
New Life Presbyterian Church

February 4, 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:	Joyce Harrison
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Service of the Lord's Supper

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 pursue my own path and seek 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 #32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of Wisdom and Wonder, how many and how great are your works! The Psalmist says to us: I will extol the LORD at all times; His praise will always be on my lips; My soul will boast of the Lord; Let the afflicted hear and rejoice! Yet, it can be so very difficult to hear and rejoice, when we are suffering or afraid. Forgive us our faltering faith. Turn our worry in wonder. Turn our sorrow into singing. Turn our fear into faith.

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 Run to You

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 34:1-8

Pew Bible OT p. 480

Job 42:1-17

Pew Bible OT p. 462

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

Wrong and Wronger

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #807 *When We Must Bear Persistent Pain*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of man's mind... God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love. God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of his dealings with men. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of the Creator. God has created man in a personal relation with himself that man may respond to the love of the Creator... He has endowed man with capacities to make the world serve his need and to enjoy good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.

(Confession of 1967: 9.15-9.17)

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Healer

NLPC Band

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

*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

Communion Song

NLPC Choir

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 Wisdom and Wonder,...

...hear us as we pray the prayer Jesus Christ 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 *We Are One in the Spirit*
Tone Chimes

CONCLUDING PRAYER

SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

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

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Go forth now... ...And let all God's people say:
Alleluia and Amen!

POSTLUDE

**Those that are able may stand.*

New Life Opportunities & Announcements



Coffee Time- Please join your fellow NLPC members and guests in a time of fellowship following the service this morning. Everyone is welcome!

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).



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.



CONGREGATIONAL GATHERING & POTLUCK

Our Annual Congregational Gathering will be held on Sunday, February 18th following the 10:30AM service. The annual report will be presented to the congregation by the committee chairpersons. Hard copies of the report will be available on February 11 for your review before the meeting.

A Potluck Luncheon following the meeting is planned. Sign up on the bulletin board to say you will join us!



Attention All Committee Chairs

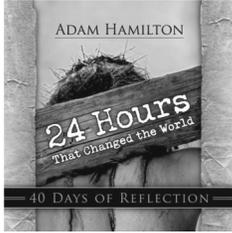
The 2017 Annual Reports were due in the church office on January 30, 2018. If you did not make the deadline, please submit your report in electronic format either on a CD or by emailing it to westcampus@newlifepresby.org. (2 to 4 PowerPoint slides would be perfect) by Monday in order to be included in the Annual Report presented at the gathering on February 18th. Contact the church office if you have any questions.



Red Cross Blood Drive— New Life is hosting a blood drive on Thursday, March 1st from 2:00 pm to 7:45 pm in Agape Hall. Please help the Red Cross save lives by signing up to donate blood that day. Sign up on the bulletin board or call the office to make an appointment.
Walk-ins are always welcome, too.
Contact the Church Office with any questions.



Lenten Series



The Worship Committee invites you to journey along with Jesus during this Season of Lent by following the events that occurred during the last 24 hours of his life.

Books for daily reflection and meditation are available for purchase (\$8).

If you are interested in ordering a book for personal study, you can sign-up in Agape Hall during Coffee Hour.

*New Life Fellowship
is sponsoring ...*



Take this opportunity to get to know your church family better through fellowship, food, and fun!

Each group of 8 will meet together for 4 consecutive months to share a meal.

Your group can meet at a restaurant

or

rotate hosting dinner at your homes with each person bringing a dish to share.

Sign up on the bulletin board outside the office!



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.



Calling All Elders and Deacons!

Pastor Mary will host a Leadership Retreat on February 10th. Mark your calendar for the 10:30AM Potluck-style brunch at her home. Please RSVP to the church office and tell us what you would like to contribute to the potluck.

Prayer Shawls



Do you know and love someone who would be blessed by receiving a prayer shawl? Prayer shawls have been hand made by members of our congregation to provide comfort to those in need of prayer and healing. Please see Pastor Mary for more details.

The Minister's Memo-God's Will



In response to suffering and tragedy, well-meaning Christians often offer comfort by saying: "It's God's will ..." OR "It's God's plan ..." OR "It's all for the best." In truth, these words are rarely comforting and are theologically flawed. This theological misunderstanding comes in part from the Book of Job. The closing chapter of Job states that Job's brothers and sisters came to him and "showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him." This would seem to imply that God himself is the cause of evil. The opening chapters of Job, however, suggest otherwise. Satan is the cause of the evil perpetrated upon Job. God does allow Satan to attack Job, but Satan is the source of the evil. This is a subtle distinction, but an important one. By giving his Creation an independent existence and the freedom of choice, God allows suffering and evil within his Creation. This does not mean that God wills it, plans it or desires it. Why would God desire the suffering of those whom God loves?

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.



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.



2017 Giving Statements

We emailed year end giving statements to those who have an email on file with the church office. Printed statements were printed and are in the Narthex for those who do not have an email on file. If you did not receive a statement, please call the church office to have one prepared for you. Thank you!



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.



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.



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

John Turner
Patti Jones- (Cliff Robbins' sister)
Nancy Bechtel
Terry North
Ian- (Anne Rae's grandson)
Steven- (Friend of Dave Konikson)
Rusty Estlow- (Karen Duff's mother)
George Bousquette's sister-in-law
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
Helen Goltz
Dorothy Johnson

COMFORT IN MOURNING

Family of Rosemary Janowicz- (Chuck Gough's aunt) after her recent passing
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.

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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
Calliandra Bowman-Tomlinson

Lori Haralson
Matthew Hurst
Valerie Robbins

Bill Bowman
Sharon Gire
Charles Gough

DEACONS

Moderator: Joan Lockard

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, February 5, 2018

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

TUESDAY, February 6, 2018

8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

WEDNESDAY, February 7, 2018

6:45 PM Tone Chimes Practice
7:00 PM Discipleship Growth
7:00 PM Anxiety Support Group

THURSDAY, February 8, 2018

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

FRIDAY, February 9, 2018

7:00 PM LaLeche League

SATURDAY, February 10, 2018

10:30 AM Leadership Retreat
@ Pastor Mary's

SUNDAY, February 11, 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
2:30 PM Worship Team