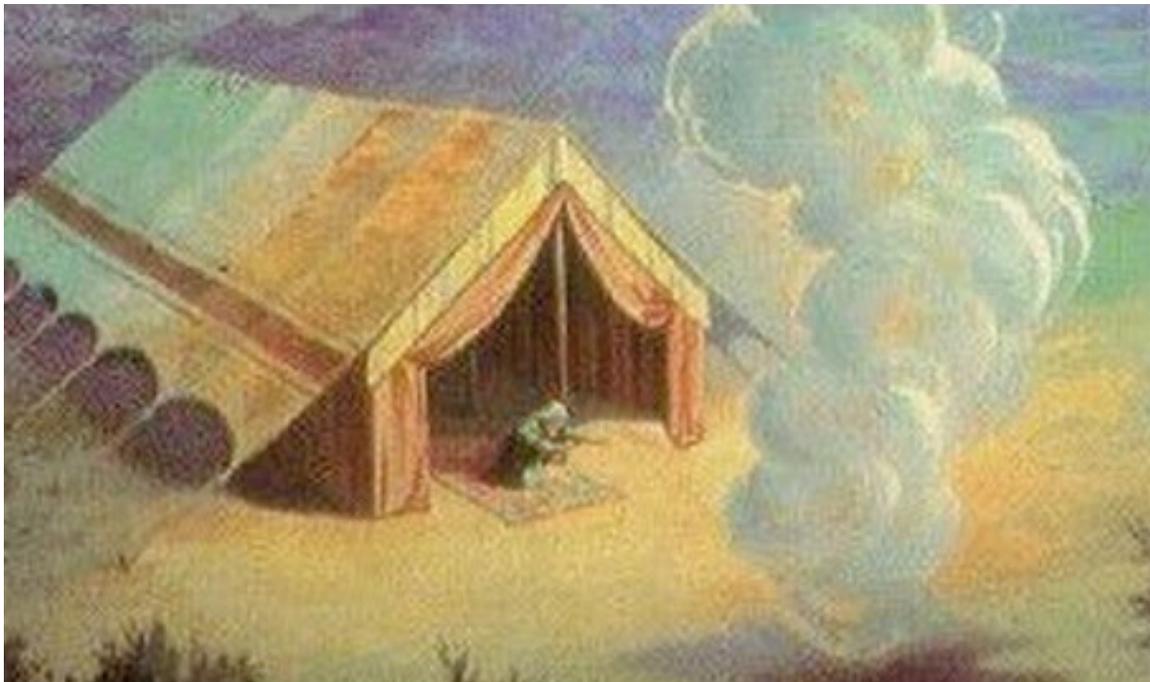

New Life Presbyterian Church

September 30, 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:	Sharon Gire
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Bruce Duff, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day
19th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy* Hymn # 305

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos;

Our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.

We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice;

We bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.

We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love.

Young and old, tone deaf and perfect-pitched,

We offer prayer and praise as we lift up our voices in songs of faith.

BIDDING PRAYER

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.

FIRST READING

Psalm 95:1-2

REFLECTION

MUSICAL RESPONSE

I Come With Joy

Tone Chimes

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:18-20

MESSAGE

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Heaven is Singing for Joy

Children's Choir

THIRD READING

Psalm 57:1-3,7-11

REFLECTION

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Amazing Grace

Choir

FOURTH READING

Colossians 3:16-17

REFLECTION

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Salt and Light

Praise Band

FIFTH READING

James 4:13-15

REFLECTION

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Only Time

Calliandra Bowman-Tomlinson

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Hyfrydol

Instrumental Ensemble

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE

You Are Holy

NLPC Choir verse 1

NLPC Band verse 2

Congregation verse 3

**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:

Women's Fellowship



The Presbyterian Women and Dorcas Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 9th at 7:00 pm in the church library. We will continue with our current study on Hebrews with Joan leading us. Sandy will provide our dessert. We welcome all ladies to join us.



