
New Life Presbyterian Church

July 16, 2017

10:00 a.m.

But the fruit of the Spirit is



Galatians 5:22-23

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:	Lori Haralson
Ushers:	Jason Boatwright, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day
Sixth 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 #306 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of the peaceful 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 the fruit of peace. Forgive us, O God, for not being peaceful. We often delude ourselves into thinking that we are peaceful, because we are not at war. We forget that we can be at war with someone without the use of guns. We forget that there are wars of words and even wars of attitudes. You call us to bear the fruit of peace, yet it can be so very difficult to be peaceful. When someone thinks we are wrong, we want to defend ourselves. When someone has hurt us, we want to hurt them back. When someone else starts the fight, we don't want to walk away. God of the patient Spirit, you have planted the seeds of peace within our hearts. Let your Spirit nurture the fruit of peace within us, so that we might be the peacemakers you call us to be in our world.

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

*#286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God (verses 1-3)

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

THE WORD INTERPRETED FOR CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Speak Peace

Band & Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD

Romans 12:1-2, 14-18

Luke 16:19-31

Pew Bible NT p. 151

Pew Bible NT p. 75

This is the Word of the LORD;

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Bridging Chasms

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN # 623 *I've Got Peace Like a River*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 *Breathe* Band

*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 #308 *O God in Whom All Life Begins*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

...And let all God's people say,
Alleluia and 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, Dunedin Methodist Parish (Helen Watson White), 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:



Newsletter Deadline— Please note that the deadline for the August newsletter is Thursday, July 20. Please submit all articles electronically to the church office by 10:00 AM. Thank you!

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!



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!

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From the Finance Committee...

As of mid July, pledged contributions are running 14% below budget. It is not unusual for pledges to fall behind during the summer, but last year at this time we were only 6% behind. Please consider this a loving reminder to take a look at your giving status compared to the estimated giving you indicated with your pledge during our stewardship campaign last year. The wonderful ministries of this enthusiastic congregation this year depend upon your support!



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!.

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!



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.

The Minister's Memo...



"Peace be with you" is a greeting Jesus used with his disciples. The apostle Paul opened his letters with the words "Grace and peace be with you." When we pass the peace, we leave the comfort of our seat, turn to our neighbors and speak the words, "The peace of Christ be with you" and receive the words in turn, "And also with you." The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. Extending a hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity. In the midst of divisions, we symbolize our unity through handshakes and hugs. And when we regularly pass the peace we practice God's call to make every effort to maintain the bond of peace. (Reformed Worship)

PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAY FOR HEALING

David and Joseph - friends of Gough family
 Dorene Rockey
 Francis Booth
 Winnie Fulton
 Glenn Watterworth
 Dave Bousquette
 Brenda Pomeroy
 James Tomlinson
 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

Reginald Wright
 Jenni Madigan
 Danielle and her preemie
 Catherine Meeka- --(friend of Shelley)
 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

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)

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.

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SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Mary Bahr-Jones

Clerk: Valerie Robbins

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Randy Tuck

Sue Gough
Jodie Horan
Margie Hurst

NLPC Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, July 17, 2017

9:00 AM Honey-Doers
11:00 AM Study Group
7:00 PM Session Meeting
8:00 PM AA

SATURDAY, July 22, 2017

2:00 PM Eagle Court of Honor
(private)

TUESDAY, July 18, 2017

8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

SUNDAY, July 23, 2017

9:30 AM Prayer Partners
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship

THURSDAY, July 20, 2017

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