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*New Life Presbyterian Church*

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January 14, 2018

10:30 a.m.

# Lessons From Job



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:	Lori Haralson
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day  
Second Sunday after Epiphany  
Ordination & Installation of Elders and Deacons

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Job 28)

Where can wisdom be found? Where is the place of understanding?

*God knows the way to it, and God will lead us there.*

Where does wisdom come from? Where is the place of understanding?

*Leaving the ways of evil, and walking in the ways of God.*

The wisdom of the world tells me to seek my own path and success.

*The wisdom of Christ tells me to serve and love others.*

Leave the wisdom of the world behind, and let us follow God!

*Let us walk in the ways of God's wisdom: love, justice, and peace!*

*Let us worship our God!*

\*HYMN #625      *How Great Thou Art*

CALL TO CONFESSION

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of Wisdom,  
Your watchfulness over us is unending.

Though we forget You,

*You do not forget us.*

Though we deny You,

*You do not deny us.*

Though we do not understand You,

*You have not misunderstood us.*

Though we ignore You,

*You have not ignored us.*

This is the root of our sin:

While we expect You to live up

To what we want for ourselves,

*We have not lived up to what we know of You.*

Our pride has blinded us.

*Forgive our sins of presumption and self-importance.*

Refashion our expectations according to Your will.

*Help us to trust in Your truth and Your love.*

*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

\*#25      *O Lord, Our God, How Excellent (vv. 1-3)*

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD

### THE WORD INTERPRETED FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

*Down to the River to Pray*

NLPC Choir

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE WORD OF GOD

In the beginning was the Word

*And the Word was with God,*

*And the Word was God.*

Psalm 8  
Job 1:1, 2:1-10

Pew Bible OT p. 466  
Pew Bible OT p. 429

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 SERIES      LESSONS from JOB

SERMON      *Majestic or Malevolent?*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN #307      *God of Grace and God of Glory*

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND  
DEACONS

RESPONSIVE SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are varieties of gifts,  
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

*There are different ways of serving God,  
but it is the same Lord who is served.*

God works through each person in a unique way,  
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

*To each is given a gift of the Spirit  
to be used for the common good.*

Together we are the body of Christ,  
and individually members of it.

## STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

## REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

## RENUNCIATIONS

*To all present in the congregation:*

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin  
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

*I do.*

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior,  
trusting in his grace and love?

*I do.*

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his  
love?

*I will, with God's help.*

## \*PROFESSION OF FAITH

With the whole Church, let us stand and confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.*

*On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise...*

Eternal and gracious God ...

...Remember your baptism and be thankful.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God of wisdom,...

...This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ,  
Who taught us to pray together saying:

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

*Salt & Light*

Band

\*SONG OF DEDICATION \*#614 *Great Are You, Lord*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN #450      *Be Thou My Vision*

\*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.

*God calls us to witness to world too often blind to his majesty!*

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.*

# 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 a few lingering 2018 Giving Envelopes in the Narthex. Check to see if yours are there and feel free to take them home today!

Notes and reflections on this week's sermon:

*Today's liturgy inspired/adapted from the following resources: Prayers for Worship by E. Lee Philips; The Worship Resource Book by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship; Book of Common Worship, PC(USA); Worship Service @ First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti.*

Today the following Elders and Deacons were ordained\* and installed:



Elders:

Bill Bowman  
Sharon Gire  
Charles Gough  
Calliandra \*  
Bowman-Tomlinson\*

Deacons:

Robert Hitchcock  
Cheryl Konikson  
Joan Lockard  
Bernice Rutherford

Please keep them in your prayers for guidance as they strive to provide strong leadership here at New Life Presbyterian Church.

### **The Minister's Memo-Ordination**



All Christians are called to the task of ministry in the church as members of Christ's body. We believe that each person is gifted by the Spirit to serve God in specific ways. The church has traditionally, however, established certain "ordered" ministries within the church to ensure the spiritual health and faithful life of each church community. Following the development of the Reformed tradition, the PCUSA sets aside three ordered ministries: minister, elder, and deacon. Ministers or pastors are responsible for preaching the Word, teaching, and administering the Sacraments. Elders are responsible for the spiritual life of a congregation and for ordering the life of the church in alignment with the teachings of the Gospel. Deacons are responsible for pastoral care and leading the congregation into compassionate service. Ordination – which is a word derived from "order" – is the act of setting people apart for these particular "ordered" ministries within the life of the church. Once ordained to a particular office, a person is always ordained to that office within the PCUSA. A person is not, however, always active in that office within a specific congregation. Today the people of New Life Presbyterian Church are installing Bill Bowman, Sharon Gire, and Charles Gough to the office of elder. We are also installing Robert Hitchcock, Cheryl Konikson, Joan Lockard, and Bernice Rutherford to the office of deacon. Calliandra Bowman-Tomlinson will be ordained as an elder and installed to serve as Youth Elder for New Life Presbyterian Church today.



## 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.



**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](mailto:westcampus@newlifepresby.org). (2 to 4 PowerPoint slides would be perfect). Contact the church office if you have any questions.



**Newsletter Deadline** – Please note that the deadline for the February newsletter is Thursday, January 18. Please submit all articles electronically to the church office by 10:00 AM. Thank you!

Have You  
Paid Your  
Per Capita?



## 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 – Ages 3-12 Deep Blue Learn & Serve!**

The children will have the opportunity to dive deep into God's word with the CEB Deep Blue Bible. This program will teach them about God and what it means to be a follower of Jesus through Bible stories and opportunities to serve as disciples in the classroom, the local community, and the world! Kids will explore Guatemala, Kenya, Alaska, and Armenia throughout the year as they dive deep into God's Word together



### **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

**Patti Jones-** (Cliff Robbins' sister)  
**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**  
**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***

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*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

Phil Cunningham  
Dorothy Harrington  
Marge Kunz

Lori Haralson  
Matthew Hurst  
Valerie Robbins

Bill Bowman  
Sharon Gire  
Charles Gough

## **DEACONS**

Moderator: TBA

Secretary: TBA

Bruce Duff  
Shayla Hansen  
Bernice Rutherford  
Randy Tuck

Judy Doverspike  
Jodie Horan  
Margie Hurst

Bob Hitchcock  
Cheryl Konikson  
Joan Lockard

## **NLPC Weekly Calendar**

### **MONDAY, January 15, 2018**

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

### **THURSDAY, January 18, 2018**

**Newsletter Deadline**

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

### **TUESDAY, January 16, 2018**

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

### **SUNDAY, January 21, 2018**

8:45 AM Choir Practice  
10:00 AM Prayer Partners  
10:30 AM Worship  
11:45 AM Coffee Time  
12:00 PM Sunday School  
7:00 PM Venture Crew

### **WEDNESDAY, January 17, 2018**

6:45 PM Tone Chimes Practice  
7:00 PM Finance Committee