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*New Life Presbyterian Church*

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July 9, 2017

10:00 a.m.



*Love*

Welcome to this Lord's Day Worship. We rejoice that you are here!

NLPC Mission Statement (June 2016)

Assured of the new life we have received in Christ, we will live out our faith together through worship, prayer, education, fellowship, and mission.

Being called to love all people, we will use our gifts to serve God in an imperfect world.

Equipped with our faith and filled with the Spirit, we will:

- \*reach out in acceptance to a diverse community;
- \*embrace the marginalized and show love to all;
- \*feed the hungry and care for the sick;
- \*search for peace and work for justice.

Child Care is available during our worship service.  
Ask an usher for the location of the Childcare Room.

Large Print Bulletins, Hymnals, and Bibles are available.

Participating in Worship

Worship Leader:	Rev. Mary Bahr-Jones, Pastor
Music Leader:	Frank Kunz
Liturgist:	Valerie Robbins
Ushers:	Jason Boatwright, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said: "I am the vine and you are the branches."

*We find our source in Christ.*

*We are rooted in God's gracious love.*

*We are guided by God's Spirit.*

Jesus said: "Abide in me as I abide in you.

Those who abide in me bear much fruit."

*Today and everyday may we worship*

*And serve the living God*

*By leading fruitful lives*

*Which reflect God's love in Christ Jesus!*

\*HYMN #366      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

CALL TO CONFESSION

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*O God of the loving Spirit, Jesus tells us that he is the vine, and we are the branches. He calls us to abide in him, as he abides in us. We know that those who abide in Jesus bear much fruit. Forgive us, O God, for not be as fruitful as we could be. You call us to bear the fruit of love: loving the neighbor who hurts our feelings, loving the sister or brother who is selfish, loving the co-worker who is cruel, loving even those whom we have not met. So often we find it difficult to love. It is so much easier to love those who help us, those who share with us, those who are kind to us, and those who stand before us. God of the loving Spirit, you have planted the seeds of love within our hearts. Weed out those things that hold us back from bearing the abundant harvest of your love in our world, and let your Spirit nurture the fruit of love within us. Hear now our silent confessions...*

Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

...May the peace of Christ be with you!

*And also with you.*

*Please share Christ's peace with those worshipping around you.*

*Also please note: in this warm and welcoming congregation, there are people who need a hug and there are also people who are not comfortable receiving a hug. As you share Christ's peace, please respect this by either reaching your hand out for a handshake, or asking, "May I hug you?" before giving a hug.*

## SONG OF PRAISE

\*#288

*Spirit of the Living God (sung twice)*

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD

### THE WORD INTERPRETED FOR CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC     *All You Need is Love*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE WORD OF GOD

1 John 4:7-19

John 15:1-8

Pew Bible NT p. 226

Pew Bible NT p. 103

This is the Word of the LORD;

*Thanks be to God.*

### SERMON

*Love Does*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN # 707

*Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

### RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God of the loving Spirit,  
How deeply you love us in Jesus;  
How willingly he stepped into our experience,  
How completely he empathized with all that we endure.

*Teach us to love as you love us.*

How sacrificially you love us in Jesus;  
How completely he gave himself for us,  
How courageously he suffered for our sakes.

*Teach us to love as you love us.*

How constantly you love us in Jesus;  
How generously he shares his life,  
How extravagantly he makes himself available to us.

*Teach us to love as you love us.*

We praise you, O God, for your love...

...in your son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together, saying:

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

## SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

OFFERTORY            *Love Never Fails*

### \*SONG OF DEDICATION

\*#606            *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN #300            *We Are One in the Spirit*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

...And let all God's people say,  
*Amen!*

POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*Today's liturgy inspired / adapted from the following resources: Worship Service at White Memorial Presbyterian Church - 2013, re-worship.blogspot.com, liturgyoutside.net (by Katherine Hawker) and liturgylink.net.*



# New Life Opportunities & Announcements



**Coffee Time-** Please join your fellow NLPC members and visitors in a time of fellowship following the service this morning. Everyone is welcome!

Notes and reflections on this week's sermon:



## A Day at the Ballpark!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 16 to join your New Life friends for a fun day at Jimmy Johns Field to see the Birmingham Bloomfield Beavers take on the Westside Woolly Mammoths!



Game time is 1:35 PM and tickets are \$15 each.

Please sign up on the bulletin board or see Dave Konikson or Phil Cunningham to purchase tickets.



## Shop at Meijer!

(read on to find out why)

The Meijer store on Hall Road at Hayes has partnered with NLPC on our Food Basket Program by donating \$1000 to help fund the food purchases for our June Food Baskets and also donated toward our Thanksgiving Food Baskets last fall. Meijer's contribution enables NLPC to grow our Food Basket Program and help more families. Let's thank Meijer at Hall and Hayes by shopping there.

What a great way to show our appreciation for their commitment to our community!



**Rachel Circle** The ladies of Rachel Circle will meet for lunch at Noon on Thursday, July 13th at the Honey Tree Restaurant. It is located in the Walmart Plaza at Mound and Hall Road. Ladies, come and join us for a tasty lunch and friendly conversation. Please let Marilyn Winter or Lynn Booth know if you will attend.



## Telling Your Story



Over the coming weeks, Pastor Mary will be sharing the story of her faith journey with you all in her sermon messages during worship. Mary would also like to hear your stories. On the Sign-Up Board, there are opportunities to sign-up to share coffee or a meal with Mary. Please, take the time to meet with Mary and share with her your story.



### Summer Music!

Sing a song, play an instrument, recite your favorite Bible passage, inspirational poem or get a group together and put on a short skit or choral reading.

