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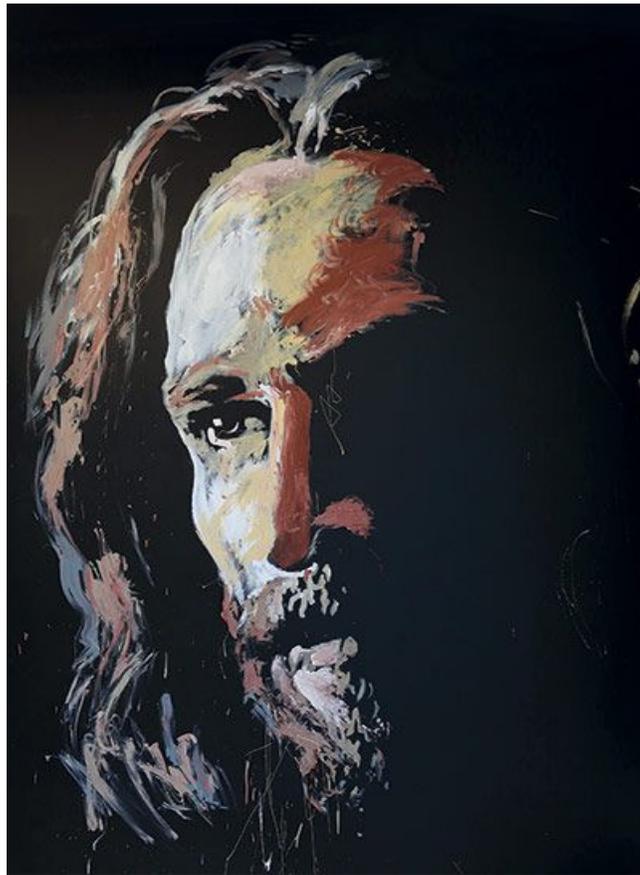
*New Life Presbyterian Church*

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April 7, 2019

10:30 a.m.

The Faces of Jesus



Lamb of God

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:	George Bousquette
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Service of the Lord's Supper

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEEKING the FACE of GOD *Man of Grace*

LAMB of 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 Lamb.*

Our hearts long for Jesus.

*Jesus! Jesus! Jesus Lamb of God!*

We come seeking Jesus!

*Amen.*

\*HYMN #392     *Jesus, We Are Here*

*[6 verses: Jesus, Teacher, Healer, Shepherd, Lamb, 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     *Lamb of God*

NLPC Band

PRAYER FOR INSPIRATION

## THE WORD OF GOD

John 1:19-37

Pew Bible NT p. 86

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 # 442

*Just as / Am, without One Plea* (vv. 1-3)

RECEPTION of NEW MEMBER

WORDS OF SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 2:19-22

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

QUESTIONS TO NEW MEMBER AND CONGREGATION

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn away from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

*/do.*

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

*/do*

Will you be Christ's faithful disciples, obeying his Word and showing his love?

*I will, with God's help.*

## QUESTIONS TO NEW MEMBER

You have publically re-affirmed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and your gifts, your study and your service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ here in this place?

*I will, with God's help.*

## PRAYER

## WELCOME

Now let us welcome Craig as he joins us in the life and the work of the Church in this time and place.

*With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you in sharing the ministry of Jesus Christ. We are privileged to all become one in him.*

## SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*You Say*

Calli Bowman-Tomlinson

## \*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

### 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

*Lamb of God*

NLPC Choir

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you!*

Lift up your hearts

*We lift them to God.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

...And now hear us as we pray the prayer the Lamb of God taught us:

### 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

Jesus, the Lamb of God, ...

...These are the gifts of God for the people of God;

*Thanks be to God!*

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*O Wondrous Sight*

Tone Chimes

### CONCLUDING PRAYER

### SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN #519 *You Are My All in All*

(2xs)

\*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 Edyta 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:



## Welcome Craig Watson!

We would like to offer a special welcome to our newest member of New Life Presbyterian Church, Craig Watson. We are glad that Craig has found a new church family within our community! Please, personally extend a warm welcome to Craig as you embrace him as the newest member of our church family.



**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.



## 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

**Today is the deadline** for collecting cash donations in addition to non-perishable goods in order to fulfill our mission goal.

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.



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. A special brochure/envelope is included in today's bulletin. Please return it next week with your offering. For your convenience, envelopes are also available in the pews. Please give prayerful consideration to your contribution this year.



Candy  
for  
Easter

Today is the deadline for 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. Thank you for your generosity!



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.



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** – Today is the *last day* we will accept 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 included in today's bulletin and are also 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! 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.



**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.



## Maundy Thursday



Participate in a Soup and Bread meal in advance of a powerful Tenebrae Service on Maundy Thursday. Please note that the *times have changed* from the calendar published in the April Newsletter. Soup and Bread will begin at 7:00 PM and the worship service will follow at 8:00 PM.

## Good Friday



Pastor Mary invites you to silently reflect on who Jesus is for us personally through a Stations of the Faces of Jesus on Good Friday. Stations will be available from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM.

## 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!

## 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.

## Church Office Closing-



Please make a note that the church office will be CLOSED on Tuesday, April 9.

Regular hours will resume the week of April 14.



Please join us at 11:45AM in Agape Hall for light refreshments.  
12:00 PM Children's Sunday School  
Childcare is available from 10:00AM-1:00PM.

### **Sunday School- Kids**

Our Spark House All Kids program continues with studies from the New Testament.

### **Soup & Study** Thursdays: 6:00 pm

CHRISTIAN: It's Not What You Think

This study series has just ended. The Discipleship Growth team has a new study planned to begin after Easter. Watch the Sunday bulletins and the May Newsletter for upcoming details.

### **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

**Pastor Henry**  
**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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*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

## **NLPC Weekly Calendar**

### **MONDAY, April 8, 2019**

9:00 AM Honey-Doers  
10:30 AM Study Group  
7:00 PM Special Session Meeting  
7:00 PM Troop 210 Committee Mtg  
8:00 PM AA

### **TUESDAY, April 9, 2019**

***Church Office CLOSED***

2:00 PM Pulmonary Support Group  
6:00 PM Orchard Family Services  
7:00 PM Dorcas Circle/Presb. Women  
8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

### **WEDNESDAY, April 10, 2019**

6:45 PM Tone Chimes Practice  
7:00 PM Finance Committee

### **THURSDAY, April 11, 2019**

11:00 AM Prayer/Study Group  
12:30 PM Rachel Circle  
7:30 PM Band Practice

### **FRIDAY, April 12, 2019**

7:00 PM LaLeche League

### **SATURDAY, April 13, 2019**

10:00 AM Mission Food Baskets  
Assembly & Delivery

### **SUNDAY, April 14, 2019**

**Palm Sunday**

8:45 AM Choir Practice  
10:00 AM Prayer Partners  
10:30 AM Cantata  
11:45 AM Easter Egg Hunt/Coffee Time

