
New Life Presbyterian Church

July 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:	Joyce Harrison
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Bruce Duff, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

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

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Living Waters*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to you, Creator God,
*Give us a vision of the Human Christ
Who was without sin,
Yet chose to be baptized in the River Jordan.*

We come to you, Creator God,
*Help us to express the love of the Resurrected Christ
Who offers us a fountain of living water.*

We come to you, Creator God,
*Teach us to live in hope that the Living Christ
Is renewing ALL of creation with love overflowing.*

We come to you, Creator God,
*Ready to worship Christ our Lord
In company with the shimmering streams and rippling rivers.*

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 given our world the gift of water

To sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

We confess that we live in an eco-system

Where water is gloriously abundant,

So we take for granted this life giving substance.

Forgive our narrow vision

AND

Open our eyes to the precious nature of water.

We confess that when we see its great abundance,

We think it is ours for the taking and

We become thoughtless and greedy,

Ready to waste rather than preserve.

Forgive us our human arrogance

AND

Teach us to rejoice in the abundance by judicious use.

We confess that in our thoughtlessness and greed,

We have treated our streams as dumping grounds and

Polluted our rivers and waterways with poisons.

Forgive us our self-focus

AND

Guide us to becoming the redemptive hands of Christ,

Cleaning and renewing the rivers and waterways

That sustain, renew and cleanse the creatures of the Earth.

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

MEDITATIONAL MUSIC *Bridge Over Troubled Water*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD

Genesis 1:1-10

Pew Bible OT p. 1

Genesis 8:20-21 and 9:8-17

Pew Bible OT p. 7

John 4:5-15

Pew Bible NT p. 89

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God.

SERMON SERIES

Caring for Creation

SERMON

Living Water

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #476 *Crashing Waters at Creation*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray.

O Creator God,...

...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 *Living Waters* Band

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #479 *Ho, All Who Thirst*

*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

**Those that are able may stand.*

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

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!



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

Notes and reflections on this week's sermon:



Cereal for Summer

Today marks the deadline for cereal donations. Thank you to all who so generously donated to this important cause. Have a wonderful rest of your summer!



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!



Red Cross Blood Drive— New Life is hosting a blood drive on Thursday, August 16th from 2:00 pm to 7:45 pm in Agape Hall. Please help the Red Cross fight the summer blood shortage by signing up to donate blood that day. Sign up on the bulletin board or call the office to make an appointment. Walk-ins are always welcome, too. Contact the Church Office with any questions.



Bakers and Hosts Needed!

We are in need of volunteers to donate baked goods (pies and cookies) and also to host the Canteen on August 16th for 2 hour time slots. To volunteer to help in any way, sign up on the bulletin board or call Bruce Short.



Special thanks to all who are able to volunteer to make our drive a success!



Rachel Circle The ladies of Rachel Circle will meet on Thursday, August 9th at 12:30 pm at Lakeside Family Restaurant. It is located on Schoenherr just S. of Lakeside Mall behind the Kroger Gas Station. Come and join us. Please let Lynn Booth (586-781-6753) know if you will attend.

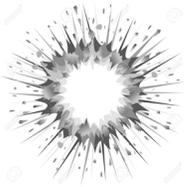


Greeters Needed!



We are in need of greeters to welcome all who enter our doors each Sunday. No experience is necessary, just sign up on the bulletin board and arrive with a smile on Sunday! The sign up sheet is posted across from Pastor Mary's office with many opportunities. Thank you in advance for being the face of our warm and welcoming congregation.

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.

And 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.

And God said: "Let the atoms gather together into clusters." And it was so. The atoms gathered into clouds, which began to collapse upon themselves. As the clouds collapsed they began to spin forming nebulae. God saw that it was good. Then God said: "Let the matter at the center of the nebula form a sun, and let the matter at the edges of the nebula form planets." And it was so. Solar systems formed with a sun at the center and planets orbiting around each sun. Comets and asteroids danced through the solar systems with the planets. And God saw that it was good. And there was another long Epoch.

And God said: "Let the heavy elements sink to the center of the Earth and let the light elements rise to the surface, where they will cool to form a solid mantel around the Earth's core." And it was so. With the molten core swirling beneath it, the mantel began to shift creating volcanoes that released gases into the atmosphere. Then God said: "Let dancing comets and asteroids collide with the earth." And it was so. A colossal comet collided with the Earth catapulting pieces of the mantle into space, where the pieces formed into a moon orbiting the Earth. Frozen comets and asteroids collided with the Earth bringing water. With each collision, the waters grew around the solid mantel forming a great Sea. And God saw that it was good. And there was another Epoch.

Eco-Friendly Tidbits



Turn off lights, electronics, small appliances, and chargers when not actively in use. Appliances and electronics with a “standby” light in particular continue to use power even when not in use. Standby power accounts for 5-10% of residential power usage in the United States and costs the average household \$100 a year. Unplug appliances and electronics or use a power strip with a switch so that they are truly off.

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!



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!

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.



**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

Mike Day- (friend of Kevin Konikson)
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
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

Karen Duff and family-after the passing of her mom, Rusty Estlow this past week
Family of Shirley Wintermuth- after her recent passing
Pastor Renee & Family- after the recent passing of her brother

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

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Cheryl Konikson
Joan Lockard

NLPC Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, July 30, 2018

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

THURSDAY, August 2, 2018

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

TUESDAY, July 31, 2018

8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

SUNDAY, August 5, 2018

10:00 AM Prayer Partners
10:30 AM Worship w/ Lord's Supper
11:45 AM Coffee & Fellowship
12:00 PM Faithful Listeners
7:00 PM Venture Crew

WEDNESDAY, August 1, 2018

7:00 PM Anxiety Support Group
7:00 PM Discipleship Growth