
New Life Presbyterian Church

July 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

Worship Leader:	Rev. Mary Bahr-Jones, Pastor
Music Leader:	Frank Kunz
Liturgist:	Lori Haralson
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Bruce Duff, Jodie Moran and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Here I Am to Worship* Band

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to you, Creator God,

Give us a vision of the Cosmic Christ

Eternally present in the wonder of creation.

We come to you, Creator God,

Help us to express the love of the Resurrected Christ

That reaches beyond human need for redemption.

We come to you, Creator God,

Teach us to live in hope that the Living Christ

Is redeeming of ALL of creation from its bondage.

We come to you, Creator God,

Ready to worship Christ our Lord

In company with the heavenly stars and the pulsing Galaxies.

O Creator God, we come to you!

*HYMN #17

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens

CALL TO CONFESSION

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God,
You have created a seemingly boundless universe,
Filled with beauty and with majesty.
We confess that we frequently take for granted
The beauty and majesty of your creation.

Forgive our narrow vision

AND

Open our eyes to the wonder of your creation.

We confess that for centuries humanity
Has believed itself to be the center of the universe
Often forgetting that your awesome work of creation
Was not just for the purpose of creating human beings.

Forgive us our human arrogance

AND

Teach us humility through the vastness of the universe.

We confess that we tend to view Christ's redemption
As limited to human need forgetting the words of Paul
When he spoke of the whole of creation groaning
In need of Christ freeing love offered to ALL.

Forgive us our self-focus

AND

Guide us to becoming the redemptive hands of Christ,

Reaching out not only to human need, but also

Reaching out to the needs of ALL of God's creatures.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

...May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you.

Please share the peace of Jesus with those worshipping around you..

*SONG OF PRAISE

#582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

THE WORD INTERPRETED FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD

Genesis 1:1-5

Pew Bible OT p. 1

Colossians 1:9-23

Pew Bible NT p. 188

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God.

SERMON SERIES

Caring for Creation

SERMON

Cosmic Christ

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #14

For the Beauty of the Earth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray,...

...Joining together saying the words shared with us by Christ Jesus ...
while he lived here bodily on this earth with his disciples:

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 *Grace Like Rain* Band

*SONG OF DEDICATION #614 *Great Are You, Lord*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

May the Spirit of our Creator God, ...

...Go in peace! Serving Christ and loving Creation!

We go in peace, serving Christ and loving Creation.

POSTLUDE *Your Grace is Enough* Band

**Those that are able may stand.*

*Today's liturgy inspired / adapted from the following resources: webofcreation.org;
patheos.com; letallcreationpraise.org.*

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:



Rachel Circle The ladies of Rachel Circle will meet on Thursday, July 12th at 12:30 pm at Lakeside Family Restaurant. It is located on Schoenherr just S. of Lakeside Mall behind the Kroger Gas Station. Please let Lynn (586-781-6753) know if you will attend.



Baseball!

Are you ready for some baseball? The USPBL semi-pro baseball league season has begun and NLPC is scheduled to attend a game on Sunday July 15 at 1:00 PM. Mark your calendar for a fun day at Jimmy Johns Field to see the Birmingham Bloomfield Beavers take on the Eastside Diamond Hoppers! Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased from Phil Cunningham.



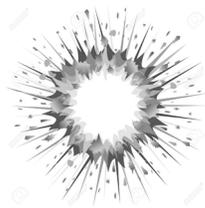
Listening for God's Whisper



In our effort to listen for God's guidance at this pivotal moment in the life of our church, the Session has posted a book on the bulletin board in the hall. This book –entitled Old and New – is for ideas. The church leadership would like to hear about your ideas of things the church family might do to be more hospitable to both friends and strangers. These could be things that the church has done in the past, which we could do again, or they could be things that the church has never tried.

Please, share your thoughts with your church leaders ... you never know when God is whispering to us through you!

The Minister's Memo-A Cosmic Remix



In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered in nothingness, so God said: "Let there be light!"; and there was a BIG BANG! Light burst forth speeding in all directions generating space. God saw that the light was good, and God saw that the light reflected the purity of Christ, so the Creator God made light to be the essence of his cosmic creation. So there was light and there was heat the first Eon.

