
New Life Presbyterian Church

April 8, 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

Guest Worship Leader:	Reverend Caleb Jones
Music Director:	Edyta Jaros
Liturgist:	Lori Haralson
Ushers:	Francis Booth,, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday of Easter

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The tomb was found empty!

People: What does this mean?

Leader: Jesus has risen!

People: What does this mean?

Leader: Jesus comes to us, saying "Peace be with you!"

People: What does this mean?

Leader: O ye of little faith, do not doubt, but believe!

People: What does this mean?

*All: Come, let us walk the journey of faith, acknowledging our doubts
but holding on to hope, for Christ is Risen!*

HYMN #802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of empty tombs and empty people: when we hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us, and give us voice. When we find it difficult to love another, forgive us, and give us new compassion. When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us, and put us next to the poor and oppressed. When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us, and send us out to share your grace. When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us, and fill us with your joy..

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter. Christ comes into the locked rooms of our faults, and gifts us with grace and hope. Christ comes, to fill us with peace, that we may proclaim the good news of mercy and forgiveness.

Thanks be to God. Christ has come to us. Amen.

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

...May the peace of our Lord Jesus 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

*#305

Come Sing, O Church, In Joy! (v 1,3 & 4)

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

THE WORD INTERPRETED FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep From Singing?

NLPC Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD

John 20:19-31

Pew Bible NT p. 169

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Easter Everyday

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #634 *To God Be the Glory*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray...

...Now hear us as we pray together the prayer you taught us, 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

My Redeemer Lives!

Praise Band

*SONG OF DEDICATION *#605 *Praise to God the Father*

Praise God the Father;

Praise God the Son;

Praise God the Spirit;

Praise to the Three-in-One.

Praise to God Almighty;

Praise to the Holy One.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #740

Lead Me, Guide Me

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

...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!



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:



Welcome Reverend Jones!

New Life Presbyterian Church welcomes Reverend Caleb Jones to our pulpit today. Rev. Jones is a man called by God. He is a licensed Minister, ordained at New Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in Highland Park MI, who has been preaching and bringing forth God's Word for over 15 years. He has a Masters of Divinity from the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit MI. He is obedient to his call and ministers wherever God sends him. Caleb is a member of Littlefield Presbyterian Church in Dearborn and currently in the process of Preparation for Ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA). For over 17 years, he has worked as a Computer Analyst at DTE Energy. He has been blessed in his marriage with Teresa for 22 years and they are the proud parents of 12-year-old Khalil. Caleb enjoys spending quality time with his family but fulfilling the will of God is his main purpose.

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 .



Mission Opportunity!

New Life Presbyterian Church will be preparing and serving dinner to MCREST guests at St. Thomas Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 21. We are in need of volunteers to help prepare the meal as well as those willing to help serve the meal that evening. Please sign up on the bulletin board to say you can help out. See Chuck Gough for questions.

*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!

Looking for Liturgists!

We are in need of liturgists for the coming months. 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!



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 this week, all prayer and study groups scheduled 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

Steve Jones
Brinlee Capazolli- (Jeff Turner's cousin)
Lana Horvath
Lillian Dodge- (friend of the Goughs)
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

Pastor Renee & Family- after the recent passing of her brother
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.

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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 9, 2018

9:00 AM Honey-Doers
7:00 PM Troop 210 Committee Meeting
8:00 PM AA

THURSDAY, April 12, 2018

12:30 PM Rachel Circle @ Honey Tree
7:00 PM Band Practice

TUESDAY, April 10, 2018

2:00 PM Pulmonary support Group
7:00 PM Dorcas Circle &
Presbyterian Women
8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

FRIDAY, April 13, 2018

Church Office Closed

7:00 PM LaLeche League

WEDNESDAY, April 11, 2018

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

SUNDAY, April 15, 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
7:00 PM Venture Crew