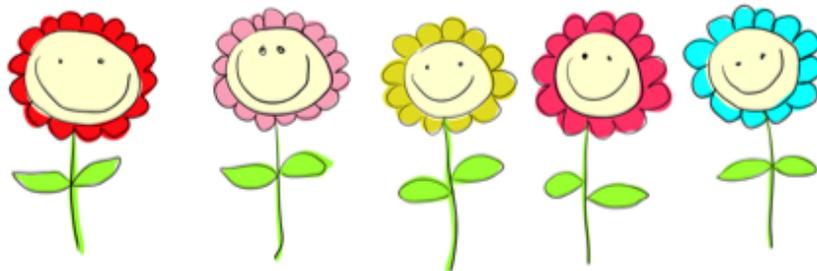

New Life Presbyterian Church

December 31, 2017

10:30 a.m.

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS.
I WILL SAY IT AGAIN: REJOICE!

-PHILIPPIANS 4:4 (NIV)



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:	Bethany Peerbolte
Music Director:	Edyta Jaros
Liturgist:	Dave Konikson
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day
First Sunday after Christmas

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Seasonal Selection

Brass Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We are glad and rejoice in it.

Tonight we welcome a new year that the Lord has begun.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Blessed are those who come in the name of the lord

Lord save us and grant us success.

You are our God and we will praise you and exalt you

We give thanks! God's love endures forever.

*HYMN #110 *Love Has Come*

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of mercy, in our impatience for answers,
we sometimes turn to idols of our own making
and forget our covenant with you.*

*Passionate for what is right,
we wrong those with whom we differ.*

*Pleased at the invitation to your banquet,
we fail to arrive with humility and thanksgiving.*

*Forgive us when our faith is weak
and our zeal too strong.*

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

...May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you.

Please share Christ's peace with those worshipping around you.

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 hope, please be mindful of this by either reaching your hand out for a handshake, or asking, "May I hug you?" before giving a hug.

SONG OF PRAISE

*#113

Angels We Have Heard on High (v 1)

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

THE WORD INTERPRETED FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Angel Celebration

NLPC Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD

Exodus 32: 1-14

Pew Bible OT p. 75

Philippians 4:4-9

Pew Bible NT p. 187

For the Word of God in scripture,

For the Word of God among us,

For the Word of God within us:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

New Year Resolution and Reassurance

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #132

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Most Holy God, we gather before you in prayer, celebrating your presence and your peace in our lives and in our world.

The old year has ended...

...We pray that your guidance and wisdom will lead us in this New Year; that your voice will encourage us to live in your ways and that your Spirit will enliven us as we grow, learn and work together.

We pray for the world You created, and the people who share it with us: for countries caught up in war or violent conflict, for regions of the world recovering from hurricanes and flooding, for people who are malnourished or starving. For these and all the other areas in our world where there is need and despair, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

We pray for our country and for its people: for our government leaders, federal and local, for our judicial system, police forces and military, for our cities, towns, and rural communities, for employers and employees. For all who are part of this great country, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

We pray for our local community for those who are unemployed, for those in prison, for those who are hungry or cold, for those who are alone and afraid, For all our neighbors, both known and unknown to us, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

We pray for this congregation for those who are ill, for all those who mourn, for those who are anxious about the future, for those struggling with their faith, For all Your people in this place, in your mercy *hear our prayer.*

...All of this we pray in the name of your beloved child who came to us all those years ago and taught us that when we pray we should say:

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

Now We Sing of Christmas

Tone Chimes

*SONG OF DEDICATION *#606 *Doxology*

*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 #686 *God of Our Life*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Go forth...

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

Alleluia and Amen.

POSTLUDE *Seasonal Selection* Brass Ensemble

**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!



There are several 2018 Giving Envelopes still available in the Narthex. Please pick up yours today!

Notes and reflections on this week's sermon:



The ladies of **Presbyterian Women and Dorcas Circle** will meet at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 9th in the church Library, weather permitting. We will continue in our current study. Dessert will be served.



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.

Many Thanks from the Mission Committee

Christmas Food Baskets



Thank you to those who helped support the mission baskets and giving tree projects this year. With your help we were able to provide mission food baskets for 15 families which included general food items along with a holiday meal and Christmas gifts for their children. A special thank you goes out to those who helped to assemble and deliver those baskets last Sunday. Thank you for taking the opportunity to share god's love with the less fortunate in our community. Your generosity truly brightens the season!



Attention All Deacons and Elders– Mailboxes have been assigned to all new deacons and elders. Please remember to check your mailbox often. Continuing deacons and elders should double check their mailboxes as some have been moved around. Non continuing deacons and elders should kindly empty their mailboxes as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.



Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, January 1. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, January 2. Happy New Year to all!



Attention All Committee Chairs

The 2017 **Annual Reports** are due in the church office no later than January 30, 2018. Please submit your reports in electronic format either on a CD or by emailing it to westcampus@newlifepresby.org. (2 to 4 PowerPoint slides would be perfect). Contact the church office if you have any questions.

