THE UNCERTAINTY
PASTOR GEOFF SCHULTZ
Luke 2:21-52



December 27, 2020

WHAT'S HAPPENING

This Morning

8:45 am – Sunday Morning Prayer Group (Adult Classroom 2)

9:15 am – Worship (Sanctuary/Overflow in Family Life Center)

11:00 am – Worship (Sanctuary/Overflow in Family Life Center)

Children's Classes (Children's Wing): Nursery/Preschool, Age Birth-3 yrs | Age 4-Pre-K Class | Kids Church, Grades K-4 | Club VI, Grades 5-6

Note: Beginning today, Grades K-4 will again meet at 11 as one group in the Kids Worship Area with space for social distancing. Grades 5-6 will return to the Incredible Room. Wednesday night clubs resume Jan. 6. Families are invited to help dedicate the Kids' Wing with a handprint wall Jan. 10 after second service—contact Adam for details!

Starting Jan. 17, Grades 7-12 will resume meeting Sundays at 11 am and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room.

Sermon CDs are available by contacting the Church Office.

This Week

Sunday	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting Online (contact Nancy Virden)
Tuesday	11:00 am	Youth Game Time Online (contact Adrienne)
	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting Online (contact Nancy Virden)
	7:00 pm	Grief to Joy (Conference Room)
Thursday	7:00 am	Thursday Morning Prayer Group (Conference Room)
	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting Online (contact Nancy Virden)

Church Office Hours: Monday–Wednesday, 9 am–4 pm

Thursday, 9 am–noon

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED JAN. 1 FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

For a full, detailed list of our upcoming events, visit noefc.org/calendar

Giving

General Budget YTD	\$855,241.40
General Offerings YTD	\$843,729.77
Building Fund YTD	\$54,049.05

PRAY, SERVE & GROW

OUR MISSION IS *Loving people to life in Jesus Christ!*

Let's focus our prayers on God's Word for ourselves, our families, and our church. We invite you to read and pray through **Luke 2:21-52** throughout the week, especially praying:

- For peace and joy reflecting on God's works and promises—*Alive People Worship Jesus*
- For boldness to proclaim God's redemption with joy—*Found People Find People*
- That we would find our true home in fellowship with God and learning of him—*Growing People Change Within*

PRAYERS FROM THE RACIAL RECONCILIATION TASK FORCE

- Heavenly Father, please search our hearts and help us weed out any prejudice or racism, replacing it with love for all of God's Children.

Upcoming Events

HATS, GLOVES, & SCARVES FOR THE HOMELESS // Although our Christmas Tree is completed, we still have the opportunity to bless Cleveland's homeless throughout the winter by purchasing hats, gloves, and scarves. For more information click the Spotlight at noefc.org, or contact Pastor Rich, pastorrich@noefc.org.

Recovery Ministries in 2021

Life can hit us hard and sometimes we struggle to recover. The good news is that there is always hope and healing in the power and presence of Jesus Christ. NOEFC provides a number of opportunities for encouragement, hope and healing.

DIFFERENCE MAKER // Nancy Virden has published a free e-book, *How the Difference Maker Lifts You Above Depressive Thoughts*. Link available at noefc.org/recovery-ministries; printed copies available at the Welcome Center for \$5 to cover printing costs.

GRIEF TO JOY // Tuesdays @ 7 pm, Conference Room // Struggling with loss and grief? For more info contact David Marella at dawei1939a@gmail.com.

PURE VICTORY FOR MEN // Thursdays @ 7 pm, Classroom 2 // Struggling with destructive thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors? We can be more than conquerors through Christ who sets us free. Contact Harry Deal at deb44011@yahoo.com.

OVERCOMERS OUTREACH // Thursdays @ 7 pm, Zoom Online // This Christ-centered 12-step is for individuals as well as their families and loved ones who suffer from the consequences of any addictive behavior. Contact Mary Wohleber, wohleberm@yahoo.com.

LIVING GRACE // Fridays @ 4:30 pm, Children's Worship Area // The truth of God's Word and grace are vital when struggling with anxiety and depression. Contact Nancy Virden, NancyVirden.hope@gmail.com, or Julie Reed, jareedcounseling@gmail.com.

Connect Card

December 27, 2020

(Please fill out and place in offering box)

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Which service did you attend?

9:15 11:00

I am a: Guest

Regular Attendee

Connect with us!

This card is designed to help us connect with you better, whether you are a first-time guest or have been attending for many years.

We want you to engage with our church in a way that encourages you and provides opportunities for you to grow and serve in our life and ministry together.

If you provide your email address, you may get an average of one to two emails per week about events at NOEFC, but we will not share your information with any other organization without your consent.