
New Life Presbyterian Church

September 17, 2017

10:30 a.m.



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:	Pat Tomlinson
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Bruce Duff, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day
15th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Fruit of the Spirit

Band

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

That it is not we who chose Christ,

But Christ who chose us,

That we are not here because of our goodness

But because of Christ's grace,

That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

But to allow Christ to enlighten us,

That we have not come to be entertained

But to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

*HYMN #720

Jesus Calls Us

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus of the lakeshore, we come to you knowing that we often turn a deaf ear to your call. Consequently, we have fallen away from your intentions for us. We tend to follow paths of fear, self-preservation, and even greed, instead of following you. You gave your life for us, and yet too often we are willing to give so little. Forgive us for not understanding that you laid down your life for us. Forgive us for not appreciating your loving sacrifice. Forgive us for living for ourselves rather than for others. Forgive us for not heeding your call. Call us back to your way, your vision, and your love. 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

*#737

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song (v 1-2)

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

THE WORD INTERPRETED FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Prayer for Guidance

Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD

Isaiah 9:1-7

Pew Bible OT p. 600

Matthew 4:12-23

Pew Bible NT p. 3

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

SERMON

Network

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN # 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray.

Jesus came to the lakeshore looking for followers.

Jesus comes to us here still looking for followers.

The hum of the world interrupts our lives and fills our ears.

Call us into your way of life, O Jesus.

The complaints of others and our own discontent settle into our minds and cloud our vision.

Lead us into your vision of life, O Jesus.

The cries of the poor, the oppressed, the marginalized, and the outcast pierce our hearts.

Guide us in your example of living for others, O Jesus.

The suffering and sorrows of those whom we love weigh upon our hearts and distract us from our focus upon you.

Heed our prayers and petitions, O Jesus.

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...Fill our hearts, fill our eyes, fill our ears with your love, O Jesus of the lakeshore.

*Let us be your hands, your feet, and your face in the world,
O Jesus.*

Hear us as we pray the prayer that you taught us to say together:

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

I Will Follow

Band

*SONG OF DEDICATION

*#605 *Praise God the Father*

*Praise God the Father;
Praise God the Son;
Praise God the Spirit;
Praise to the Three-in-One.
Praise to God Almighty;
Praise to the Holy One.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #726

Will You Come and Follow Me

*RESPONSIVE CHARGE AND BLESSING

We go nowhere by accident. Wherever we go,

God is sending us.

Wherever we are,

God has put us there.

God has a purpose in our being there.

Christ calls us to follow in his footsteps and to be the bearers of his light, where we are...right now!

Believe this and go in the grace and love and power of the Father,
Son and Holy Spirit.

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, bruceprewer.com, rev-o-lution.org, Worship Service @ First
Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti.*

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:



Flowers on the shelf today are in honor of

Bill & Joyce Pitchford

From their Honey-Doer friends.

We are sad to see you move out of this area and will treasure the years we had together. We wish you the best.

-the Honey-Doers



Nominations Wanted!

The Nominating Committee will be meeting after worship today to prepare 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 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!



Deacons Meeting Change

The Deacons meeting has been moved to Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 PM in the library. See you then!

Joyce Harrison, Moderator



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

Mission Missive

Hurricanes Harvey and Irma caused a catastrophic level of loss of lives and property:

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

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
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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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, September 18, 2017

9:00 AM Honey-Doers
10:03 AM Study Group
7:00 PM Session Meeting
8:00 PM AA

TUESDAY, September 19, 2017

8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

WEDNESDAY, September 20, 2017

6:45 PM Tone Chimes Practice

THURSDAY, September 21, 2017

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

SATURDAY, September 23, 2017

10:00 AM Private-
Eagle Court of Honor

SUNDAY, September 24, 2017

8:45 AM Choir Practice
10:00 AM Prayer Partners
10:30 AM Worship
11:45 AM Coffee & Fellowship
12:00 PM Sunday School