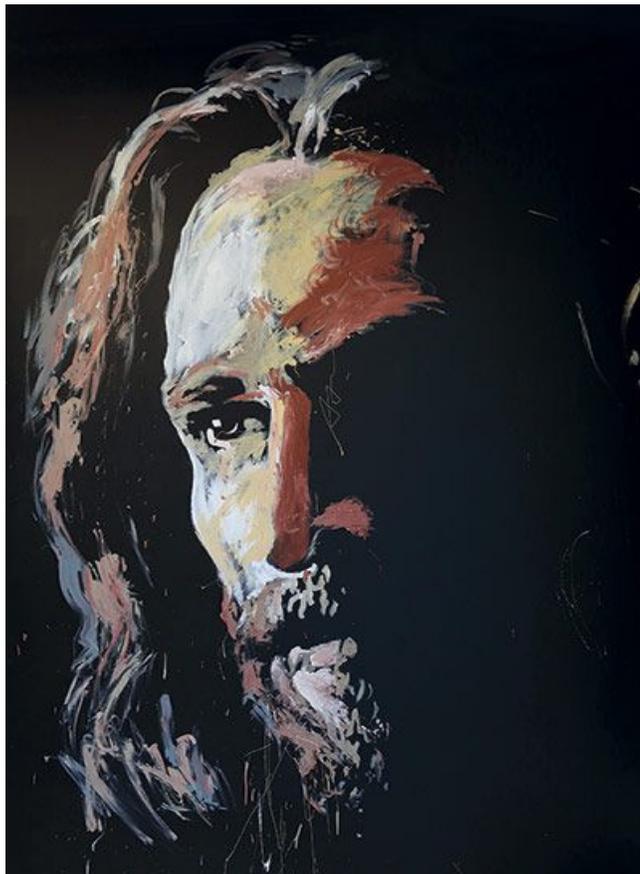

New Life Presbyterian Church

March 31, 2019

10:30 a.m.

The Faces of Jesus



Shepherd Jesus

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

Guest Worship Leader:	Reverend Charles Sadler II
Music Director:	Edyta Jaros
Liturgist:	Joyce Harrison
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day
Fourth Sunday in Lent

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEEKING the FACE of GOD *Man of Grace*

OUR SHEPHERD GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

One thing do we seek.

One thing do we ask.

Our hearts say: "Seek the face of God!"

We cry out: "Lord, do not hide your face from us!"

God hears us.

God sends us his Shepherd.

Our hearts long for Jesus.

Jesus! Jesus! Jesus our Shepherd!

We come seeking Jesus!

Amen.

*HYMN #392 *Jesus, We Are Here*

[5 verses: Jesus, Teacher, Healer, Shepherd, Jesus]

CALL TO CONFESSION

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...Let all God's children say :

Amen!

SHARING the PEACE of JESUS

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

Also, with you!

Please share the peace of Jesus with those around you.

*SONG OF PRAISE *Jesus Full of Truth and Grace* (v. 1)

FOCUSING on THE FACE of JESUS

THE WORD INTERPRETED FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM *My Shepherd Became a Lamb* NLPC Choir

PRAYER FOR INSPIRATION

THE WORD OF GOD

John 10:1-16

Pew Bible NT p. 97

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

SERMON SERIES The FACES of JESUS

SERMON *Jesus as Shepherd*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN # 173 *A Woman and A Coin*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray.

...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.

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Lamb of God

NLPC Band

*SONG OF DEDICATION

#605 *Praise to God the Father*

*Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;
Praise to God the Spirit: praise to the Three-in-One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #187 *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING (Numbers 6:24-26)

Our God ...

...Let all God's people say:

AMEN.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Those that are able may stand.*

Words and music for "Man of Grace" by Mary Bahr-Jones and E dyta Jaros.

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:



Easter Food Baskets

New Life Presbyterian Church is planning an Easter Food Basket Delivery Program to help families in need in our community. The Baskets will provide food and various household needs, a grocery gift card and Easter baskets for the children

We are collecting cash donations in addition to non-perishable goods (see bulletin insert for a list of desired food items) each Sunday in order to fulfill our mission goal. Please bring donations to church by next Sunday, April 7.

The final assembly and delivery date is Saturday, April 13 in Agape Hall with assembly starting at 10am and delivery starting at 11:30am. Drivers should arrive by 11:00 am. Please sign up on the mission bulletin board to participate. Please see Bruce Short or any Mission Committee member for details. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



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 ladies of **Presbyterian Women and Dorcas Circle** will meet on Tuesday, April 9 at 7 p.m. in the church library. We will be making our annual Easter treat bags for nursing homes so we need lots of willing hands!

