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*New Life Presbyterian Church*

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August 5, 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:	Cheryl Konikson
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Bruce Duff Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day  
11th Sunday after Pentecost  
Service of the Lord's Supper

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE            *Sembrare*            Josiah, Thomas & Phoebe Jobst

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

The prophets of old spoke of God's justice,  
even when it was unwelcome.

Who will hear their message?

*We will listen and we will hear!*

Responding to God's call, Jesus traveled,  
preaching and teaching all who would listen.

Who will hear his message?

*We will listen and we will hear!*

Jesus sent his followers out in pairs,  
to share the good news of the coming Kingdom  
with every town that would welcome them.

Who will hear their message?

*We will listen and we will hear!*

God's prophets are among us still,  
around the world and in these pews  
ready to share the peace of Jesus.

Who will hear their message?

*We will listen and we will hear!*

\*HYMN #418

*Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Lord Jesus Christ, you have been the faithful sower, scattering the seeds of God's love and grace in our lives. We confess that our hearts have often been like hard soil, or shallow soil, or thorny soil, stunting the seed and failing to bear fruit. We also confess that we often have neglected our task of sowing the good news of your Kingdom, and of leavening the lives of others with your love. Forgive us, and renew us, so that we might grow more in our faith and bear the fruit of your mercy, of your love, of your undying life.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

...May the peace of 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

*In the Garden*

Stan Jobst

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD

Luke 10:1-20

Pew Bible NT p. 66

Acts 1:6-11

Pew Bible NT p. 110

Psalms 107:23-32

Pew Bible NT p. 529

This is the Word of the Lord;

*Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

*Called & Sent*

Allen Jobst

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN #746

*Send Me, Jesus*

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We trust in Jesus Christ,  
Fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.  
(Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA)*

## SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

## OFFERTORY

### \*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 heav'nly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*As Presbyterians, we welcome all those who trust in Christ to come to the Lord's Table with us, trusting not in our own worthiness, but in God's grace. We will receive communion today by intinction. At the indicated time, you may come forward by the center aisle to take a piece of bread from the basket, dip one end of it in the cup, and eat before returning to your seat by the side aisles.*

*A separate plate and chalice will be provided for those who choose gluten free bread. There is no alcohol in the communion juice.*

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

COMMUNION ANTHEM      *Communion*

Band

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you!*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

It is right to give our thanks and praise,...

...And now hear us as we pray the prayer our Jesus taught us :

#### 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.*

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

...These are the gifts of God for the people of God;

*Thanks be to God!*

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

#### CONCLUDING PRAYER

#### SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN #747 *The Lord Now Sends us Forth*

## \*RESPONSIVE CHARGE AND BLESSING

We go nowhere by accident. Wherever we go,  
*God is sending us.*

Wherever we are,  
*God has put us there.*

God has a purpose in our being there.

*Christ calls us to follow in his footsteps and to be the bearers of his light, where we are...right now!*

Believe this and go in the grace and love and power of the Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit.

And let all God's people say:  
*Alleluia! Amen.*

## POSTLUDE

*\*Those that are able may stand.*

*Today's liturgy inspired / adapted from the following resources: commonword.ca, ministrymatters.com, re-worship.com and Worship Service @ First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti.*

# 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** – Today is the first Sunday of the month so we are collecting canned goods for the needy in our community. Please place your donation in the baskets in the sanctuary. Please be sure that all food donated is not expired. Thank you for your cooperation.



**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.



**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!.

## The Minister's Memo...



I am excited to welcome Allen Iobst and his family to worship with us this morning! Allen and his family live in Spain, where they work with Campus Crusade for Christ on Operation Transit, passing out New Testaments and informational packets to people traveling from North Africa. Allen and his family will be sharing with us stories of their wonderful work of sharing the word of Christ with those who have not yet heard the good news of the gospel. New Life Presbyterian Church is very dear to Allen's heart as he grew up in this church almost literally. Please welcome Allen and his wife, Deedee, along with their children (Josiah, Phoebe, and Thomas) to our worship today!

## Have Yarn, Will Knit!



Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is in need of yarn donations to help replenish our supply of prayer shawls. We are grateful for any yarn you may be able to donate. It doesn't have to be new, full skeins, either! Becky Piatek has offered to collect yarn and create shawls using even very small amounts of yarn! So, if you have yarn that is left over from a project, please bring it to church and Becky will put it to use. Contact her with any questions at 813-848-4473.- If you have the talent and time to help create shawls, please let Pastor Mary know. Yarn can be supplied if needed. Thank you for your help in providing comfort to those in need of prayer and healing .

## 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!



### Eco-Friendly Tidbits



Frugal Flushing: Toilet flushing is the single highest use of water in the average home. One toilet flush in the United States can use as much water as the average person in a developing country uses all day for drinking, cooking, washing, and cleaning. With the average person flushing 5 times a day, flushing can account for as much as 31% of our household water use. Consider saving a flush! .

### *Presbyterian Coffee Project*



The Presbyterian Coffee Project offers a special link between congregations and communities around the world. Churches can now reach out to neighbors overseas not only with the prayers and offerings we give, but with the goods and products we purchase. A warm cup of coffee (or tea) in our hands is perhaps the most tangible daily connection we have with farmers around the world. Buying fair trade through the Presbyterian Coffee Project ensures that more of the money we spend on coffee reaches the hardworking farmers who actually grow it.

The next **fair trade** product order is being assembled. Individual 12oz bags of coffee are \$8 (reg) and \$10 (decaf). Tea is \$4.50 for a 20 bag box and cocoa is \$7.50 for a 12 oz can. Consider splitting a case order with a friend to get a better price.. Other products are also available, see Stanley Iobst for more information.

### 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!



## **DISCIPLESHIP GROWTH**

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**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

**Jasmine Gorski-** (Jeff & Wendy's granddaughter)  
**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**  
**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.

## ***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, August 6, 2018**

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

#### **TUESDAY, August 7, 2018**

2:00 PM Pulmonary Support Group  
6:00 PM Beyond Consequences  
8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

#### **THURSDAY, August 9, 2018**

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

#### **FRIDAY, August 10, 2018**

7:00 PM LaLeche League

#### **SUNDAY, August 12, 2018**

10:00 AM Prayer Partners  
10:30 AM Worship  
11:45 AM Coffee & Fellowship  
12:00 PM Worship Team  
12:00 PM Faithful Listeners  
1:00 PM Private Party in Agape Hall