
New Life Presbyterian Church

January 6, 2019

10:30 a.m.



Calm & Bright

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
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day
Epiphany
Service of the Lord's Supper

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

STANDING ON THE THRESHOLD

RESPONSIVE OPENING PRAYER

God of new life,
we open ourselves to hear your call to new life in Christ.
As we anticipate the new year and all its possibilities,
help us to always remember that nothing is ever finished,
for You are not done with us.
Indeed, you are ever working to make our lives, our families,
our communities, and our world a brighter place.

*Fill us with new life and light,
make the world so calm and bright.*

*HYMN #401 *Here in This Place*

CALL TO CONFESSION

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...And let all God's people say:

Amen!

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

As we focus today on letting
the light of God fill our hearts,

Let us greet one another with a sign of renewal saying:

May the new life of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Please share God's new life with those worshipping around you.

*SONG OF PRAISE

#121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (verse 4)

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

THE WORD INTERPRETED FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

We Adore You

NLPC Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD

John 1:1-17

Revelation 21:1-6

Ephesians 4:17-24

Pew Bible NT p. 86

Pew Bible NT p. 244

Pew Bible NT p. 182

This is the Word of the LORD;
Thanks be to God.

SERMON SERIES CALM & BRIGHT

SERMON *New Life Is Come*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN # 102 *Savior of the Nations, Come*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We believe in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth.
The one who is full of patience,
who is not afraid of silence,
who does not need to fill each moment with activity and noise.
The one who is beyond bluster and flurry,
and who does not jostle for attention.*

*We believe in God the Son, Savior of creation,
who slipped into Bethlehem one night, mostly unnoticed,
who lived thirty years without headlines or hurry,
who frequently took time alone with his patient Father,
who waited for the right time to become the suffering servant,
who stood quietly before the noise of his accusers,
whose silence overpowered their words,
who died, then rose again on a quiet Sunday morning.*

*We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens, empowers, renews and refreshes,
sometimes arriving with obvious power,
sometimes with the quiet breath of a whisper.*

*We believe in one God
who patiently waits for us,
and who longs for us to do the same.*

Advent Creed: written by Dave Hopwood/engageworship.org.

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

OFFERTORY

One King

NLPC 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 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 *Take and Eat* NLPC Choir

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.

Lord God of new life ,...

...And now hear us as we pray together as Jesus taught us, 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

...These are the gifts of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming

Tone Chimes

CONCLUDING PRAYER

SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #158 *Born in the Night, Mary's Child*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION *We Need a Silent Night*

POSTLUDE

**Those that are able may stand.*

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:

Today's liturgy was inspired/ adapted from the following resources: written by Dr. Marcia McFee @ woshipdesignstudio.com.

Words and music for "We Need a Silent Night" by Marsha Jean Moors-Charles and arranged by Chuck Bell. Used with permission.



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.

Many Thanks from the Mission Committee

Christmas
Food Baskets



On Saturday, December 22nd, NLPC assembled and delivered food baskets and Christmas gifts to 16 families in Macomb County, easing their food insecurity and helping them enjoy their holidays. A total of 83 people received enough food for over 1,740 meals. In addition, the 41 children in these families each received a Christmas gift. Thank you to all who donated money and/or bought gifts for the children. Thank you to the Christmas Food Basket Teams: 1) Shopping Team of Julie Angyal, Bob Hitchcock, Dave and Cheryl Konikson, and Denise Pauley, and 2) Assembly and Delivery Team of Lou Angyal, Bill and Calli Bowman, Phil Cunningham, Bob Hitchcock, Shayla and Troy Hansen, Shirley Honor, Matthew and Danielle Hurst, Margie Hurst, Dave Konikson, Larry McGill, Denise Pauley, Cheryl Rockey, Don Soule, and James Tomlinson. And, a special thank you to Chuck and Sue Gough for managing and facilitating all of the activities for the Giving Tree and Christmas gifts. We made a difference in the lives of these families.



Attention All Deacons and Elders- Mailboxes have been assigned to all new deacons and elders. Please remember to check your mailbox often. Continuing deacons and elders should double check their mailboxes as some have been moved around. Non continuing deacons and elders should kindly empty their mailboxes as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.



The ladies of **Presbyterian Women and Dorcas Circle** will meet at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 8th in the church Library. We will continue our current study. And dessert will be served. Please plan to join us!



Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 20, 2019

The Session has called a Special Congregational Meeting for the purpose of presenting a proposal to sell the Clinton Township property and to seek approval to request permission from the Trustees to pursue the sale of that property. Please plan to attend.



Stewardship Thanks!

Thank you to all who have turned in promise cards of support for NLPC in 2019. If you have not yet submitted your card, please do so as soon as possible. Additional promise cards are available in the sanctuary. The session is thankful for your generosity which will help them to prepare the 2019 church budget.



Pastoral Search Update

The PNC is please to report that Presbytery COM has approved our Ministry Information Form and we are currently receiving resumes. The PNC will evaluate them and begin interviewing those who are deemed to be a good fit for our church. Please pray for God's guidance for our committee as we move forward toward selecting a new pastor here at NLPC.



