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# *New Life Presbyterian Church*

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July 23, 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:	Joyce Harrison
Ushers:	Jason Boatwright, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day  
Seventh 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 the forgiving patience of God's 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 the patience of God in Christ Jesus!*

\*HYMN #620     *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

CALL TO CONFESSION

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of grace and infinite patience, our lives are frantic and overburdened with too much to do. We come to you rushed and feeling pressed for time. We are a hurried people: impatient with ourselves, impatient with others, impatient with the world around us, even impatient at times with You. By Your Holy Spirit, guide us to be quick to listen, but slow to speak. Guide us to be quick to understand, but slow to anger. Guide us to live forgiving lives, even as you have gifted us with your forgiving love. Hear us now, as we offer you 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     *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Alex Jones     accompanied by the NLPC Band

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD

Jonah 3:1-4:2

Pew Bible OT p. 811

Matthew 18:21-36

Pew Bible NT p. 19

This is the Word of the LORD;

*Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

*Slow to Anger*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN # 738

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are merciful and gracious, O Lord God,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,*

*and all that is within me, bless his holy name!*

You redeemed the lives of the Ninevites, O Lord God,  
When they repented of their evil ways.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!*

Through your Son, O Lord God, you call us,  
To forgive not only seven times, but seventy times seven.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!*

Although Peter denied your Son three times,  
Jesus showed him grace and infinite patience  
Calling him back into service ... serving the sheep of your flock.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!*

You forgive all our iniquities & heal all our embittered souls,  
Through the life, death and resurrection of your Son.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!*

As we pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us,  
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

#### \*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 #649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

\*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:

# Blood DRIVE

**Red Cross Blood Drive**— New Life is hosting a blood drive on Thursday, August 17th from 2:00 pm to 7:45 pm in Agape Hall. Please help the Red Cross fight the usual summer blood shortage by signing up to donate blood that day. Sign up on the bulletin board or call the office to make an appointment. Walk-ins are always welcome, too. Contact the Church Office with any questions.



## Bakers and Hosts Needed!

We are in need of volunteers to donate baked goods (pies and cookies) and also to host the Canteen on August 17th for 2 hour time slots. To volunteer to help in any way, sign up on the bulletin board or call Bruce Short.



Special thanks to all who are able to volunteer to make our drive a success!

## 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!



## Presbyterian Coffee Project

The next fair trade product order is being assembled for September delivery. See Stanley Iobst to place your order for coffee, tea and cocoa.



## Church Office Hours This Week

Monday – Wednesday  
Thursday & Friday

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
OFFICE CLOSED

## 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 Shawls



Do you know and love someone who would be blessed by receiving a prayer shawl? Prayer shawls have been hand made by members of our congregation to provide comfort to those in need of prayer and healing. We currently have a wide selection of shawls available for those in need. Please see Pastor Mary for more details.



## The Minister's Memo...

Amazing Grace- Born in 1727, John Newton was an English sea captain's son. John's mother was a deeply religious woman, who hoped her son would become a clergyman, but she died of tuberculosis when he was only 6 years old. After being kicked out of boarding school at the age of 11, John went to serve on his father's ship. John was defiant and disobedient. He served on merchant ships, in the navy, and finally on slave ships. John had a reputation for profanity, coarseness and debauchery. He often wrote obscene poems and songs mocking the captain and encouraged the crew to join in. In 1748 his ship was caught in a treacherous storm. After watching a nearby shipmate get washed overboard, he tied himself to the ship's pump while steering the ship through the storm for 11 hours. After finally reaching shore safely two weeks later, he recalled uttering, "Lord have mercy upon us!" during a desperate hour in the midst of the storm. John began reading the New Testament. Although he felt beyond hope and beyond saving, Luke 11:13 spoke to him: "If then ye being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will thy heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask." At the age of 39, John Newton became a pastor and served the Church for 43 years. Toward the end of his life, John's writings were instrumental in achieving the abolition of slavery in England. In 1778, John Newton penned the words of the beloved hymn – Amazing Grace – in memory of the day of his deliverance in 1748.

# ***PRAYER CONCERNS***

## PRAY FOR HEALING

**Fred Walker**  
**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.

# ***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 24, 2017**

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

### **FRIDAY, July 28, 2017**

**Church Office Closed**

### **TUESDAY, July 25, 2017**

8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

### **SUNDAY, July 30, 2017**

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

### **THURSDAY, July 27, 2017**

**Church Office Closed**

11:00 AM Prayer/ Study Group  
7:00 PM Band Practice