
New Life Presbyterian Church

August 13, 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:	Sharon Gire
Ushers:	Jason Boatwright, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day
Tenth 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 faithfulness of God.

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 faithfulness of God in Christ Jesus!

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever faithful God, forgive us when we invest our energies into increasing our personal prosperity rather than enriching people's lives with the good news of Christ Jesus, and when we squander our gifts by failing to use them to build people up.

Forgive us when we conceal the breadth of your faithfulness by our lack of devotion.

Forgive us when we fail to be adventurous in spreading the gospel. Increase our capacity to proclaim the good news of Christ Jesus in word and deed even if this means taking risks and expending whatever energy we may have.

Help us to hear Jesus' words encouraging us to be eager to share the spiritual treasure that we have been given, knowing that as we do more, much more will be given.

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

Redeemer

Calli Bowman-Tomlinson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 18:21-36

Pew Bible NT p. 193

Pew Bible NT p. 27

This is the Word of the LORD;

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Good and Faithful Servants!!!

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN # 287 *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*

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 *We Believe* 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 #39 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

*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, 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:



Welcome Joyce Lawrence!

We would like to offer a special welcome to our newest member of New Life Presbyterian Church, Joyce Lawrence. Joyce comes to us from Erin Presbyterian Church, which to the sorrow of its members recently closed its doors. We are glad that Joyce has found a new church family within our community! Please, personally welcome Joyce when you meet her.



Notice-Special Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, August 20 directly after worship for the purpose of filling vacancies on our Nominating Committee. Please plan to attend.



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



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!





Newsletter Deadline— Please note that the deadline for the September newsletter is Thursday, August 17. Please submit all articles electronically to the church office by 10:00 AM. Thank you!

Thanks So Much!

Our gratitude to Don Soule for noting the sad condition of our American flag and replacing it for us. Thank you, Don!



The Minister's Memo...



The popular hymn, Great Is Thy Faithfulness, was first written as a poem by Thomas Chisholm. Chisholm was born in a log cabin in Kentucky in 1866. At the age of 27, he had a Christian conversion experience during a revival. At the age of 57, he wrote this poem about the faithfulness of God to him over his lifetime. Chisholm wrote over 1200 Christian poems during his life. This poem he submitted to William Runyan, a composer, to be put to music.

Billy Graham used the hymn frequently during his international crusades leading to its great popularity. The phrase, "great is they faithfulness," comes from the Book of Lamentations 3:23.

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!



Telling Your Story

Pastor Mary is still hoping to meet with you to hear your stories. On the Sign-Up Board, there are opportunities to sign-up to share coffee or a meal with her. Please, take the time to meet with Mary and share with her your story.

PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAY FOR HEALING

Dorene Rocky
Heather --(Shelley's niece)
Janet Riggs
Karen Duff
Fred Walker
David and Joseph - friends of Gough family
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

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

11300 Nineteen Mile Road Sterling Heights, MI 48314

www.newlifepresby.org

Find us on Facebook

Church Office 586-731-6133 fax 586-731-6629

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00AM to 3:00 PM

office@newlifepresby.org

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
Mergie Hurst

NLPC Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, August 14, 2017

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

THURSDAY, August 17, 2017

11:00 AM Prayer/ Study
Group
2:00 PM Blood Drive
7:00 PM Band Practice



TUESDAY, August 15, 2017

8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

SUNDAY, August 20, 2017

9:30 AM Prayer Partners
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Special
Congregational
Meeting
11:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship
7:00 PM Venture Crew

WEDNESDAY, August 16, 2017

7:00 PM Finance Committee