
New Life Presbyterian Church

September 10, 2017

10:30 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:	Valerie Robbins
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Bruce Duff, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day
14th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Fruit of the Spirit

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 God's gracious 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 God's love in Jesus Christ!

*HYMN #403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the fruitful Spirit, you promise to make our hearts your home. Through your Holy Spirit abiding in us, you guide us to live fruitful lives producing the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We confess that we hinder the fulfillment of your promise. We tend to close our hearts to your influence and inhibit the bountiful spiritual harvest you wish us to bear. Help us to open our hearts to you, O God, so that Christ's Spirit will dwell within us, rooting us in your love. Let us yield the bountiful spiritual harvest you wish us to bear.

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

*#693

Though I May Speak

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

THE WORD INTERPRETED FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Anchored to the Rock

Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD

Psalms 27

Pew Bible OT p. 476

1 Corinthians 3:10-23

Pew Bible NT p. 157

This is the Word of the LORD;

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

God's Letter Jacket

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN # 697

Take My Life

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

Rock of Ages

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 #707 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

...And let all God's people say,

Alleluia and Amen!

POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*

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!



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 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!

Notes and reflections on this week's sermon:



Annual Picnic is TODAY!

We are having our annual church picnic, with an old-fashioned theme, beginning immediately after worship today.

A fun-filled day of fellowship and activities is planned. Don't miss out!



Nominations Wanted!

The Nominating Committee will be meeting next Sunday, September 17 after worship to work on preparing a slate for the annual congregational meeting, where the next class of elders and deacons will be elected. The committee is soliciting your input to help them in this process. This is your opportunity to impact the future leadership of NLPC, so think about who might be a good candidate- and don't forget that you can nominate yourself! Please submit your suggestions today or next Sunday so the committee will receive them in time to process them at their meeting. Forms and a ballot box are located on the table at the back of the sanctuary for your convenience. Thank you!



A Warm Welcome Back to our Choirs!

Fall is here and that means our choirs will be back to add their joyful sounds to our worship service each week! Edyta will hold choir rehearsal before worship on Sundays at 8:45. Tone chimes rehearsal will be on Wednesdays at 6:45 PM. See you then!



PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE

Mission Missive

Hurricane Harvey was a Catastrophic Flood Event and Hurricane Irma is on course to deliver mass destruction as well:

Our thoughts and prayers are with those whose lives have been turned upside down by these events. If you would like to reach out to those affected by these catastrophic storms you can give a gift for Hurricane Disaster Relief through:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

American Red Cross

World Vision

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.

The Minister's Memo...

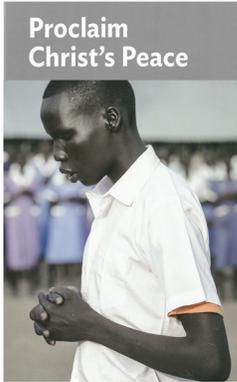


The Temple of Jerusalem was actually two temples. The first was built by David's son, Solomon, at the site selected by David. The Temple Mount—as it was called—was believed to be the location where Abraham had built the alter upon which to sacrifice his son, Isaac. The First Temple was home to the Ark of the Covenant, which held the stone tablets containing the 10 Commandments. As the house of God, it functioned as the center of Jewish worship. The First Temple was destroyed by the Babylonians, who took the Ark of the Covenant and deported the Jews from Israel and took them to Babylon. When the Babylonians were conquered by the Persians, the Jews were allowed to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the Temple. The Second Temple was also built on the Temple Mount, but was a modest version of the First Temple and did not house the Ark. The Second Temple was expanded while under Roman occupation. It, too, functioned as the center of Jewish worship. This was the Temple where Jesus overturned the tables and chased out the money changers. The Second Temple was destroyed by the Romans. All that remains of the Temple today is a portion of its Western Wall.



Presbyterian Coffee Project

The fair trade coffee order has arrived. If you are expecting a delivery, please See Stan Iobst after worship today. Thanks for your support and enjoy your coffee!



The Peace & Global Witness Offering supports Presbyterian ministries of peacemaking and witnessing to the peace of Christ.

As followers of Christ, our call to witness/work for peace begins in our own neighborhoods and extends to the ends of the earth. By giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, you support the holistic and wide-ranging witness of the whole church.

Twenty-five percent of collected funds are retained by congregations for support of their own peacemaking ministry. The remainder is forwarded to the Presbyterian Mission Agency so that it can continue to help transform cultures in conflict into communities of peace.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is collected on World Communion Sunday, October 1, 2017. Please see today's insert for additional information.

**WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY**

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.



Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the lines of communication open here at New Life Presbyterian Church.

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

Sharon Gire
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 suffering loss and hardship from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma
 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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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, September 11, 2017

9:00 AM Honey-Doers
11:00 AM Study Group
7:00 PM Finance Committee
8:00 PM AA

THURSDAY, September 14, 2017

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



TUESDAY, September 12, 2017

2:00 PM Pulmonary Support Group
7:00 PM Dorcas Circle/
Presbyterian Women
8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

SUNDAY, September 17, 2017

10:00 AM Prayer Partners
10:30 AM Worship
11:45 AM Coffee & Fellowship
11:45 AM Nominating Committee
7:00 PM Venture Crew