
New Life Presbyterian Church

January 7, 2018

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 Leader:	Frank Kunz
Liturgist:	Cheryl Rockey
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day
Epiphany
Service of the Lord's Supper

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Here in This Place

Band

CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us worship the Lord
and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

O come, let us worship the Lord
and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

O come, let us worship the Lord
and consider what wondrous things God has done:

*The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,
making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!*

O come, let us worship the Lord,
for God has done wondrous things!

*HYMN #133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of light and darkness,
We have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning to us,
But we have turned away and followed other paths.
We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart,
With all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us, Holy One.
Strengthen our faltering steps
And guide us in your holy way of peace.
Hear us now, as we offer you our silent confessions ...*

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This Lift up your eyes and see the grace of God poured out into
your lives.

The light of God shines through the darkness.

Our hearts rejoice for Christ is in our midst.

Amen.

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

Illumined by Your Light

NLPC Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD

Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible OT p. 649

Pew Bible NT p. 1

This is the Word of the LORD;

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Gifts We Bring

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #151

We Three Kings

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We constantly believe that God, after the fearful and horrible departure of man from his obedience, did seek Adam again, call upon him, rebuke him and convict him of his sin, and in the end made unto him a most joyful promise, that "the seed of the woman should bruise the head of the serpent," that is, he should destroy the works of the devil. This promise was repeated and made clearer from time to time; it was embraced with joy and constantly received by all the faithful from Adam to Noah, from Noah to Abraham, from Abraham to David, and so onwards to the incarnation of Christ Jesus ... When the fullness of time came God sent his Son, his eternal wisdom, the substance of his own glory, into this world, who took the nature of humanity from the substance of a woman, a virgin, by the means of the Holy Ghost. And so was born the "just seed of David," the very Messiah promised, whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel, true God and true man united and joined in one person.

(The Scots Confession)

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

OFFERTORY

All in All

Band

*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

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Hungry

Band

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.

O God of Light,...

...And now hear us as we pray the prayer our Savior taught us:

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 *Be Thou My Vision*

Tone Chimes

CONCLUDING PRAYER

SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #132 *Good Christian Friends Rejoice*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

May the light of the Lord rest upon you,
May the light of the Lord shine from you,
May the light of the Lord be a blessing through you.
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: kirkyard.net., liturgylink.net, faithandworship.com, reformedworship.org, re-worship.blogspot.com, wonderings writings and scribbles by rev Nancy J, ucc.org.

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:



In Loving Memory

The Memorial Service for Pat Tomlinson will be held here at New Life Presbyterian Church this afternoon at 2:30 PM. The family invites all to join in Agape Hall afterward for fellowship and refreshments. We hope you can attend.

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!



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.



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.



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.



Deacons Meeting

The Deacons will meet Tuesday, January 16th at 7 P.M. in the library for our first meeting of the new year and a chance to meet and greet our newly elected Deacons and make plans for 2018.

The Minister's Memo-Epiphany



EPIPHANY is a Christian Holiday or Feast Day. It is celebrated by the Orthodox Church, the Roman Catholic Church, and the Anglican Church. As Protestants we recognize Epiphany, but we rarely celebrate it. Epiphany, also known as "Three Kings Day" or "The Twelfth Day," is celebrated on January the 6th and signals the conclusion of the Christmas Season. The 12 days between Christmas and Epiphany are known as the "Twelve Days of Christmas." The feast of Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God to the world in human flesh through Jesus Christ. The celebration of Epiphany originated in the East. Eastern Christianity puts emphasis on the baptism of Jesus by John (Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22), where Christ is revealed to the world as God's Son with the descending of the Spirit. Epiphany was introduced to Western Christian in the 4th century. Western Christianity tends to emphasize the visit of the wise men to the Christ child (Matthew 2:1-12), where Jesus is revealed as the King of the Jews to the Gentile world through the Magi. Today in worship – even though it is January the 7th – we are celebrating Epiphany. It was Pat Tomlinson's favorite day of the church year.

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.



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.



Beautiful Flowers!

Please remember that you may order flowers to display in the sanctuary for any occasion throughout the year. Warm someone's heart while beautifying our sanctuary! Honor a special person or occasion or place flowers in memory of a loved one. Order forms are available on the bulletin board across from the office. See Margie Hurst for more details.



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!



2018 Per Capita

One of the regular expenses in the church budget is Per Capita, a yearly apportionment that each Presbyterian congregation is asked to pay to cover the administrative costs of the governing bodies. Your Per Capita contribution allows our mission dollars to be spent directly on mission projects rather than on the costs of administering a mission.

Per Capita for the year 2018 is \$26.33 per church member. The total apportionment for New Life Presbyterian Church is \$5,213.34 . This is how much more New Life would have available for programs and missions if each member paid their per capita for the year. You may use the blue "Per Capita" envelope included with your offering envelope pack or clearly mark your contribution as "per capita". Feel free to contact the church office for more details on Per Capita contributions.



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

Terry North
 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
 May Shorthouse
 Janet Riggs
 Winnie Fulton
 Glenn Watterworth
 Dave Bousquette
 Shirley Honor
 Joan Mc Bride
 Marge Kunz
 Shirley Wintermuth

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

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.

New Life Presbyterian Church

11300 Nineteen Mile Road Sterling Heights, MI 48314

www.newlifepresby.org

Find us on Facebook

Church Office 586-731-6133 fax 586-731-6629

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00AM to 3:00 PM

office@newlifepresby.org

Reverend Mary Bahr-Jones, Interim Pastor

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
Margie Hurst

NLPC Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, January 8, 2018

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

TUESDAY, January 9, 2018

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

WEDNESDAY, January 10, 2018

6:45 PM Tone Chimes Practice

THURSDAY, January 11, 2018

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

FRIDAY, January 12, 2018

7:00 PM LaLeche League

SATURDAY, January 13, 2018

10:00 AM Deacons Decoration Removal

SUNDAY, January 14, 2018

8:45 AM Choir Practice
10:00 AM Prayer Partners
10:30 AM Worship w/
Ordination & Installation
11:45 AM Coffee Time
12:00 PM Sunday School