Rachel Circle -The ladies of Rachel Circle will meet on Thursday, October 11th at 12:30 pm at Lakeside Family Dining. It is S of Lakeside Mall behind the Kroger gas Station. All ladies are welcome to join us for a tasty lunch and great conversation. Please let Lynn know if you will attend.



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.

The Minister's Memo



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 worship service will focus on **music**. Ecclesiastical music or church music has its roots in the Middle Ages when Psalms in particular were sung in a format called Gregorian Chants. This form of music had as its purpose the praise of God. It fostered in the chanter and the listener a **prayerful** state that allowed for focus upon God blocking out human distraction.

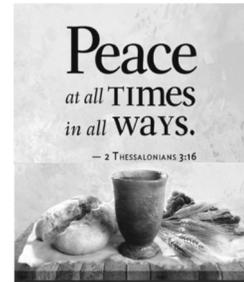
2018 Peace & Global Witness Offering

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. The enclosed envelope can be used to remit your donation next Sunday.



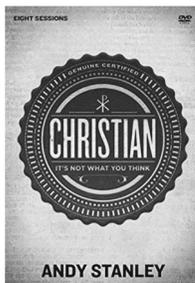
**WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY**



In Loving Memory

The church family of New Life PC extends our sympathies to Becky Piatek and family on the passing of Jeff Piatek this past Wednesday. A Memorial Service will be held here on Saturday, October 6th at 11:00 am with visitation beginning at 10:00 am. The family invites all to join in Agape Hall afterward for a luncheon. We hope you can attend and will keep Becky and her family in your prayers.

Adult Sunday School Study Book



Our new engaging DVD series for adults began September 16th, 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.



Eco-Friendly Tidbit

REPLACE INCANDESCENT LIGHTBULBS:

Replacing incandescent lightbulbs with compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs) or light emitting diodes (LEDs) save a lot of energy. CFLs use 60 percent less energy, and LEDs use as much as 75% less energy than incandescent bulbs. In addition, LEDs can last up to 25 times longer than an incandescent bulb. Start replacing your bulbs ... just one at a time!



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.



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!



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 continues 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. We still have room for more- join us this week!

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

Becoming a disciple of Jesus demands more than merely a deep commitment to the text and complete devotion to Christian community. The Messiah is king, and believers are called to pick up their crosses in daily pursuit after becoming like Him. Come join us for another insightful series by Ray Vander Laan – a noted historian and teacher – and rediscover the fierce passion of the apostle Paul and our early Christian brothers and sisters as the rabbi leads you through cities such as Aphrodisias, Antioch Pisidia, Lystra, and Cappadocia in ancient Asia Minor.

PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAY FOR HEALING

Baby Scarlett (Sandy Day's great-granddaughter)
Glenn Watterworth
Bruce Duff
Jasmine Gorski- (Jeff & Wendy's granddaughter)
Mike Day- (friend of Kevin Konikson)
Lori Haralson
May Shorthouse
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

Becky Piatek and family- after the passing of Jeff Piatek this past week
Family of Michael Griffin- after his recent passing
Karen Duff and family-after the recent passing of her mom, Rusty Estlow

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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Jodie Horan
Margie Hurst

Bob Hitchcock
Cheryl Konikson
Joan Lockard

NLPC Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, October 1, 2018

9:00 AM Honey-Doers
10:30 AM Study Group
7:00 PM Extended Communion
Training
8:00 PM AA

TUESDAY, October 2, 2018

8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

WEDNESDAY, October 3, 2018

2:00 PM Flutes Almighty
6:45 PM Tone Chimes Practice
7:00 PM Discipleship Growth
7:00 PM Anxiety Support Group

THURSDAY, October 4, 2018

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

SATURDAY, October 6, 2018

11:00 AM Jeff Piatek Memorial Service
Visitation at 10:00 AM

SUNDAY, October 7, 2018

8:45 AM Choir Practice
10:00 AM Prayer Partners
10:30 AM Worship
w/ Communion
11:45 AM Coffee & Fellowship
12:00 PM Sunday School
7:00 PM Venture Crew