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# *New Life Presbyterian Church*

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April 15, 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:	Marge Kunz
Ushers:	Francis Booth,, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day  
Third Sunday of Easter

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today is the first day of our week .

*People: Lord, help us to find peace and joy in this week .*

Leader: Open your hearts and receive God's breath of new life.

*People: Lord, help us to be ready to hear your words of life .*

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord with great joy!

*People: Praise be to God. AMEN.*

HYMN #267      *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears  
override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy  
of Your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. Lift up our*

*spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just the hope of resurrection for the future. We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life, who continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. *Thanks be to God. 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

*Ancient of Days*

NLPC Choir

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE WORD OF GOD

Acts 3:12-19

Pew Bible NT p. 113

Luke 24:36b-48

Pew Bible NT p. 85

This is the Word of the Lord;  
*Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

*You Are Witnesses*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN #265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

### 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

*Old Rugged Cross*

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 #273

*He Is King of Kings*

\*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.

*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!



## 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.



**Newsletter Deadline**— Please note that the deadline for the May newsletter is Thursday, April 19. Please submit all articles electronically to the church office by 10:00 AM. Thank you!

### **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.

### **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!



### **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.



### **Church Office Hours This Week**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Office CLOSED Wednesday & Friday



## **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.

# ***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 16, 2018**

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

### **THURSDAY, April 19, 2018**

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



### **FRIDAY, April 20, 2018**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

### **TUESDAY, April 17, 2018**

7:00 PM Deacons Meeting  
8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

### **SATURDAY, April 21, 2018**

Noon to 8:00 PM  
MCREST Meal Prep and Serve

### **WEDNESDAY, April 18, 2018**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

6:45 PM Tone Chimes Practice

### **SUNDAY, April 22, 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