
New Life Presbyterian Church

April 29, 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 Steiger
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day
Fifth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

What do we do, when God calls?

We wake up, listen and act.

What do we do when God asks us
to do something difficult?

We wake up, listen and act.

What do we do when God asks us
to do something impossible? .

With God nothing is impossible, so

We wake up, listen and act.

Even when changing ourselves?

Even when changing the world .

We wake up, listen and act.

And, when we live in this way?

We worship God.

HYMN #410

God Is Calling Through the Whisper

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LORD God,

*You speak in unexpected places,
and through unexpected voices.*

We aren't always sure how to listen.

We aren't always sure who to listen to.

We aren't always sure if we're really hearing you.

Speak to us clearly and bluntly, challenging us:

To love you, to love the other, and to love ourselves.

Help us to wake up, to listen, and to act,

So that we live out your desires for us in our lives.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

*#746

Send Me, Jesus

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

THE WORD INTERPRETED FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Not to Us, O Lord

NLPC Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD

1 Samuel 3: 1-18

Pew Bible OT p. 236

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God.

SERMON SERIES

Wake Up, Listen and Act

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray.

O LORD God,

You whisper to each of us:

you are my beloved,

created in love for love.

Our spirits answer:

Here I am, Lord.

Speak to me anew.

What You breathe on us the Holy Spirit,

knitting many members into one body,

the Christ's body, which is the church.

Together we answer:

Here we are Lord.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

We know you have yet more vision to share with people,

Who are willing to work to extend your love and grace

to our hurting world in concrete ways.

We answer here and now:

Here we are Lord.

Empower us for your work.

Here we all stand, O LORD God,...

...Hear us as we pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us to say together, 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 *Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?* Praise Band

*SONG OF DEDICATION *

#606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #720 *Jesus Calls Us*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Go now into the world,...

...And let all God's people say:

Alleluia and Amen.

POSTLUDE

**Those that are able may stand.*

*Today's liturgy inspired / adapted from the following resources:
re: WORSHIP.com; Sharing Liturgy by Richard Bott; and Laughing Bird Liturgical
Resources.*

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:



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.



Troop 210 Pancake Breakfast

The scouts of Troop 210 will hold a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser here in Agape Hall on Sunday, May 6th. They will be serving a hot, delicious breakfast from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. In addition to meeting here every Wednesday night, they offer their services to our congregation in many ways. They are always willing to help with our grounds clean ups, fall harvest parties, and have also been known to repair broken benches.

Please come and support these fine young men and show our appreciation for all that they do!



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.

*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!

Painting Party Fundraiser



Conquer Chiari will be holding a painting party here in Agape Hall on May 12th from 6 to 9 PM to raise funds to fight this disease. The cost is \$30 and includes supplies for your masterpiece as well as appetizers, water and pop. There will be a silent auction and awareness items will also be available for sale.

Please RSVP to Nichole and Karen by May 10th by calling 810-610-4806 or emailing conquerchiarimichigan@gmail.com.

All proceeds will be donated to the Conquer Chiari Walk Across America, Shelby Township on Saturday, September 22, 2018.

Women's Fellowship



The **Presbyterian Women** and **Dorcas Circle** will meet at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 8th in the Church Library. We will have our business meeting and then continue our current study on Hebrews in Lesson No. 4. Dessert will be served by Marilyn Wright. All ladies are invited to join us.



Rachel Circle -will meet for lunch on Thursday, May 10th at 12:30 at the Honey Tree Restaurant located at Hall and Mound Roads in the Walmart Plaza. Please come and join us for a tasty lunch and good conversation. Please let Lynn Booth (781-6753) know if you will attend.

Looking for Liturgists!

We are in need of liturgists for the coming summer 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!





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 experience will be enhanced by the Lesson of Faith DVD series, "Jesus and His Times". This series will focus on Jesus' life from birth through his ministry and performance of miracles, including the calling of his first disciples and the great Sermon on the Mount. All are invited to join for this moving series couples with group prayer time.

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

Jeanne- (friend of the Robbins family)
Steve Jones
Baby Scarlett (Sandra Day's great granddaughter)
Veronica's Dad
Brinlee Capazolli- (Jeff Turner's cousin)
Lana Horvath
Lillian Dodge- (friend of the Goughs)
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)
Michael DiPasquale
May Shorthouse
Winnie Fulton
Glenn Watterworth
Shirley Honor
Joan Mc Bride

STRENGTH AND HOPE

Brendan Bonkowski and family
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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SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Mary Bahr-Jones

Clerk: Valerie Robbins

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DEACONS

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Randy Tuck

Judy Doverspike
Jodie Horan
Margie Hurst

Bob Hitchcock
Cheryl Konikson
Joan Lockard

NLPC Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, April 30, 2018

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

THURSDAY, May 3, 2018

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

TUESDAY, May 1, 2018

8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

SUNDAY, May 6, 2018

8:45 AM Choir Practice
9:00 AM Troop 210 Pancake Breakfast
Fundraiser
10:00 AM Prayer Partners
10:30 AM Worship
11:45 AM Coffee & Fellowship
12:00 PM Faithful Listeners
12:00 PM Sunday School
7:00 PM Venture Crew

WEDNESDAY, May 2, 2018

6:45 PM Tone Chimes Practice
7:00 Pm Discipleship Growth