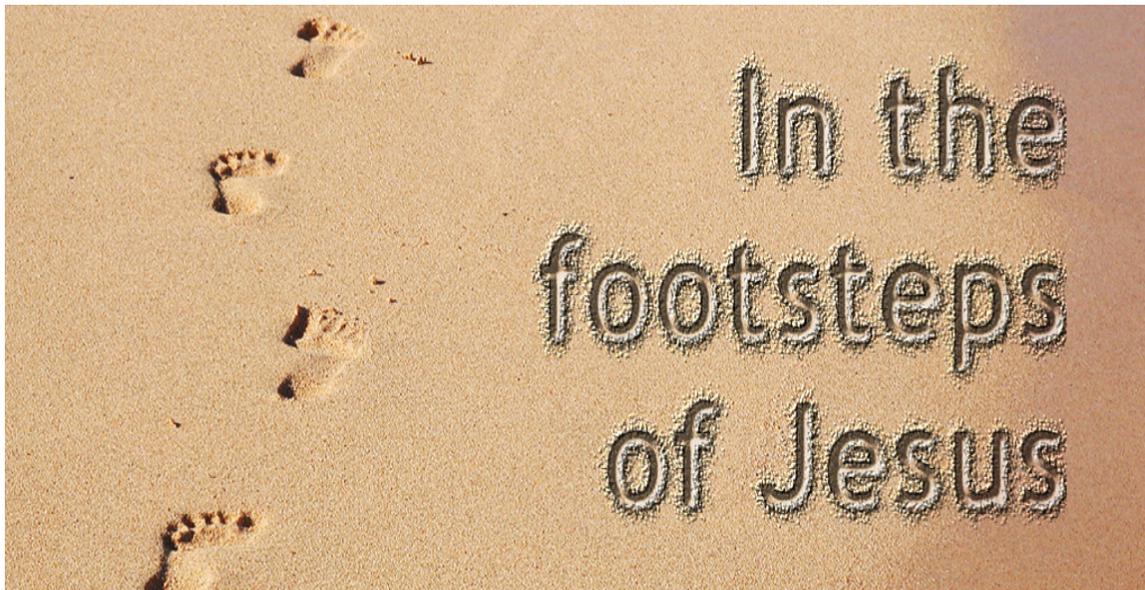

New Life Presbyterian Church

September 24, 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:	Joyce Harrison
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Bruce Duff, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day
16th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

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

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
you come to us, but we do not recognize you;
you call, but we do not follow:
you command and we do not obey,
you bless us, but we do not thank you.

Please forgive and help us.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
you accept us, but we do not accept others;
you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us;
you love us, but we do not love our neighbors.

Please forgive and help us.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
you showed us how to carry out your mission,
but we still insist on our own;
you identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, the poor,
but we do not bother to find out what is happening to them;
you suffered and died for the sake of all,
but we do not give up our comfortable lives.

*Please forgive and help us,
through your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ,*

AND

Hear us now, as we offer you our silent confessions ...

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

...May the peace of Jesus 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

Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD

Isaiah 6:1-9a

Matthew 4:12, 13 and 17-23

Matthew 13:54-58

Pew Bible OT p. 598

Pew Bible NT p. 3

Pew Bible NT p. 14

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

SERMON SERIES *In the Footsteps of Jesus*

SERMON *Common*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN # 69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

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 *What if Jesus Came Back Like That* 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*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Go now...

...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!



Canned Goods— New Life collects canned goods for the needy in our community on the first Sunday of the month. Please bring your donation to church next Sunday but we ask that you be sure that all food donated is not expired. Thank you for your cooperation.

Notes and reflections on this week's sermon:

*Today's liturgy inspired/ adapted from the following resources: bruceprewer.com, re-worship.blogspot.com, worship.calvin.edu/resources, rev-o-lution.org, *Worship Service @ First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti.**

Nominating Committee



The NLPC Nominating Committee will hold a meeting after worship today to work on preparing a slate to fill vacancies on the Board of Session and Board of Deacons. Please pray for guidance for them as they strive to provide strong leadership for the future of New Life Presbyterian Church.

Flu Shots!

The flu season is nearing and flu shots are recommended for many to keep the sickness away. If you would like to get a flu shot but do not have transportation please contact Phil Cunningham . He has graciously offered to drive NLPC members to local pharmacies to receive flu shots. Please contact Shelley at the church office or Phil directly at 586-306-9985. A big thank you goes out to Phil for helping to keep our congregation healthy!



Welcome Back!— Sunday school classes resume today for children ages 3 and up. This year we will be learning from the books of the Bible. Our Sunday School team has lots of fun, engaging activities in store to help deliver God's message. We look forward to a wonderful year of enrichment for all!

Mission Missive



Hurricanes Harvey and Irma caused catastrophic loss of lives and property here in our country and Hurricane Maria pummeled Puerto Rico just days after Irma left much of the island without power. And the death toll in Mexico nears 300 after a powerful earthquake struck just south of Mexico City earlier this week.

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 Disaster Relief through:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
American Red Cross
World Vision

The Minister's Memo- Common & Holy



In the Old Testament, anything devoted to the Lord or used in Lord's service was considered holy. The Sabbath day, the Priests and Scribes, the Tabernacle, and the Temple were set aside or dedicated to the Lord's use and were therefore considered holy. Things that belonged to people – in contrast – were considered common. Household goods, animals, and lands were considered common. In the New Testament, the holy and the common were joined together. Jesus often utilized the common for holy purposes. The prophet Zechariah tell us that in the end times, the Lord will become King over all the earth and everything will be holy – from horses to cooking pots – for everything will be used in the service of the Lord.

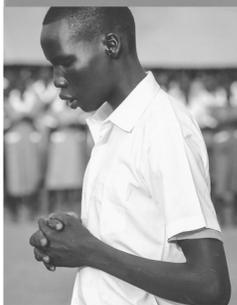
Deacons Meeting Change



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

Joyce Harrison, Moderator

Proclaim Christ's Peace



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 will be collected next Sunday, October 1, World Communion Sunday.

Please see today's insert for additional information along with an envelope you can bring to worship next week. Envelopes are also included in your annual box of envelopes and in the pews for your convenience. Thank you for your generosity.

**WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY**

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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Shelley Claeys, Secretary

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Sana Mansour – Child Care Supervisor

SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Mary Bahr-Jones

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Lori Haralson
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Valerie Robbins

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Francis Booth
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Shayla Hansen
Carlene Kneebone
Randy Tuck

Sue Gough
Jodie Horan
Margie Hurst

NLPC Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, September 25, 2017

9:00 AM Honey-Doers
10:30 AM Study Group
8:00 PM AA

THURSDAY, September 28, 2017

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

TUESDAY, September 26, 2017

7:00 PM Deacons Meeting
8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

SUNDAY, October 1, 2017

Peace & Global Witness Offering

8:45 AM Choir Practice
10:00 AM Prayer Partners
10:30 AM Worship
w/ Communion
11:45 AM Coffee & Fellowship
12:00 PM Sunday School
7:00 PM Venture Crew