Sign-up on the Bulletin Board to say you will share your gifts with us this summer!.

### Summertime...

Summer is here and with it comes the joy of vacation travel! We hope that you are relishing the wonderful weather and have the opportunity to share this blissful time with family and friends. While the travels of summer may take you away from our worshipping community, we ask that you keep current with your pledge commitments through these summer weeks. Even though you may take a much needed break, the work of our church continues. Thank you for your faithful support and enjoy your vacation journeys!



### Church Communication

Would you like to have a church event or announcement included in the Newsletter or Sunday bulletin? Would you like to invite church members to a special event? Please submit a Publication Request form to the church office for all announcements to be included in the Newsletter and/or Sunday bulletin. The deadline for Sunday bulletin publication is the prior Wednesday. Request forms can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office. You can also email your request to [office@newlifepresby.org](mailto:office@newlifepresby.org).



Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the lines of communication open here at New Life Presbyterian Church.

### Looking for Liturgists!

Check out the liturgist sign up sheet posted across from Pastor Mary's office with many opportunities for willing liturgists. No experience is necessary! If you can serve at one of our summer worship services, we would love to have your help so sign up today! We look forward to hearing many voices from our congregation lead us in praise each Sunday throughout the summer!



# ***PRAYER CONCERNS***

## PRAY FOR HEALING

**Dorene Rockey**  
**Francis Booth**  
**Winnie Fulton**  
**Dave Bousquette**  
**Brenda Pomeroy**  
**James Tomlinson**  
**Glenn Watterworth**  
**Louise Koczab**  
**Shirley Honor**  
**Joan Mc Bride**  
**Marge Kunz**  
**Mark & Shannon McGregor**  
**John Turner-(Jeff's brother)**  
**Joan Lockard**  
**Lindle Lussier- friend of Pat Tomlinson)**  
**Shirley Wintermuth**  
**Blake Stringer (Cliff Robbins' nephew)**  
**Manuel Rodriguez (Margie Hurst's brother-in-law)**  
**Sherie -(Marlene Misuraca's daughter)**  
**Jayne (Sandra Day's daughter/Karen Tuck's sister)**

## STRENGTH AND HOPE

**Jenni Madigan**  
**Danielle and her preemie**  
**Catherine Meeka- --(friend of Shelley)**  
**Judy Dittman**  
**Curt & Lisa Albrecht & Family--(friends of Schroeders)**  
**Diane Burr-(Lori Haralson's friend)**  
**Nancy Bechtel**  
**Dean- (Margie Hurst's nephew)**  
**Ken Pawlitz**  
**Janet Riggs**  
**Tom Dittman**  
**Ryan V**  
**Marilyn Anderson**  
**Lois (Pat Tomlinson's friend)**  
**Helen Goltz**  
**Dorothy Johnson**  
**Carlene Kneebone**  
**Reginald Wright**

## COMFORT IN MOURNING

**Family of Corinne McGill- after her recent passing**  
**Family of Joan Babbit- after her recent passing**  
**Family of Gordon Cumming- (May Shorthouse's brother in law)**  
**Joanne Sharp Finnegan & family- husband, Paul passed suddenly**

## SERVING IN THE MILITARY

**SrA Shawn Konikson- US Air Force**  
**Mike Stroud- US Air Force (Shirley Coar's grandson)**  
**Kendra- requested by Fred Walker**  
**Jason Barr – Booths' cousin**  
**PFC Julian Lee- US Army**  
**Private Michael Hempton- US Army**  
**Col. Jason Hollaran-US Army**

## GENERAL/GLOBAL

**Members of Erin Presbyterian Church- last service held on June 25**  
**Those struggling in personal and spiritual crisis**  
**Victims of unrest & injustice throughout the world**  
**Second Mile Center**  
**Those seeking work**  
**Missionaries serving worldwide**  
**Those experiencing homelessness**  
**An end to violence in our nation**

Please inform the church office of updates or if you know of someone who is well enough to be removed from our prayer chain. Thank you.

# ***New Life Presbyterian Church***

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*Reverend Mary Bahr-Jones, Interim Pastor*

## **CHURCH STAFF**

Wendy Mueller, Secretary  
Shelley Claeys, Secretary

Edyta Jaros – Music Director  
Sana Mansour – Child Care Supervisor

## **SESSION**

Moderator: Rev. Mary Bahr-Jones

Clerk: Valerie Robbins

Sharon Gire  
Dave Konikson  
Jeff Turner

Phil Cunningham  
Dorothy Harrington  
Marge Kunz

Lori Haralson  
Matthew Hurst  
Valerie Robbins

## **DEACONS**

Moderator: Joyce Harrison

Secretary: Shayla Hansen

Francis Booth  
Lynn Booth  
Shirley Coar  
Joyce Harrison

Bruce Duff  
Shayla Hansen  
Carlene Kneebone  
Randy Tuck

Sue Gough  
Jodie Horan  
Margie Hurst

## **NLPC Weekly Calendar**

### **MONDAY, July 10, 2017**

9:00 AM Honey-Doers  
11:00 AM Study Group  
8:00 PM AA

### **FRIDAY, July 14, 2017**

7:00 PM LaLeche League

### **TUESDAY, July 11, 2017**

8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

### **SUNDAY, July 16, 2017**

9:30 AM Prayer Partners  
10:00 AM Worship  
11:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship  
1:00 PM Baseball Game  
@ Jimmy Johns Field  
7:00 PM Venture Crew

### **WEDNESDAY, July 12, 2017**

7:00 PM Finance Committee

### **THURSDAY, July 13, 2017**

11:00 AM Prayer/ Study Group  
12:00 PM Rachel Circle @ Honey Tree  
7:00 PM Band Practice