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!



Stewardship Thanks!



Thank you to all who have turned in promise cards of support for NLPC in 2018. If you have not yet submitted your card, please do so as soon as possible. Additional promise cards are available in the Narthex and in the sanctuary. The session is thankful for your generosity which will help them to prepare the 2018 church budget.



Choose Meijer for Your Holiday Shopping! (here's why)

The Meijer store on Hall Road at Hayes has once again partnered with NLPC on our Food Basket Program by donating \$1000 to help fund the food purchases for our Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets. You may recall that they also donated toward our Summer Food Baskets Program in June as well as Thanksgiving Food Baskets last fall. Meijer's contribution enables NLPC to grow our Food Basket Program and help more families. Let's thank Meijer at Hall and Hayes by shopping there for supplies for our own holiday meals as well as holiday gifts for our family and friends.

What a great way to show our appreciation for their commitment to our community!





DISCIPLESHIP GROWTH

Please join us at 11:45AM in Agape Hall for light refreshments.

12:00 PM Sunday School

Childcare is available from 10:00AM-1:00PM.

By providing educational opportunities for all ages our mission is to deepen knowledge and understanding of the Bible, strengthen relationships with Christ, increase the desire to share our faith and to grow Christian leaders both within and outside the church community.

Sunday School – Back to Basics

Our Sunday School Program will serve children from age 3 through 18. This year we will be studying the Bible and finding our way through it. Our studies will include verses, songs, interpretations, games and fun so the children will learn why the Bible is important to us and what we can do with it. In addition, the kids are asking members of our congregation to provide a favorite verse to be included in our studies. We look forward to a wonderful year of enrichment for all!



Prayers of Jesus

Thursdays: 11:00 am – NOON

Prayer was the backbone of Jesus' life and ministry. From his baptism to his crucifixion, the Gospels portray Jesus as a man of prayer who knew and deeply valued intimate communion with his heavenly Father. What can we learn from the prayers that he prayed? Come and explore the prayers of Jesus to gain new insights into prayer, the character of God, and how to deepen your relationship with him.

Faith Lessons Video Series

Mondays: 10:30 am – 11:45 am in Agape Hall

Filmed on location at Israel's historic sites, Faith Lessons is a unique video series that brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance. These illuminating 'faith lessons' offer a new understanding of the Bible that will ground your convictions and transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true follower of Jesus.

Journey back to the time of Jesus and learn about his life and ministry. We will discover how the events of Jesus' day impacted his life, ministry, and communication. Then let them impact yours.

PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAY FOR HEALING

Ian- (Anne Rae's grandson)
Terry Riggs- (Janet's son)
Steven- (Friend of Dave Konikson)
Rusty Estlow- (Karen Duff's mother)
George Bousquette's sister-in-law
Jerry Kurtz
Michael DiPasquale
Sharon Gire
Fred Walker
May Shorthouse
Janet Riggs
Winnie Fulton
Glenn Watterworth
Dave Bousquette
Shirley Honor
Joan Mc Bride
Marge Kunz
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

Carlene Kneebone
Jenni Madigan
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
Marilyn Anderson
Lois (Pat Tomlinson's friend)
Helen Goltz
Dorothy Johnson

COMFORT IN MOURNING

Sandra Harting & family - after the recent passing of her mother, Marilyn Harting
Family of Louise Koczab- after her recent passing
Family of Larry Fisher-after his recent passing
Family of Pat Tomlinson- after her recent passing
May Shorthouse & family- after the recent passing of her sister, Nan
Warren Schroeder and family- after the recent passing of his brother-in-law
Family of Ralph Moore- (Midge Turek's nephew) after his recent passing
The Gough Family- after the recent passing of their dog, Romeo
Cheryl Rockey and Family-after her mom, Dorene Rockey's recent passing
Marilyn Wright and Family-after Reg'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
Col. Jason Hollaran-US Army

GENERAL/GLOBAL

Those suffering loss and hardship from recent natural disasters
 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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Dave Konikson
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Shayla Hansen
Carlene Kneebone
Randy Tuck

Sue Gough
Jodie Horan
Margie Hurst

NLPC Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, January 1, 2018

Church Office Closed

8:00 PM AA

TUESDAY, January 2, 2018

8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

WEDNESDAY, January 3, 2018

6:45 PM Tone Chimes Practice

7:00 PM Discipleship Growth

7:00 PM Anxiety Support Group

THURSDAY, January 4, 2018

11:00 AM Prayer/Study Group

7:00 PM Band Practice

SUNDAY, January 7, 2018

8:45 AM Choir Practice

10:00 AM Prayer Partners

10:30 AM Worship
w/ Communion

11:45 AM Coffee Time

12:00 PM Sunday School

2:30 PM Memorial Service

7:00 PM Venture Crew

