

Christmas

Getting to know the New Apostolic Church

The New Apostolic Church is an international Christian church. The basis of its teachings is Holy Scripture. In 1863 it emerged from the Catholic Apostolic Church and is led by Apostles, just like the early Christian congregations.

The core of the New Apostolic doctrine is the return of Christ to take home those who have been prepared for this event. The New Apostolic Church places great value on the personal responsibility of its members. The individual is accountable to God for his conduct. The gospel of Christ and the system of values resulting from the Ten Commandments provide clear orientation for this.

The New Apostolic Church is fully independent and politically neutral. It is financed by the voluntary contributions of its members.

At present, over ten million Christians around the world profess the New Apostolic faith.



Welcome!

We welcome you warmly to our Christmas divine service.

Perhaps this is your first time with us as a guest, so we would like to briefly introduce the New Apostolic Church to you and explain the significance of this holy day as well as the sequence of this divine service.

We wish you a joyful and blessed Christmas. You are always most welcome to join us.

What is the significance of Christmas?

Christmas is the celebration that commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Redeemer and Saviour of the world.

The promises which God had previously given were fulfilled at the birth of Jesus. For Christians, Christmas is therefore not only a celebration characterised by reflection or tradition, but is a confirmation that God always fulfils what He has promised. This strengthens them in their certainty of faith that all promises relating to the return of Christ will also be accomplished. Then the promise recorded in the last words of the Bible will also be fulfilled: "He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming quickly'" (Revelation 22: 20).

Divine service

Sequence

- Congregational hymn
- Invocation of the triune God
- Prayer of the minister at the altar
- Reading of the Bible text for the sermon
- Musical selection
- Bible reading
- Sermon by one or more ministers
- Congregational hymn (hymn of repentance)
- Congregation joins in the Lord's Prayer
- Proclamation of forgiveness of sins and prayer
- Celebration of Holy Communion*
- Closing prayer and benediction

General information

We happily invite you to our divine services. You can find the divine service times of the congregation nearest you at www.nak.org.

* All baptised individuals who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord, and who profess His death, resurrection, and return, are invited to participate as guests.