
New Life Presbyterian Church

August 20, 2017

10:00 a.m.

But the fruit of the Spirit is

Make a Joyful Noise



The Joy of Jazz

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

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| 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
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Jesus, Meet us at the Center
by Dave Brubeck

Band

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 joy 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 joy of God in Christ Jesus!

*HYMN #187

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
(arr. Bill Carter © Presbybop Music)

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of joy and gladness, the Psalmist calls us to make a joyful noise unto you, to worship you with gladness, and to come into your presence with singing. We confess that rather than making a joyful noise, we often bring you only the noise of our groaning. We confess that rather than worshiping you with gladness, we often worship you with sadness. We confess that rather than coming into your presence with singing, we come into your presence with our ears ringing with our discontents and complaints about our lives. By Your Holy Spirit, turn our groaning into gratitude, turn our sadness into gladness, and turn our discontents and complaints into songs of delight and songs of praise. Help us to bear the fruit of joy in our worship and in our lives. 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

*#582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

THE WORD INTERPRETED FOR CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

Welcome Home

Band

(arr. Bill Carter © Presbybop Music)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD

Ephesians 5:11-20

Pew Bible NT p. 183

John 15:1-11

Pew Bible NT p. 103

This is the Word of the LORD;

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Always

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN # 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*
(arranged by Bill Carter @ Presbybop Music)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Melody is played as invitation to prayer, during prayers, and after each set of prayer petitions.

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 *Invocation* Band
(arranged by Bill Carter @ Presbybop Music)

*SONG OF DEDICATION / DOXOLOGY

(arr. Bradley Sowash © 2003 Bradley Sowash Music)
Pra-ise God, from whom all ble-ssi-ngs flo-w;
Pra-ise God, all creatures he-re be-lo-w;
Pra-ise God above ye hea-vn'ly- ho-st;
Pra-ise Father, Son, and Ho-ly- Gho-st.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*
(arranged by Bill Carter @ Presbybop Music)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

POSTLUDE *Hyfrydol* Band
(arranged by Bill Carter @ Presbybop Music)

**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 Presbybop.com.

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:



Notice-Special Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, August 27 directly after worship for the purpose of filling vacancies on our Nominating Committee. Please plan to attend.



Deacons Meeting

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

Joyce Harrison, Moderator

WOW! Another Blood Drive Record; 54 Pints Collected; 162 Lives Saved



NLPC set a new record for collecting blood at our August 17 Blood Drive. 54 units were collected; 46 were whole blood and 4 were double red, saving a total of 162 lives. Our previous record, set in June, was 49 units. Once again, our friends and neighbors demonstrated the high value they put on our Blood Drives providing them an opportunity to give back to their community. Special thanks to NLPC's Life Saving Teams: 1) Baking Team of Lynn Booth, Sharon Gire, Lori Haralson, Margie Hurst, Margaret North, Eleanor Pawlitz, Amy Shoults, and Elaine Watterworth, 2) Canteen Hosting Team of Lynn and Francis Booth, Margaret North, Eleanor Pawlitz, Glenn and Elaine Watterworth, and Shirley Wintermuth, 3) Sign Advertising by Bob Hitchcock, and 4) Blood Drive Facilitation and Donor Scheduling by Shelley Claeys. Each and every member of NLPC's Life Saving Team contributed to saving those 162 lives, and delivering a valued and appreciated service to our community. The total collection from our three previous Blood Drives in 2017 was 140 pints, saving 420 lives. Our final Blood Drive of the year is Thursday, November 16.



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.

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!



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!



The Minister's Memo...

Jazz is a form of musical expression, which originated in African American communities in New Orleans during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Its roots are in Blues and Ragtime, although it has been influenced by many other genres of music including European Military music. Jazz represents a broad range of musical expression spanning over a hundred years of music history in the United States. Some Jazz musicians have utilized their art to interpret scripture. For example, Dave Brubeck – one of the Jazz greats – wrote multiple musical compositions bringing fresh interpretation to biblical proclamation through the use of Jazz as a medium of communicating faith. Recently, Bill Carter and a group of Jazz musicians created an organization called Presbybop in an effort to “infuse the life of faith with the swinging pulse of Jazz.” The music used in our worship this morning is the fruit of this group's effort to integrate their faith with their art of Jazz.



PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAY FOR HEALING

Dorene Rockey
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

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.

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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 21, 2017

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

SUNDAY, August 27, 2017

9:30 AM Prayer Partners
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Special
Congregational Meeting
11:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship
11:30 AM Deacons Meeting

TUESDAY, August 22, 2017

8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

THURSDAY, August 24, 2017

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