Cereal for Summer



New Life PC will be participating in the Presbytery Of Detroit's annual Cereal for Summer campaign. With 1 in 6 families in the metro Detroit area considered food insecure, this extra food is needed, especially during the summer months. We will be collecting boxes of cereal through Sunday, July 29 and donating half to food pantries in our area and the other half to the POD for distribution through their programs. Contact Sharon Gire for more information.

Summertime...

Summer is here and with it comes the joy of vacation travel! We hope that you take advantage of the wonderful weather and have the opportunity to share this blissful time with family and friends. While the travels of summer may take you away from our worshipping community, we ask that you keep current with your pledge commitments through these summer weeks. Even though you may take a much needed break, the work of our church continues. Thank you for your faithful support and enjoy your vacation journeys!



Summer Music!



Sing a song, play an instrument, recite your favorite Bible passage, inspirational poem or get a group together and put on a short skit or choral reading.

Sign-up on the Bulletin Board to say you will share your gifts with us this summer!



Church Office Closing-

Please make a note that the church office will be CLOSED on Friday, July 13 and also on Tuesday, July 17. Regular hours will resume the week of July 23.





**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/ VBS

The children have completed the curriculum for the year and we would like to thank all who attended our *Polar Blast* Vacation Bible School Program on June 22nd and 23rd. We hope everyone has a wonderful summer and we look forward to returning in the fall with a fun Sunday School program for all!

Prayer Group

Thursdays: 11:00 am – NOON

The Greek word for Gospel is evangelium. It means simply “good news.” It is the root of the word “evangelism.” Before Jesus ascended, he commanded his followers to go into the world as his witnesses. In response, the Apostles faithfully went out into the world and became evangelists. Evangelism is a word that makes most Presbyterians recoil. Any suggestion that we should be evangelists makes us run for the hills! Yet, as followers of Jesus we are, indeed, called by Jesus to share the Good News about him. On Thursdays at 11:00, our Prayer Group will be studying what it means to be Contagious Christians. Come join us as we learn how to become the kind of Christians, who break the “evangelism” stereotype, yet share the Good News about Jesus.

Faith Lessons Video Series-

Mondays: 10:30 am – 11:45 am in Agape Hall

On July 9 we will begin another study from the Faith Lessons Series. Experience the places of history recorded in the Bible for yourself. This in-depth Bible study, which is recorded on location, will visit the archeological sites of the Early Church. In this study, Ray Vander Laan—a noted historian and teacher—will help us to understand what gave the early believers the passion to go out into the world and found the Church. Join us to gain a better understanding of how the early followers became a light in the darkness of the ancient world and deepen your own faith through that understanding.

PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAY FOR HEALING

Ashleigh Konikson
Daniel Paul- (Joyce Harrison's grandson)
Tara Sumners- (friend of Joyce Harrison)
Bill Mundle-(JoAnn DiPasquale's cousin)
Jeanne- (friend of the Robbins family)
Steve Jones
Baby Scarlett (Sandra Day's great granddaughter)
Brinlee Capazolli- (Jeff Turner's cousin)
Lana Horvath
Lillian Dodge- (friend of the Goughs)
Marge Kunz
Jodie Horan
John Turner
Patti Jones- (Cliff Robbins' sister)
Nancy Bechtel
Terry North
Michael DiPasquale
May Shorthouse
Winnie Fulton
Glenn Watterworth
Shirley Honor
Joan Mc Bride

STRENGTH AND HOPE

Kevin Konikson
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

Family of Shirley Wintermuth- after her recent passing
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

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

Clerk: Valerie Robbins

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Lori Haralson
Matthew Hurst
Valerie Robbins

Bill Bowman
Sharon Gire
Charles Gough

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Jodie Horan
Margie Hurst

Bob Hitchcock
Cheryl Konikson
Joan Lockard

NLPC Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, July 9, 2018

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

THURSDAY, July 12, 2018

11:00 AM Prayer/Study Group
12:30 PM Rachel Circle @Lakeside
Family Restaurant
7:00 PM Band Practice

TUESDAY, July 10, 2018

6:00 PM Beyond Consequences
8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

FRIDAY, July 13, 2018

Church Office Closed
7:00 PM LaLeche League

WEDNESDAY, July 11, 2018

7:00 PM Finance Committee
7:00 PM Anxiety Support Group

SUNDAY, July 15, 2018

10:00 AM Prayer Partners
10:30 AM Worship
11:45 AM Coffee & Fellowship
12:00 PM Faithful Listeners
1:00 PM Baseball Game (Jimmy Johns)