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# *New Life Presbyterian Church*

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July 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

Worship Leader:	Rev. Mary Bahr-Jones, Pastor
Music Director:	Edyta Jaros
Liturgist:	Valerie Robbins
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Bruce Duff, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

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

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Awesome in This Place*

Band

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to you, Creator God,

*Give us a vision of the Human Christ*

*Born on our speck of star dust making earth his home.*

We come to you, Creator God,

*Help us to express the love of the Resurrected Christ*

*That reaches to the fragile web of life on our living planet.*

We come to you, Creator God,

*Teach us to live in hope that the Living Christ*

*Is redeeming of ALL of our precious and fragile earth.*

We come to you, Creator God,

*Ready to worship Christ our Lord*

*In company with our planet earth pulsing with life.*

O Creator God, we come to you!

\*HYMN #37

*Let All Things Now Living*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God,

You have created our precious and fragile planet,  
As a special place pulsing with life.

We confess that we frequently take for granted  
This wondrous place within our solar system that we call home.

*Forgive our narrow vision*

*AND*

*Open our eyes to the wonders of our precious Earth.*

We confess that when we sought to understand  
The mysteries of your complex creation through scientific discovery,  
We used that understanding to our own benefit  
And to the detriment of other life and even to the planet itself.

*Forgive us our human arrogance*

*AND*

*Teach us to remember that the earth is not ours alone.*

We confess that we have become alienated from the Earth  
Viewing our planet as a disposable source of endless resources,  
A mere stopping place on our way to heaven .

*Forgive us our self-focus*

*AND*

*Guide us to becoming the redemptive hands of Christ,  
Using our knowledge of nature to nurture the flora and fauna  
Of the Earth as you have nurtured them with the breath of life.*

## 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 *In the Heavens Shone a Star*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## THE WORD OF GOD

Genesis 1:1-5

Romans 8:18-27

Pew Bible OT p. 1

Pew Bible NT p. 148

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

SERMON SERIES                      *Caring for Creation*

SERMON                                *A Missed Opportunity*

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN #24            *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray,...

...We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,

WHO...

...Taught his disciples to pray 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

*Song of Earth*

Band

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN #23

*God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

May the Spirit of our Creator God, ...

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

*We will go in peace, serve Christ and love Creation.*

POSTLUDE

*Jesus Loves Me*

Band

*\*Those that are able may stand.*

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



## Baseball!

Today we meet at Jimmy Johns Field to see the Birmingham Bloomfield Beavers take on the Eastside Diamond Hoppers! Game time is 1:00. See you there – looking forward to a great day!



## 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!

## NLPC Deacons Fund



The Deacons support many worthwhile missions in our community such as The Salvation Army Soup Kitchen and Turning Point in addition to our four Mission Basket drives each year. These activities would not be possible without the generous support of our NLPC members and friends. Over the past year we have had a significant reduction in our funding and our bake sales do not provide enough funding for our causes. In an effort to replenish our resources, we will be designating the third Sunday of each month as "Deacon Sunday". We are hopeful that you will consider making a donation to the Deacons Fund in order to help us continue our mission activities into the future. Envelopes are available in the pews for your convenience. Thank you for your support.



## Church Office Closing-

Please make a note that the church office will be CLOSED on Tuesday, July 17.

Regular hours will resume the week of July 23.

### **Cereal for Summer**

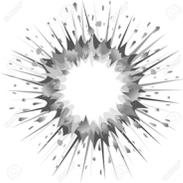


New Life PC will be participating in the Presbytery Of Detroit's annual Cereal for Summer campaign. With 1 in 6 families in the metro Detroit area considered food insecure, this extra food is needed, especially during the summer months.

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.

### **The Minister's Memo-A Cosmic Remix**



In 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 space the first moment.

Then God said: "Let there be particles of matter and let the matter be separate from the light!"; so from the light emerged protons, neutrons and electrons. The protons and neutrons fused together into positive ions. Then as the universe began to cool, the ions began to dance with the electrons. And it was so. God called the dancing particles atoms. And there was a very long Epoch. .

### **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!

### **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!





**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 began 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

**Lori Haralson**  
**May Shorthouse**  
**Christine Stripling-**(Lori Haralson's friend)  
**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**  
**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

## 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: Shayla Hansen

Bruce Duff  
Shayla Hansen  
Bernice Rutherford  
Randy Tuck

Judy Doverspike  
Jodie Horan  
Margie Hurst

Bob Hitchcock  
Cheryl Konikson  
Joan Lockard

## **NLPC Weekly Calendar**

### **MONDAY, July 16, 2018**

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

### **TUESDAY, July 17, 2018**

**Church Office Closed**

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

### **THURSDAY, July 19, 2018**

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



### **SATURDAY, July 21, 2018**

4:00 PM Eagle Court of Honor

### **SUNDAY, July 22, 2018**

10:00 AM Prayer Partners  
10:30 AM Worship  
11:45 AM Coffee & Fellowship  
12:00 PM Faithful Listeners  
7:00 PM Venture Crew