
New Life Presbyterian Church

February 25, 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 Director:	Edyta Jaros
Liturgist:	George Bousquette
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday of Lent
Remembering
Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

*Please enter quietly, worship humbly, and sense deeply the depth of God's love
expressed for you in the great price that Jesus paid on your behalf.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

How Beautiful

Choir

1: *Kindling of the Festival Lights*

(Invoking the Light)

WELCOME

PRAYER OF INVOCATION *[adapted from the Mother's Pascal Prayer]*

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe,

Who has sanctified us by your commandments

and commanded us to kindle the festival lights.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe,

Who has kept us alive and sustained us and brought us to this season.

May our house of worship be consecrated,

O God, by the Light of your countenance,

shining upon us in blessing and bringing us peace. *Amen.*

II: Kiddish ~ Blessing of the Feast

CALL TO WORSHIP ([adapted from the Father's Pascal Prayer])

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe,
Who has chosen us, and exalted us,
and hallowed us with Your commandments.

*In love You have given us, O Lord our God,
seasons for gladness, holy-days, and times for rejoicing.*

*This is the season of Lent for remembering
the sacrifice that Jesus made on our behalf.*

*On this second Sunday of Lent,
we remember the Garden of Gethsemane,
where Jesus grieved over the path before him.*

For You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe,
have chosen us and sanctified us
through the sacrificial death of your Son
He commanded his disciples to remember.
Today we gather together to remember.

*Blessed are You, O Lord our God,
Who does sanctify the people of your Church. Amen.*

HYMN #204 *Stay With Me (3 times)*

III: Haggadah – Telling of the Story

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 26:29-30, 36-46

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Blessed are you Lord Jesus, Son of the King of the Universe.
While you were overwhelmed with sorrow
Your disciples slept,
When you were arrested,
Your disciples deserted you and fled.
Like your disciples, we too slumber in our faith.
We too desert you when our faith is put to the test.
Forgive us, Lord Jesus,
Awaken us to your love and renew our willingness
To follow in your footsteps. Amen.*

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE Matthew 26:47-56

SERIES *24 Hours: That Changed the World*

SERMON *Grief in the Garden*

ANTHEM *Confession Song*

PRAYER

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.

IV: Hallel - Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 26:57*

OFFERTORY

Offerings of Treasure

*Tangible offerings in support of the church's ministry may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed along the pews.
This offering will be followed by...*

Offering of the Heart

*A time of personal meditation & reflection:
Also, a time for contrition and commitment.*

Act of Contrition

Come forward and place your "stumbling block" in the Baptismal Font.

Blessing

Kneel or stand for a laying on of hands and blessing.

Act of Commitment

Write your "starting block" on a card and take it with you.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #215

What Wondrous Love Is This

VI: *Nirtzah - Acceptance*

(Remembering the Promise)

TOLLING OF THE BELL

(The Bell tolls seven times in remembrance of the seven last words of Jesus.)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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!



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.



2017 Giving Statements – have been distributed. If you did not receive a statement, please call the church office to have one prepared for you. Thank you!

Notes and reflections on this week's sermon:



Celebration Today!

We are having a celebration coffee hour in honor of Janet Riggs' 99th Birthday. Please join us in Agape Hall for cake and ice cream during coffee hour after today's service.



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.

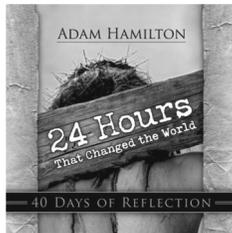
Walk-ins are always welcome, too.
Contact the Church Office with any questions.



Bakers and Hosts Needed!

We are in need of volunteers to donate baked goods (pies and cookies) and also to host the Canteen on March 1st for our blood drive. To volunteer to help in any way, sign up on the bulletin board or call Bruce Short.

Special thanks to all who are able to volunteer to make our drive a success!



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. These events are the focus of our Sunday sermons series. If you are interested in purchasing the daily devotional (\$8) that supports this series, please see Pastor Mary.



Coffee is Still Available!

Coffee and cashews are still available from the recent order. Please see Stanley Iobst outside Agape Hall after today's service to purchase items. Thank you for your support.

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. We will be collecting the OGHS offering during the season of lent, through Palm Sunday, March 25. For your convenience, envelopes are available in the pews. Please give prayerful consideration to your contribution this year.

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.



The ladies of **Presbyterian Women and Dorcas Circle** will meet at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 13th in the church library, weather permitting. We will continue in our current study. Dessert will be served.



*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!



Easter Food Baskets

New Life Presbyterian Church is planning an Easter Food Basket Delivery Program to help 10 families in need in our community. The Baskets will provide food and various household needs, a grocery gift card and Easter baskets for the children

We are collecting cash donations in addition to non-perishable goods (see insert for a list of desired food items) each Sunday in order to fulfill our mission goal. Please bring donations to church by Sunday, March 18.

The final assembly and delivery date is Saturday, March 24 in Agape Hall with assembly starting at 10am and delivery starting at 11:30am. Drivers should arrive by 11:00 am. Please sign up on the mission bulletin board to participate. Please see Bruce Short or any Mission Committee member for details. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



The Minister's Memo-Repentance and Renewal

Lent is a period of 40 days before Easter – not counting Sundays – corresponding to the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday. The tradition of imposing of ashes on the foreheads of believers at the beginning of Lent is rooted in Biblical traditions. The use of ashes is widespread in the Bible, especially in the Old Testament. Ashes are a Jewish sign of mourning and penitence (Jeremiah 6:26, Job 42:6, Jonah 3:6, Isaiah 58:5). They were adopted by Christians as a sign of repentance. Christians participating in the season of repentance and renewal called “Lent” symbolically recognize with ashes, an outward and visible sign of an inward truth of our mortality, sinfulness, and need of God’s grace and forgiveness. Today, on this 2nd Sunday of Lent, we will be focusing on our need for repentance and renewal.

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 on the Death and Resurrection of the Messiah focuses on the last week of Jesus's life, his death and resurrection, and the Holy Spirit's arrival at Pentecost. In this next volume in the Faith Lessons Series, Ray Vander Laan—a noted historian and teacher—will help us to understand the significance of the sacrifice that Jesus made on our behalf by taking us to the locations of the events leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus and sharing with us the cultural context in which these events took place. The insights offered in this marvelous series will help to deepen your faith in God's love expressed in the sacrifice of Jesus.

PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAY FOR HEALING

Sallie Bousquette- (George Bousquette's sister-in law)
Jodie Horan
Autumn Zeisler
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)
Michael DiPasquale
May Shorthouse
Janet Riggs
Winnie Fulton
Glenn Watterworth
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 Janet Riggs- after her recent passing
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

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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Sana Mansour – Child Care Supervisor

SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Mary Bahr-Jones

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Randy Tuck

Judy Doverspike
Jodie Horan
Margie Hurst

Bob Hitchcock
Cheryl Konikson
Joan Lockard

NLPC Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, February 26, 2018

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

THURSDAY, March 1, 2018

11:00 AM Prayer/Study Group
2:00 PM Blood Drive
7:00 PM Band Practice



TUESDAY, February 27, 2018

8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

SUNDAY, March 4, 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
7:00 PM Venture Crew

WEDNESDAY, February 28, 2018

6:45 PM Tone Chimes Practice