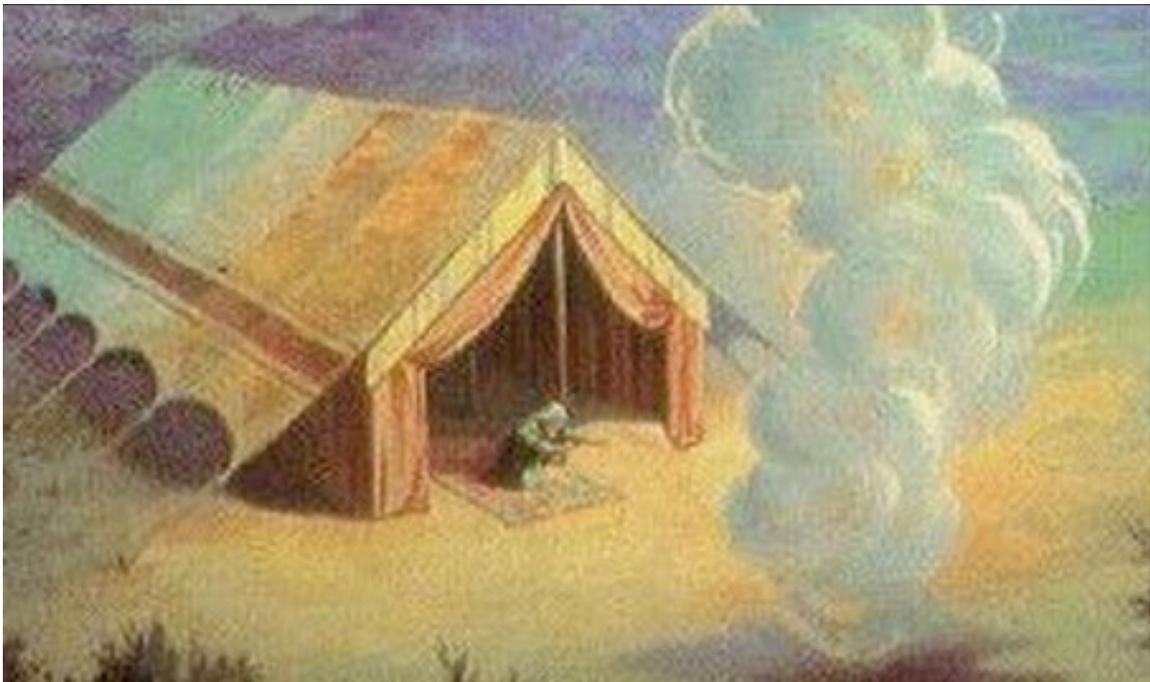

New Life Presbyterian Church

September 23, 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:	Becky Piatek
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Bruce Duff, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day
18th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Ever Present God, guide our vision for this church,

Leading us into lives that show your glory.

Ever Present God, guide us as a family of faith,

Leading us in your ways of love.

Ever Present God, guide us in our times of worship,

Leading us in our praise and prayer.

Ever Present God, guide us to the table you have set,

Leading us to feed all who are hungry in body or spirit.

Ever Present God, guide us with your holy teaching

Leading us to seek the peace of Christ.

Ever Present God, guide us with your Holy Spirit,

Leading us all to You and into eternity.

*HYMN #306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Ever Present God,
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 always present.
Refocus our vision by:
Showing us your ways of love;
Guiding us to care for one another
And for those around us;
And living in us,
that we may be people of boundless love
and powerful witnesses to your glory.
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

We Are a Family

NLPC Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD

Acts 2:37-47

Pew Bible NT p. 112

Philippians 2:1-13

Pew Bible NT p. 186

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God.

SERMON SERIES

Glory of God

SERMON

We Are Family

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN # 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray.

...Hear us Ever Present 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

OFFERTORY

What Faith Can Do

Praise Band

*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 #644 *Give Thanks, O Christian People*

*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; rev-o-lution.org; 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:

Special
Congregational



Meeting

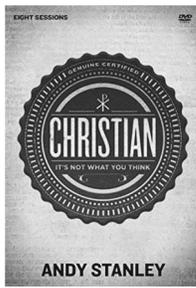
Meeting is TODAY!!

The Nominating Committee has been working diligently to select a diverse group of members to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee. The Session of New Life Presbyterian Church has, therefore, called a special meeting of the congregation today for the purpose of electing a PNC. The meeting will be held after the conclusion of the regular worship service. All members are encouraged to attend.



Meeting of the PNC

Our newly elected Pastor Nominating Committee will hold its first meeting with the Committee on Ministry liaison, Judy Armstrong, immediately after today's Congregational Meeting. Please pray for God's guidance over them as they work to place a new pastor here at New Life Presbyterian Church.



Adult Sunday School Study Book

Our new engaging DVD series for adults began last Sunday, but there is still room for more participants.

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.



Prayer Shawls

Do you know someone who would be blessed by receiving a prayer shawl? Prayer shawls have been hand made by members of our congregation to provide comfort to those in need of prayer and healing. Please see Pastor Mary for more details.

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



The Minister's Memo- Fellowship

In the *Acts of the Apostles* ... immediately after the coming of the Holy Spirit, Peter addressed the crowd, saying: "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say ..." Peter's words of witness – declaring the crucified Jesus as the Messiah – touched the hearts of many.

In response, about 3000 were baptized that day and were added to the fellowship of followers. We are told that these followers of Christ devoted themselves to the **apostle's teachings** and to **fellowship**, as well as, to the **breaking of bread** and to **prayers**. These are the four *pillars of strength* that the Faithful Listeners identified in the Self-Study as places in this church community, where God's glory shines through most clearly. Today's sermon focus will be on fellowship: the strength of our commitment to loving and supporting one another as a family of faith.

NEW LIFE Eco Challenge



As a follow up to Pastor Mary's Caring for Creation sermon series, we are inviting all members and friends to challenge one another to participate in activities that can make a difference to our environment.

Check out the Eco Challenge bulletin board to see how you can participate!

Eco-Friendly Tidbit



RECYCLE:

Re-use paper and cardboard boxes for personal use whenever possible. Consider switching to e-billing to cut down on your paper consumption. In the US, paper products make up the largest percentage of municipal solid waste, and hard copy bills alone generate almost 2 million tons of carbon dioxide. Recycling 1 ton of paper saves: 7000 gallons of water, 3 cubic yards of landfill space and 4100 kilowatt-hours of electricity. Recycle!!!

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!

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.

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.



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.

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

All people dealing with hardship and loss from recent natural disasters, including evacuees and first responders
 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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Shelley Claeys, Secretary

Edyta Jaros – Music Director
Sana Mansour – Child Care Supervisor

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Moderator: Rev. Mary Bahr-Jones

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Phil Cunningham
Dorothy Harrington
Marge Kunz
Calliandra Bowman-Tomlinson

Lori Haralson
Matthew Hurst
Valerie Robbins

Bill Bowman
Sharon Gire
Charles Gough

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Moderator: Joan Lockard

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Randy Tuck

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Jodie Horan
Margie Hurst

Bob Hitchcock
Cheryl Konikson
Joan Lockard

NLPC Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, September 24, 2018

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

SATURDAY, September 29, 2018

1:00 PM Private Wedding

TUESDAY, September 25, 2018

8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

SUNDAY, September 30, 2018

8:45 AM Choir Practice
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 26, 2018

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

THURSDAY, September 27, 2018

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