
New Life Presbyterian Church

September 3, 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 Director:	Edyta Jaros
Liturgist:	Jodie Horan
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Jason Boatwright, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day
13th Sunday after Pentecost
Service of the Lord's Supper

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 the obedience of Christ.

We are rooted in God's guiding 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 will of God in Christ Jesus!

*HYMN #450 *Be Thou My Vision*

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the guiding Spirit, through the obedience of your Son and our Lord—Jesus Christ—you have offered us many good gifts, especially gifts of the Spirit. We hear the Apostle Paul telling us that we are no longer in bondage to the Law, but have new life in the Spirit, and we interpret this new life as freedom from all restrictions. When we act in self-indulgence or walk in our own ways, we shrug our shoulders saying to ourselves: “nobody is perfect. God understands.” Forgive our self-justification and easy excuses. Help us to understand and appreciate the full cost of our freedom bought with the suffering and death of your Son.

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

I'd Need a Savior

Shayla Hansen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD

Deuteronomy 5:1-21

Matthew 26:36-46

Pew Bible OT p. 156

Pew Bible NT p. 25

This is the Word of the LORD;

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Who Rules?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN # 287

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in humanity.
The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in
which men and women are reconciled to God and to one another.
God enables them to receive forgiveness as they forgive one
another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among
themselves. In spite of their sin, God gives them power to become
representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to
all people.*

(Confession of 1967, PCUSA)

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Give Me Self-Control

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 *One Bread, One Body*
Calli Bowman- Tomlinson and Bill Bowman

CONCLUDING PRAYER

SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #36 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

*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, liturgyoutside.net (by Katherine Hawker) 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:

**LABOR
DAY**

Church Office Closed-

The Church office will be closed on Monday, September 4
in observance of Labor Day.

The office will reopen on Tuesday, September 5 at 11:00 AM.

Wishes for a relaxing holiday for all!



Our Picnic is Next Sunday, September 10, 2017

We are having our annual church picnic, with an old-fashioned theme, beginning immediately after our 10:30 AM worship next Sunday.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Remember to invite your families and friends for a fun filled afternoon.

Sign up today to tell us you will join in the celebration and also to let us know what dish you will bring to pass!



The Minister's Memo...



Our Mackinac Bridge is currently the fifth longest suspension bridge in the world. The total length of the bridge is 5 miles, while the length of the suspension portion of the bridge is 8,614 feet. The height of the bridge's roadway at its mid-span is 200 feet above the water level. Prentiss Brown – a former United States Senator and Chairman of the Board of Detroit Edison – who became the first Chairman of the Michigan Mackinac Bridge Authority, fought for 20 years to build the bridge across the Straits of Mackinac connecting the two peninsulas. Construction on the bridge began in May of 1954. The bridge opened to traffic in November of 1957. The bridge cost \$70,268,500 to build and required more than 3 years to construct. A virtual army of laborers worked to build it: 350 engineers worked on the bridge's design, 7500 laborers worked in the mills, quarries and shops providing the materials and components for the bridge, and 3500 laborers worked on the actual bridge site. Unfortunately, 5 men lost their lives while building the bridge. On this Labor Day Sunday, let us remember all those who have worked so tirelessly to build our nation's infrastructure and transportation system with our prayers of gratitude.



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.

Women's Fellowship



The Dorcas Circle and Presbyterian Women will begin their fall monthly meetings on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. We will meet every second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. Our study lesson this fall and winter will be - "Cloud of Wellness: The Community of Christ in Hebrews." By Melissa Bane Sevier.



Rachel Circle -will meet for lunch on Thursday, September 14th at Noon at the Honey Tree Restaurant. It is located in the Walmart Plaza at Mound and M59. All ladies are welcome to join us for a tasty lunch and friendly conversation. Please let Lynn Booth know if you will attend.

Mission Missive



Hurricane Harvey was a Catastrophic Flood Event:
Our thoughts and prayers are with those whose lives have been turned upside down by Hurricane Harvey in Texas and along the Gulf Coast. If you would like to reach out to those affected by this catastrophic storm you can give a gift for Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief through:
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
American Red Cross
World Vision

Second Mile Center Golf Outing



Gather your golf friends and come out to help support the Second Mile Center at their golf outing on Sunday, September 24, 2017. It will be held at Glen Oaks Golf Course with a shot gun start at 1:00PM. The cost is \$125 per golfer and includes dinner and an awards ceremony.

Additional information and registration is available online at www.secondmilecenter.org or you may call Kathy at 248-515-5307. Thank you for your consideration.



PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAY FOR HEALING

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

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

Family of **Ralphine Drabik** (Joann DiPasquale's friend) after her recent passing
Marilyn Wright and Family-after Reg's recent passing
Larry McGill &Family - after his wife, Corinne's 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

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Dave Konikson
Jeff Turner

Phil Cunningham
Dorothy Harrington
Marge Kunz

Lori Haralson
Matthew Hurst
Valerie Robbins

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Moderator: Joyce Harrison

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Joyce Harrison

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Shayla Hansen
Carlene Kneebone
Randy Tuck

Sue Gough
Jodie Horan
Margie Hurst

NLPC Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, September 4, 2017

Church Office Closed

8:00 PM AA



THURSDAY, September 7, 2017

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

FRIDAY, September 8, 2017

7:00 PM LaLeche League

TUESDAY, September 5, 2017

8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

SUNDAY, September 10, 2017

Fall Worship Schedule Begins

WEDNESDAY, September 6, 2017

7:00 PM Discipleship Growth
7:00 PM Anxiety Support

10:00 AM Prayer Partners
10:30 AM Worship
12:00 PM Annual
Church Picnic

