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*New Life Presbyterian Church*

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April 1, 2018

10:30 a.m.



*Christ  
is  
Risen!*

*Alleluia*

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

Easter Sunday  
Commemorating  
the  
Resurrection of Jesus

*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

PRELUDE

*Joyful is the Dark*

NLPC Choir

Alex Jones & Calliandra Bowman-Tomlinson

1: *Kindling of the Festival Lights*

(Invoking the Light)

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

{LIGHTING THE FESTIVAL LIGHTS}

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 our most Holy Day,  
the day for remembering the resurrection of Jesus.*

*On this Easter Sunday  
we remember the empty tomb  
and the startling news:*

*"He is raised from the dead."*

For You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe,  
have chosen us and sanctified us  
through the sacrificial death of your Son  
and  
through his resurrection to eternal life.

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 #228

*Were You There ?*

III: Haggadah – Telling of the Story

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 27:57-61

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

{LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE}

*Blessed are you Lord Jesus, Son of the King of the Universe.  
As God's Word to us, you were in the beginning with God,  
And through you all things came into being.  
What came into being through you was life,  
And that life was the light of all people.  
In you the King of the Universe sent us his light.  
Yet, the world did not know you  
AND  
The world—our world—put you to death on a cross  
Extinguishing the light which God sent us.  
Forgive our world for extinguishing your light.  
Forgive us, when we extinguish the light of your truth  
By letting evil have the last word in our lives.  
Forgive us and bring us out of the darkness of our own making.  
Amen.*

{EXTINGUISHING THE LIGHT}

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(RETURN OF THE LIGHT)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE            Matthew 27:62-66 & 28:1-10

ANTHEM                *Empty Now*                            NLPC Choir

SERIES                 *24 Hours: That Changed the World*

SERMON                *Victory!!!*

*IV: Motzi- Breaking of the Bread*  
(Sacrament of Communion)

THE INVITATION

COMMUNION ANTHEM        *My Redeemer Lives*        Praise Band

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.*

It is indeed right ...

...Hear us all as we pray the prayer that Jesus 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

### COMMUNION

*I Come With Joy*

Tone Chimes

*For our Communion of bread and cup, we will come once again  
to the table of the Seder become Sacrament.*

*Please, move to the center aisle and come forward.*

*You will be offered the Cup of Salvation and the Bread of Heaven.*

*Take the cup and the bread back to your seat by the side aisles  
and partake at your seat.*

*If you are unable to come forward,*

*Please let an usher know and we will bring it to you.*

COMMUNION PRAYER

V: Hallel ~ Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:16-20

OFFERTORY

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Tone Chimes

Offering of the Heart

*A time for offering our heartfelt gratitude  
for Christ's victory over the forces of evil.*

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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #232

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

VI: Nirtzah ~ Acceptance

(Remembering the Promise)

BENEDICTION

...And let all God's people say,  
*"Alleluia and Amen!!!"*

POSTLUDE

*He's Alive*

Praise Band, Choir, Children's Choir

Milosz Jaros-Trumpet

# 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!



**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:



**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.

## Women's Fellowship



The ladies of **Presbyterian Women and Dorcas Circle** will meet at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 10th in the church library. Elaine Watterworth will Hostess and Joan Lockard will lead our lesson. Dessert provided by Lynn Booth. All ladies are invited to join us.



**Rachel Circle** -will meet on Thursday, April 12th at 12:30 PM at the Honey Tree Restaurant. It is located in the Walmart Plaza at Mound and M59. Please let Lynn Booth know if you will attend. Everyone is welcome .



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. While the official end date for donations was Palm Sunday, we will continue to accept donations for the next few weeks. For your convenience, envelopes are available in the pews. Please give prayerful consideration to your contribution this year.



**PLEASE NOTE** – since Pastor Mary will be on vacation for the next two weeks, all prayer and study groups scheduled during that time have been canceled. We will resume these sessions upon her return on Monday, April 16.



## **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.



### **Prayer Group**

Thursdays: 11:00 am - NOON

The Thursday Prayer Group has finished the Prayers of Jesus program. We will continue to meet for weekly prayer at 11:00 AM, so please feel free to join us. A new prayer program will begin very soon. Keep your eyes and ears open!

### **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

**Baby Scarlett** (Sandra Day's great granddaughter)  
**Wendy Quick**  
**Bruce Short**  
**Marge Kunz**  
**Shirley Wintermuth**  
**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**  
**Winnie Fulton**  
**Glenn Watterworth**  
**Shirley Honor**  
**Joan Mc Bride**

## 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**

## 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

## 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  
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, April 2, 2018**

8:00 PM AA

#### **THURSDAY, April 5, 2018**

7:00 PM Band Practice

#### **TUESDAY, April 3, 2018**

8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

#### **SUNDAY, April 8, 2018**

8:45 AM Choir Practice

10:00 AM Prayer Partners

10:30 AM Worship

11:45 AM Coffee & Fellowship

12:00 PM Sunday School

#### **WEDNESDAY, April 4, 2018**

6:45 PM Tone Chimes Practice

7:00 PM Discipleship Growth

7:00 PM Anxiety Support Group