Please bring a couple bags of small wrapped chocolates if you can.



Easter Flowers – We are now taking orders for Easter Flowers to beautify our sanctuary for our Easter Service. Consider ordering one or more in memory or in honor of someone special. Order forms are available on the bulletin board across from the pastor’s office, detailing the cost and types of flowers that are available.

Payment must accompany all orders and are due by April 7. Flowers will be displayed on Easter Sunday and can be taken home after service that day. Contact Lynn Booth, Margie Hurst or the church office with any questions.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Each gift to the Offering helps provide relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. We will be collecting the OGHS offering during the season of lent, through Palm Sunday, April 14. For your convenience, envelopes are available in the pews. Please give prayerful consideration to your contribution this year.



Join us for our annual children's Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, April 14 after the worship service. The children will hunt outside, weather permitting.



We are collecting donations of wrapped bite-size candy for the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Palm Sunday. Please label your donation "Egg Hunt" and place it in the collection baskets. Please bring all donations to church by Sunday, April 7. Thank you for your generosity!



Easter Breakfast

The Deacons are sponsoring a Continental Breakfast on Easter Morning at 9:00 AM, in Agape Hall. The breakfast will be followed by our Easter Sunday service. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend. If you are able to help by bringing an additional dish to share, it would be appreciated.



Rachel Circle The ladies of Rachel Circle will meet on Thursday, April 11th at 12:30 pm at Lakeside Family Restaurant. It is located on Schoenherr just S. of Lakeside Mall behind the Kroger Gas Station. Come and join us. Please let Lynn Booth (586-781-6753) know if you will attend.





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.

Soup & Study Thursdays: 6:00 pm –

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. Instead, Christian was a label used by outsiders to define Jesus' followers. Jesus referenced 'disciple' as the key word he used to describe his supporters along with the fact that they would be known for their love – a novel concept for their time – and ours today. Through eight engaging and enlightening sessions, we will listen to best-selling author and pastor, Andy Stanley, unpack the qualities Jesus prescribes for his followers that made them unique. What if believers today embodied these traits? Would the non-believing world put aside its definition of 'Christian' and instead know us by our love? Explore this question and more with us Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm as we share soup, break bread and challenge what you think!

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!

CHRISTIAN: It's Not What You Think

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

The group just began this new study on February 11 and we have room for more! Instead of calling his followers Christians, Jesus used the word 'disciple' to describe his supporters, who were known for their love. Through eight engaging and enlightening sessions, we will listen to best-selling author and pastor, Andy Stanley, unpack the qualities Jesus prescribes for his followers that made them unique. What if believers today embodied these traits? Would the non-believing world put aside its definition of 'Christian' and instead know us by our love? Explore this question and more as we challenge what you think!

PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAY FOR HEALING

Patty- (Shelley's sister-in-law)
Sue Gough
Jodie Horan
Paul & Kelsey Gryelewski
Joyce Pitchford
John Turner- (Jeff Turner's brother)
Marilyn Winter
Nancy Bechtel
Lori Haralson
Bill Pitchford
Dana and family – (friend of Shelley)
Alyssa- (Wendy Martin's granddaughter)
Baby Scarlett (Sandy Day's great-granddaughter)
Tara Sumners- (friend of Joyce Harrison)
Jeanne- (friend of the Robbins family)
Steve Jones
Marge Kunz
Patti Jones- (Cliff Robbins' sister)
Shirley Honor
Joan Mc Bride

STRENGTH AND HOPE

Alex Rimac-(friend of Wendy Quick)
Kenneth Bonkowski and family
Savana
Bill & Joyce Pitchford
Josie
Marlene Kanthook
Pete Wickens & Family--(friend of Haralsons)
Carlene Kneebone
Catherine Meeka- --(friend of Shelley)
Ken Pawlitz
Tom Dittman
Marilyn Anderson

COMFORT IN MOURNING

Joan McBride and family- after Jim McBride's recent passing
Family of Jacob Mathis- after his recent passing
Karen Duff and family-after Bruce Duff's recent passing
Paul Winter and family-after the recent loss of their great granddaughter, Rilynn
Bob Boatwright & family- after the recent passing of his father
Sue & Joe – (friends of Fred Walker) after the recent death of Sue'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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Lynn Booth
Francis Booth

NLPC Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, April 1, 2019

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

THURSDAY, April 4, 2019

11:00 AM Prayer/Study Group
6:00 PM Soup & Study
7:30 PM Band Practice

TUESDAY, April 2, 2019

8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

SUNDAY, April 7, 2019

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

WEDNESDAY, April 3, 2019

6:45 PM Tone Chimes
7:00 PM Discipleship Growth
7:00 PM Anxiety Support