

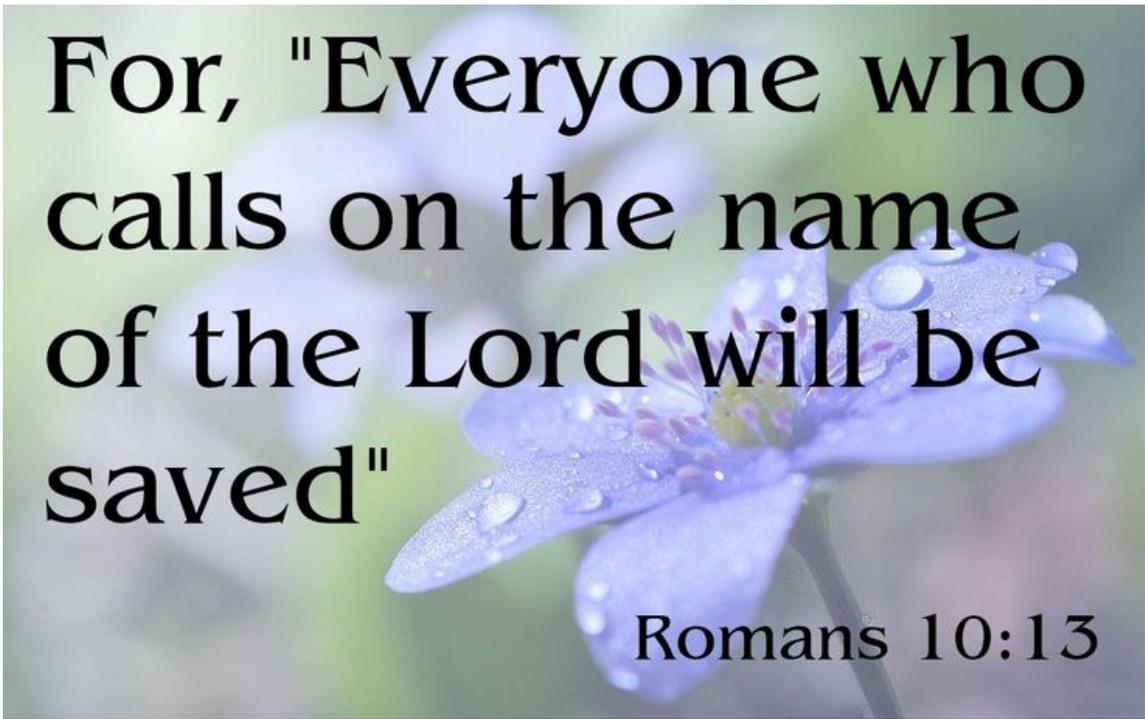
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*New Life Presbyterian Church*

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August 6, 2017

10:00 a.m.



**For, "Everyone who  
calls on the name  
of the Lord will be  
saved"**

**Romans 10:13**

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  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
Service of the Lord's Supper

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Josiah, Thomas & Phoebe Jobst

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Romans 10)

The Word is near us in this place.

God's presence is everywhere.

*We come to God's house to praise God's name!*

The Word is near us in this place.

God's glory is everywhere.

*We come to God's house to confess our belief  
in the risen Lord!*

The Word is near us in this place.

God's power is everywhere.

*We come to God's house to believe in God!*

The Word is near us in this place.

God's love and acceptance are everywhere.

*We come to God's house to be saved!*

\*HYMN #418      *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling*

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Seek the Saviour while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near.  
For he will have mercy and abundantly pardon.

*Let us pray.*

Since even when we give our best and strongest love to your service,  
we still fall short of the glory you intended for us;  
Lord have mercy.

*Lord have mercy.*

Since even in our moments of sharpest clarity and wisdom  
we are yet creatures of profound ignorance and much foolishness;  
Christ have mercy.

*Christ have mercy.*

Since you know how hard it is for us to see your truth clearly,  
to follow it fully, and to love you completely;  
Lord have mercy.

*Lord have mercy.*

Gracious God, the magnitude of our sins  
is far outweighed by the magnitude of your mercies.

We, your grateful people, turn to you in trust,  
asking through Christ Jesus that our sins may be forgiven  
and our folly overruled by your abundant grace.  
Through this same Jesus Christ we pray.