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

Our Eco Challenge is well underway! 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!



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.



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!



Congregational Care Fund

New Life Presbyterian Church has established a Congregational Care Fund to assist members of the congregation when they face unexpected crises. Over the past years we have been able to help members who have faced problems such as unexpected loss of employment, mortgage foreclosure, illness and other things. The assistance we have been able to provide to individual members has made a genuine difference in helping stabilize their lives. Much of the fund has come through individual donations from members of the congregation. If you would like to make a contribution, please include a note indicating it is to be allocated to the congregational care fund. This fund makes it possible to provide assistance where appropriate. Thank you for your consideration.

Church Communication

Would you like to have a church event or announcement included in the Newsletter or Sunday bulletin? Would you like to invite church members to a special event? Please submit a Publication Request form to the church office for all announcements to be included in the Newsletter and/or Sunday bulletin. The deadline for Sunday bulletin publication is the prior Wednesday. Request forms can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office. You can also email your request to office@newlifepresby.org.



Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the lines of communication open here at New Life Presbyterian Church.

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.



There are still a few boxes of 2019 Giving Envelopes in the Narthex. Please check to see if you have a box waiting for you! Any questions can be directed to the church office.

2019 Per Capita

Have You
Paid Your
Per Capita?



One of the regular expenses in the church budget is Per Capita, a yearly apportionment that each Presbyterian congregation is asked to pay to cover the administrative costs of the governing bodies. Your Per Capita contribution allows our mission dollars to be spent directly on mission projects rather than on the costs of administering a mission. Per Capita for the year 2019 is \$28.55 per church member. The total apportionment for New Life Presbyterian Church is \$3,939.90. This is how much more New Life would have available for programs and missions if each member paid their per capita for the year. You may use the blue "Per Capita" envelope included with your offering envelope pack or clearly mark your contribution as "per capita". Feel free to contact the church office for more details on Per Capita contributions.



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 Old Testament.

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-Walk as Jesus Walked

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

Sue Gough
Marilyn Winter
George Steiger
John Turner- (Jeff Turner's brother)
Lori Haralson
Bill Pitchford
Dana and family – (friend of Shelley)
Alyssa- (Wendy Martin's granddaughter)
Baby Scarlett (Sandy Day's great-granddaughter)
Mike Day- (friend of Kevin Konikson)
Tara Sumners- (friend of Joyce Harrison)
Jeanne- (friend of the Robbins family)
Steve Jones
Marge Kunz
Jodie Horan
Patti Jones- (Cliff Robbins' sister)
Shirley Honor
Joan Mc Bride

STRENGTH AND HOPE

Savana
Bill & Joyce Pitchford
Josie
Rilynn, Paul & Kelsey Gryelewski
Marlene Kanthook
Pete Wickens & Family--(friend of Haralsons)
Brendan Bonkowski and family
Carlene Kneebone
Catherine Meeka- --(friend of Shelley)
Ken Pawlitz
Tom Dittman
Marilyn Anderson
Helen Goltz

COMFORT IN MOURNING

Family of Bill Mundle- -(JoAnn DiPasquale's cousin) after his recent passing
Family of Ellen Plume – after her recent passing
Family of May Shorthouse- after her recent passing
Wendy & Ron Mueller and family- after the recent passing of Ron's mother

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Justin Wright- (grandson of Marilyn Wright)
SrA Shawn Konikson- US Air Force
Mike Stroud- US Air Force (Shirley Coar's grandson)

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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Reverend Mary Bahr-Jones, Interim Pastor

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Edyta Jaros
Music Director

Shelley Claeys
Secretary

Sana Mansour
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SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Mary Bahr-Jones

Clerk: Valerie Robbins

Lori Haralson
Frank Kunz
Valerie Robbins
Calliandra Bowman-Tomlinson

Bill Bowman
Sharon Gire
Charles Gough

Shayla Hansen
Dave Konikson
Marge Kunz

DEACONS

Moderator: Joan Lockard

Secretary: Shayla Hansen

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Jodie Horan
Margie Hurst

Bob Hitchcock
Cheryl Konikson
Joan Lockard
Dorothy Harrington

Lou Angyal
Lynn Booth
Francis Booth
Bruce Duff

NLPC Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, January 7, 2019

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

TUESDAY, January 8, 2019

2:00 PM Pulmonary Support Group
7:00 PM Dorcas Circle/
Presbyterian Women
8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

WEDNESDAY, January 9, 2019

6:45 PM Tone Chimes Practice
7:00 PM Anxiety Support

THURSDAY, January 10, 2019

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

FRIDAY, January 11, 2018

7:00 PM LaLeche League

SATURDAY, January 12, 2019

10:00 AM Bible Art Journaling Retreat

SUNDAY, January 13, 2019

8:45 AM Choir Practice
10:00 AM Prayer Partners
10:30 AM Worship w/
Ordination & Installation
11:45 AM Coffee Time
12:00 PM Sunday School