

# Readings from the Word of God

## 22 November 2020

### John 1:35-49 (NKJV)

<sup>35</sup> Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, “Behold the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, “What do you seek?”

They said to Him, “Rabbi” (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), “where are You staying?”

<sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour).

<sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus.

<sup>43</sup> The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.” .... <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

<sup>46</sup> And Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”

Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

<sup>47</sup> Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!”

<sup>48</sup> Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?”

Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”

<sup>49</sup> Nathanael answered and said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

### **Revelation 3:20 (NKJV)**

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”

### **Matthew 11:28-29 (NKJV)**

<sup>28</sup> “Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

### **Isaiah 55:6-7 (NKJV)**

<sup>6</sup> Seek the Lord while He may be found,  
Call upon Him while He is near.  
<sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake his way,  
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
Let him return to the Lord,  
And He will have mercy on him;  
And to our God,  
For He will abundantly pardon.

### ***Doctrine of Faith §12***

If someone thinks to himself or says to another, “Who is capable of an internal acknowledgment of truth so as to have faith in it? I am not,” I say to him, “This is how: refrain from evils as being sins and turn to the Lord, and you will have as much as you desire.”

## The Vision of New Church Westville

Our vision is **to be a community that builds relationships...**

**...with the Lord:** We each have an active relationship with the Lord – walking with Him, learning from Him and asking what He wants us to do, turning to Him in times of need and joy, and getting His help in turning away from what is harmful.

**...with each other:** We connect with each other, reaching out with warmth and sincerity to offer help, support, and guidance.

**...within marriage:** We support marriage as the most valuable human relationship, aiding people in preparation for marriage, strengthening existing marriages, and supporting marriages in crisis.

**...with children:** We care for children, educating them to see the Lord's truth and nurturing them to make their own commitment to follow Him. We support parents in raising their children to follow the Lord and His commandments. We support children in finding their own sense of dignity and in developing their ability to form meaningful relationships in adult life.

**...with the broader community:** We have open arms to the broader community around us and want people to come join us. We are involved in the community around us and we do things to serve the people in the broader community.