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*New Life Presbyterian Church*

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January 21, 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

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| Worship Leader: | Rev. Mary Bahr-Jones, Pastor                |
| Music Director: | Edyta Jaros                                 |
| Liturgist:      | George Bousquette                           |
| Ushers:         | Francis Booth,<br>Jodie Horan and Don Soule |

Service for the Lord's Day  
Third Sunday after Epiphany

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: living in love,  
pursuing peace, and seeking justice!*

Let us worship our God!

\*HYMN #12     *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*O God of Wisdom, there are times, when we do not understand the suffering in our lives, so we seek to place blame. There are times, when we are confused by evil, so we respond in anger. There are times, when we feel abandoned, so we turn our backs on you. Forgive us our fragile faith, and help us to trust in your love. Help us to be like Job, who even in his confusion and anger called out to you. Hear now our silent confessions...*

### 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.*

*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

*I Speak Peace*

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 22:1-11

Pew Bible OT p. 473

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Pew Bible OT p. 446

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

*Why?*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN #834      *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God of wisdom,...

...This we ask in the name of ...

...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

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

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN #634      *To God Be the Glory*

### \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Go forth now...

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

*Alleluia and Amen!*

### POSTLUDE

*\*Those that are able may stand.*

*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).*

# 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:

The flowers on the shelf today are in  
memory of  
**Barbara Iobst**  
Love, Stan



*In  
Loving  
Memory*





**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.

**NLPC Self Study**



In response to several inquiries, the self study report that was submitted to the Presbytery has been made available to all members. There are three copies in the library that are available for your viewing on site. If you would like to have a copy of the report to view at home at your leisure, please contact the church office and one will be emailed to you.

**Israel Here at NLPC**



Stan Iobst recently took a trip to Israel and has agreed to share his experience with all of us here at NLPC. Join him next Sunday, January 28th in Agape Hall during Coffee Hour when he will be sharing his slide show of photos along with interesting details of his experience.



**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.



### *Presbyterian Coffee Project*

The next fair trade product order is being assembled for February delivery. See Stanley Iobst to place your order for coffee, tea and cocoa.

### **Looking for Liturgists!**

We are in need of liturgists in the coming weeks. 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 Minister's Memo-Theodicy**



THEODICY is a philosophical term with Greek roots meaning literally "the justification of God." The term was first used by Gottfried Leibnitz – a German philosopher – during the late 17th century in addressing the issue of why God permits evil. In his work, Leibnitz endeavored to demonstrate that the existence of God was logically feasible despite the existence of evil in response to philosophers of his time, who asserted that the existence of evil challenged the Christian belief in an all-knowing, all-powerful, and all-loving God. The question of why God permits evil, however, was not new to the 17th century. The classical expression of this quandary was articulated by a theologian named Boethius in the 5th century, when he asked "If God is righteous, why evil?" It is a question that still challenges us today. Most recently the challenge was raised yet again by the fictional character – Lex Luther – in the most recent Batman movie, when he said: "If God is all powerful, he cannot be all good. And if he's all good, then he cannot be all powerful." Theodicy can, indeed, challenge our trust in God's goodness and justice. The Book of Job – in our Old Testament – is the Bible's most extensive treatment of the challenge of theodicy. In this rich treatment of the question of evil, Job has extensive discussions with his friends concerning the reasons for his suffering. Dissatisfied with their answers, Job faces off with God and asks the eternal question: "WHY?"



### **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.



### **Congregational Care Fund**

New Life Presbyterian Church has established a Congregational Care Fund to assist members of the congregation when they face unexpected crises. Over the past years we have been able to help members who have faced problems such as unexpected loss of employment, mortgage foreclosure, illness and other things. The assistance we have been able to provide to individual members has made a genuine difference in helping stabilize their lives. Much of the fund has come through individual donations from members of the congregation. If you would like to make a contribution, please include a note indicating it is to be allocated to the congregational care fund. This fund makes it possible to provide assistance where appropriate. Thank you for your consideration.



### **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)  
**Nancy Bechtel**  
**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)  
**Dean-** (Margie Hurst's nephew)  
**Ken Pawlitz**  
**Tom Dittman**  
**Marilyn Anderson**  
**Lois** (Pat Tomlinson's friend)  
**Helen Goltz**  
**Dorothy Johnson**

## COMFORT IN MOURNING

**Family of Dorothy Johnson-** after her recent passing  
**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

## 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 22, 2018**

9:00 AM Honey-Doers  
10:30 AM Study Group  
7:00 PM Session Meeting  
8:00 PM AA

#### **THURSDAY, January 25, 2018**

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

#### **TUESDAY, January 23, 2018**

8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

#### **SUNDAY, January 28, 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

#### **WEDNESDAY, January 24, 2018**

6:45 PM Tone Chimes Practice