

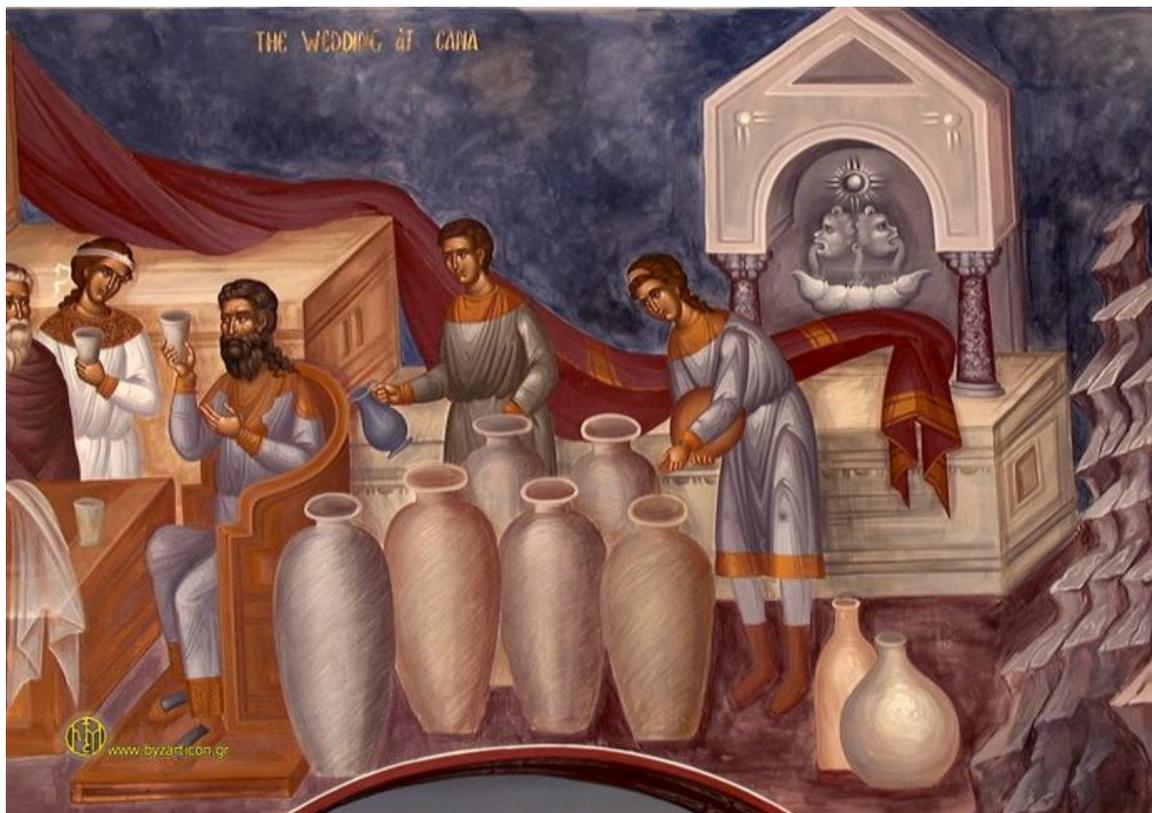
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# *New Life Presbyterian Church*

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January 20, 2019

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:	Valerie Robbins
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day  
Second Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE      *He Turned the Water Into Wine*      NLPC Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 25)

We lift up our souls to you, Holy God.

*We trust the Lord with our past, present, and future.*

Teach us, Lord, that we may know your ways.

*Guide our every move, Holy One,*

*that we may walk in your paths of love and mercy.*

Let us worship the One who leads us in what is right.

*Together, let us worship God!*

\*HYMN #395      *Blessed Jesus at Your Word*

CALL TO CONFESSION

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our world offers many wide avenues  
and beautiful boulevards to walk;

*Our God invites us to walk the road of service and sacrifice.*

Our society suggests we put down our roots  
in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.

*Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope,  
watered by the rivers of joy and grace.*

Our culture offers frantic activity, constant stimulation  
and instant gratification.