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

Stanley Jobst

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD

Romans 9:30-20:17

Pew Bible NT p. 149

This is the Word of the LORD;  
*Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

Allen Jobst

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN # 264      *At the Name of Jesus*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We trust in Jesus Christ,  
Fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick*

*and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.*

*(Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA)*

## SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*Jesus to the World*

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

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*As Presbyterians, we welcome all who are baptized to come to the Lord's Table with us, trusting not in our own worthiness, but in God's grace. We will receive communion today by intinction. At the indicated time, you may come forward by the center aisle to take a piece of bread from the basket, dip one end of it in the cup, and eat before returning to your seat by the side aisles.*

*A separate plate and chalice will be provided for those who choose gluten free bread. There is no alcohol in the communion juice.*

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you!*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

### 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.*

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

...These are the gifts of God for the people of God;  
*Thanks be to God!*

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

### 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: re-worship.blogspot.com, ministrymatters.com and The Worship Resource Book (PCUSA).*

# 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!



**Please Note-** the church office will be CLOSED on Tuesday, August 8. Regular hours still apply to the rest of the week. Thank you.

Notes and reflections on this week's sermon:



**Canned Goods** – Today is the first Sunday of the month so we are collecting canned goods for the needy in our community. Please place your donation in the baskets in the sanctuary. Please be sure that all food donated is not expired. Thank you for your cooperation.



**Rachel Circle** The ladies of Rachel Circle will meet for lunch at Noon on Thursday, August 10th at the Honey Tree Restaurant. It is located in the Walmart Plaza at Mound and Hall Road. All ladies are welcome to join us for a tasty lunch and friendly conversation. Please let Lynn Booth know if you will attend.



**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!

**Telling Your Story**



Pastor Mary has been 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...



I am excited to welcome Allen Iobst and his family to worship with us this morning! Allen and his family live in Spain, where they work with Campus Crusade for Christ on Operation Transit, passing out New Testaments and informational packets to people traveling from North Africa. Allen and his family will be sharing with us stories of their wonderful work of proclaiming the word of Christ to those who have not yet heard the good news of the gospel. New Life Presbyterian Church is very dear to Allen's heart as he grew up in this church almost literally. Please welcome Allen and his wife, Deedee, along with their children (Josiah, Phoebe, and Thomas) to our worship today!



### Beautiful Flowers!

Please remember that you may order flowers to display in the sanctuary for any occasion throughout the year. Warm someone's heart while beautifying our sanctuary! Honor a special person or occasion or place flowers in memory of a loved one. Order forms are available on the bulletin board across from the office. See Margie Hurst for more details.



### Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 10, 2017

We are having our annual church picnic, featuring an old fashioned picnic theme, beginning immediately after our 10:30 AM worship that day.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Remember to invite your families for a fun filled afternoon. Watch for the sign up sheet to tell us you will join in the celebration and also to let us know what dish you will bring to pass!



### Deacons Meeting

The Deacons will meet after church on August 27th to finalize plans for the church picnic to be held on Sunday, September 10. See you then!

Joyce Harrison, Moderator



## Congregational Care Fund

New Life Presbyterian Church has established a Congregational Care Fund to assist members of the congregation when they face unexpected crises. Over the past years we have been able to help members who have faced problems such as unexpected loss of employment, mortgage foreclosure, illness and other things. The assistance we have been able to provide to individual members has made a genuine difference in helping stabilize their lives. Much of the fund has come through individual donations from members of the congregation. If you would like to make a contribution, please include a note indicating it is to be allocated to the congregational care fund. This fund makes it possible to provide assistance where appropriate. Thank you for your consideration.

### 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!



### 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.



## 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.

## 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!

**meijer**



# ***PRAYER CONCERNS***

## PRAY FOR HEALING

**Heather --(Shelley's niece)**  
**Janet Riggs**  
**Karen Duff**  
**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**  
**Sherie -(Marlene Misuraca's daughter)**  
**Jayne (Sandra Day's daughter/Karen Tuck's sister)**

## STRENGTH AND HOPE

**Ralphine Drabik**  
**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**  
**Tom Dittman**  
**Ryan V**  
**Marilyn Anderson**  
**Lois (Pat Tomlinson's friend)**  
**Helen Goltz**  
**Dorothy Johnson**  
**Carlene Kneebone**

## COMFORT IN MOURNING

**Marilyn Wright and Family-after Reg's recent passing**  
**Family of Manuel Rodriguez (Margie Hurst's brother-in-law) after his recent passing**  
**Family of Corinne McGill- after her recent passing**  
**Family of Joan Babbit- after her recent passing**

## 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

**Allen & Deedee Iobst and Family- gratitude for their visit with us today and safe journeys as they return to Spain.**  
**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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*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, August 7, 2017**

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

### **FRIDAY, August 11, 2017**

7:00 PM LaLeche League

### **SUNDAY, August 13, 2017**

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

### **TUESDAY, August 8, 2017**

**Church Office Closed**

2:00 PM Pulmonary Support Group  
8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

### **THURSDAY, August 10, 2017**

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