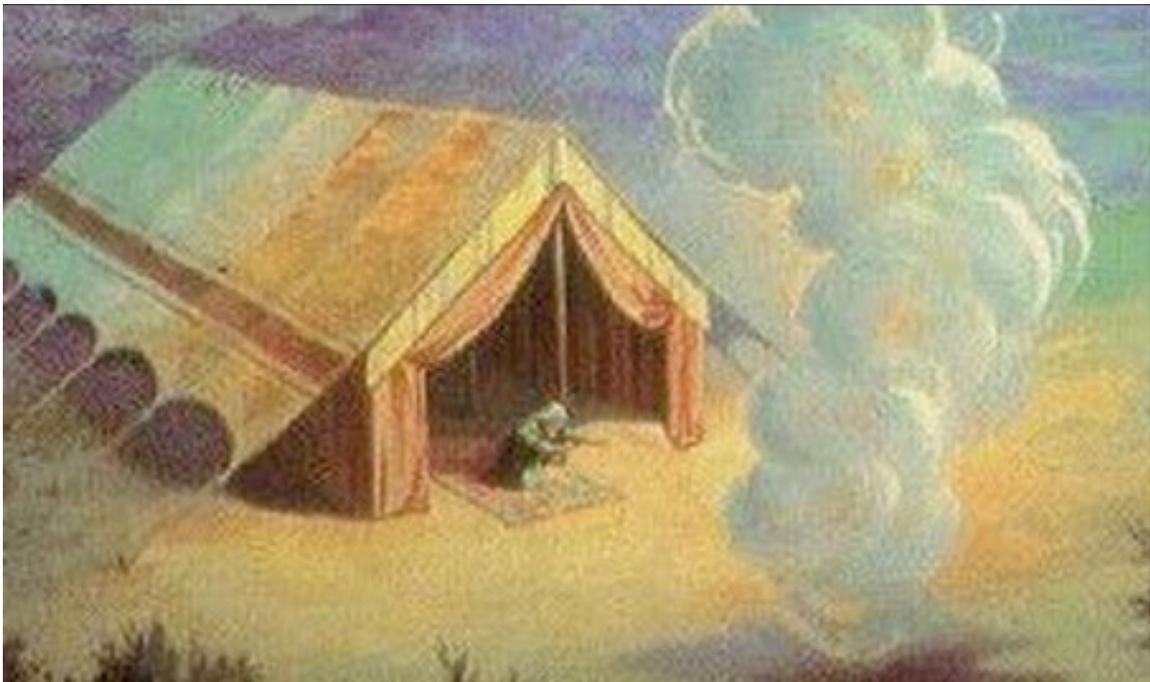

New Life Presbyterian Church

September 16, 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:	Lori Haralson
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Bruce Duff, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day
17th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Everlasting God

Praise Band

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth has its kings, but God is ruler of all.

Praise God above all, the giver of life!

The mountains may tremble, the oceans may roar,

*but God's presence is more powerful
than the earth itself.*

Come into God's presence, for God is among us now.

O Holy God, show us your glory; we seek your ways.

Come to the Rock, to the God of life, to our Holy God
who is present to us now in this moment.

*HYMN #450

Be Thou My Vision

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Holy One Among Us,
We confess that we often
Lose our vision of you and
Fear for the future of our church
Wondering what will become of us
AND
Wishing someone would just come and fix us.
We forget that you are indeed among us now.
Refocus our vision by:
Showing us your ways;
Guiding our steps;
And living in us,
that we may be people of steadfast hope
and powerful witnesses to your glory
Trusting that are always among us.
Hear now our silent confessions...*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

...May the peace of our Lord Jesus 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

Prayer for Guidance

NLPC Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD

Exodus 33:7-23

Pew Bible OT p. 77

John 11:17-27

Pew Bible NT p. 99

II Corinthians 4:1-15

Pew Bible NT p. 169

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God.

SERMON SERIES

Glory of God

SERMON

God in Our Midst

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN # 353

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray.

...Hear us O Holy God,

As we pray the prayer that, Jesus, taught us to pray, 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

SPECIAL OFFERING

My Church

Lou Angyal

*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 #295 *Go Now into the World*

*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 ways and to be the bearers of his light,
where we are...now in this MOMENT!*

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 and Amen!

POSTLUDE

**Those that are able may stand.*

*Today's liturgy inspired / adapted from the following resources:
re-Worship.blogspot.com; 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!



Liturgists Needed! 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!

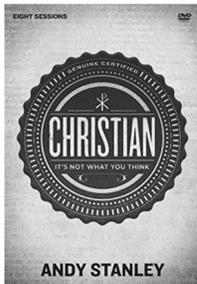
Notes and reflections on this week's sermon:

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!



Adult Sunday School Study Book

Our new engaging DVD series for adults begins TODAY.