*Our God tells to be still, to listen,  
and to act when the time is right.*

Let us turn to God in our time of worship!

*Amen.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

...May the peace of Christ be with you!

*And also with you!*

*Please share Christ's peace with those worshipping around you.*

### \*SONG OF PRAISE

#448

*Peace of God Be with You*

*(2 times)*

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

THE WORD INTERPRETED FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

*Only Time*

NLPC Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD

John 2:1-11

Pew Bible NT p. 87

Galatians 6:1-10

Pew Bible NT p. 180

This is the Word of the LORD;

*Thanks be to God.*

SERMON SERIES

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

SERMON

*The Time is Right*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN # 292 *As the Wind Song*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ,

Who taught us to pray together 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

*Today*

NLPC Praise Band

\*SONG OF DEDICATION

#614 *Great Are You, Lord*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN #301 *Let Us Build a House*

\*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.

*God calls us to witness to world too often blind to his majesty!*

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.com; The  
Worship Resource Book by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship; Book of Common  
Worship, PC(USA); 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!



**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.

Notes and reflections on this week's sermon:



**Special Congregational Meeting  
following worship  
TODAY**

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.



**Attention All Committee Chairs**

The 2018 **Annual Reports** are due in the church office no later than January 29, 2019. Please submit your reports in electronic format either on a CD or by emailing it to office@newlifepresby.org. (2 to 4 PowerPoint slides would be perfect). Contact the church office if you have any questions.

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The flowers in the sanctuary today are in memory of

*In Loving Memory*

Barbara Iobst

Love, Stan

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***Presbyterian Coffee Project***

Help the farmers in third world countries. The next fair trade product order is being assembled for February delivery. See Stanley Iobst to place your order for coffee, tea and cocoa.



**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.

## Extended Communion

A new committee of elders and deacons has been formed to offer Extended Communion to anyone who is shut in: at home, in the hospital or in rehabilitation. Pastor Mary has trained these elders and deacons on how to share the elements and there is an abbreviated worship service to accompany communion. This service is available on the first Sunday of each month.

If you know anyone interested in receiving communion in this manner please contact Dorothy Harrington at 586-552-7969 by the Thursday prior to the first Sunday of the month. This will allow time to make arrangements to serve all who request this service.



**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.

## NLPC Deacons Fund



The Deacons support many worthwhile missions in our community such as The Salvation Army Soup Kitchen and Turning Point in addition to our four Mission Basket drives each year. These activities would not be possible without the generous support of our NLPC members and friends. Over the past year we have had a significant reduction in our funding and our bake sales do not provide enough funding for our causes. In an effort to replenish our resources, we are designating the third Sunday of each month as "Deacon Sunday". We are hopeful that you will consider making a donation to the Deacons Fund in order to help us continue our mission activities into the future. Envelopes are available in the pews for your convenience. Thank you for your support.



## Liturgists Needed!

There are 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!



### **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!



### **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.



### **2019 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.



### **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.



## **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.

### **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**  
**John Turner-** (Jeff Turner's brother)  
**Nancy Bechtel**  
**Marilyn Winter**  
**Nancy-** (Cheryl Konikson's mom)  
**George Steiger**  
**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

**Sue & Joe** – (friends of Fred Walker) after the recent death of Sue's mother  
**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

## 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.

## ***New Life Presbyterian Church***

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*Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00AM to 3:00 PM*

[office@newlifepresby.org](mailto:office@newlifepresby.org)

*Reverend Mary Bahr-Jones, Interim Pastor*

### **CHURCH STAFF**

Edyta Jaros  
Music Director

Shelley Claeys  
Secretary

Sana Mansour  
Child Care Supervisor

### **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: Dorothy Harrington

Judy Doverspike  
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 21, 2019**

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

### **THURSDAY, January 24, 2019**

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

### **TUESDAY, January 22, 2019**

8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

### **SUNDAY, January 27, 2019**

8:45 AM Choir Practice  
10:00 AM Prayer Partners  
10:30 AM Worship  
11:45 AM Coffee Time  
12:00 PM Sunday School

### **WEDNESDAY, January 23, 2019**

6:45 PM Tone Chimes Practice