In *Christian: It's not What You Think*, which is an eight-session study, pastor and bestselling author Andy Stanley explores the one word that Jesus gave his followers that should define them. The qualities, which Jesus prescribed for his followers and made them unique in the ancient world, are qualities that we might want to embody. This DVD based study will push us all to become better followers of Christ.

Participant Study books are available at a cost of \$8 each. We have several available for purchase today. Please see Pastor Mary.

The Minister's Memo- Glory of God



The "glory" of God is the beauty of His spirit. It is not an aesthetic beauty or a material beauty, but it is the beauty that emanates from God's character and from all that God is. God's glory can be seen within humanity and in the earth, but it is not of them; it is of God.

God's glory can be witnessed in things such as love, music, faith, courage and heroism.



Eco-Friendly Tidbit



FARMERS MARKETS

Much of the fossil fuel used to produce food is consumed through the transportation of food from far distances. Food travels on average more than 1500 miles to reach the dinner table in the United States. You can help save energy and reduce the use of fossil fuels by eating locally grown produce and meats. Find out where and when your community has a farmer's market or farm stand.

Search <http://www.localharvest.org> to find a farmer's market close to you.

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.

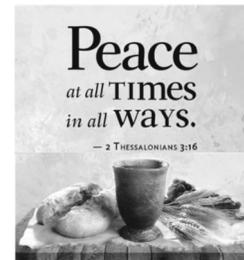
2018 Peace & Global Witness Offering

The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church of our time to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our reconciling God's mission to those around the corner and around the world.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering will be collected on World Communion Sunday, October 7, 2018. Please give generously. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Twenty-five percent of our offering will be retained at NLPC to support peacemaking efforts in our community.

Please see today's bulletin insert for additional information.



**WORLD
COMMUNION
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.

Sunday School- Kids

Our Spark House All Kids program will begin with studies from the Book of Genesis.

Adult Sunday School

CHRISTIAN: It's Not What You Think

Have you ever stopped to wonder, what it means to be Christian? Curiously, the term is never used in Scripture. Through eight engaging and enlightening sessions, Andy Stanley – a pastor and bestselling author – will examine the characteristics Jesus used to define those who followed him. The qualities, which Jesus prescribed for his followers, made them unique in the ancient world. What if believers today embodied these traits? This DVD based study will push us all to become better followers of Christ.

Prayer Group

Thursdays: 11:00 am – NOON

Have you ever thought of Christian faith as something that is contagious? Rather like a disease that you catch? What would it take for your faith to become contagious, so that other people actually wanted to be caught by God? On Thursdays our Prayer Group continues to study what it means to be Contagious Christians. Come join with us and find out!

Faith Lessons Video Series-

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

Do you ever feel like you are a follower of Jesus, but only from a distance? An ancient Jewish proverb says: "Follow the Rabbi, drink in his words, and be covered with the dust of his feet." Indeed, in the time of Jesus, disciples followed their Rabbi so closely that they would be covered in the dust kicked up by his sandals as he walked the dry dusty roads. Come join us for another insightful series by Ray Vander Laan – a noted historian and teacher – and discover how you can get dusty and be closer to your Rabbi, Jesus, by doing what he did. We will be starting this new study on September 10th.

PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAY FOR HEALING

Glenn Watterworth
 Bruce Duff
 Jasmine Gorski- (Jeff & Wendy's granddaughter)
 Mike Day- (friend of Kevin Konikson)
 Lori Haralson
 May Shorthouse
 Ashleigh Konikson
 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
 Marge Kunz
 Jodie Horan
 John Turner
 Patti Jones- (Cliff Robbins' sister)
 Nancy Bechtel
 Terry North
 Shirley Honor
 Joan Mc Bride

STRENGTH AND HOPE

Glenn & Elaine Watterworth
 Pete Wickens & Family--(friend of Haralsons)
 Marlene Kanthook
 Kevin Konikson
 Brendan Bonkowski and family
 Carlene Kneebone
 Catherine Meeka- --(friend of Shelley)
 Curt & Lisa Albrecht & Family--(friends of Schroeders)
 Dean- (Margie Hurst's nephew)
 Ken Pawlitz
 Tom Dittman
 Marilyn Anderson
 Helen Goltz

COMFORT IN MOURNING

Family of Michael Griffin- after his recent passing
 Karen Duff and family-after the recent passing of her mom, Rusty Estlow
 Family of Shirley Wintermuth- 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
 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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Joan Lockard

NLPC Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, September 17, 2018

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

THURSDAY, September 20, 2018

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

TUESDAY, September 18, 2018

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

SUNDAY, September 23, 2018

10:00 AM Prayer Partners
10:30 AM Worship
11:45 AM Coffee & Fellowship
12:00 PM Sunday School
12:00 PM Faithful Listeners

WEDNESDAY, September 19, 2018

2:00 PM Flutes Almighty
6:45 PM Tone Chimes Practice