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# *New Life Presbyterian Church*

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October 13, 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:	Reverend Marjorie Wilhelmi
Music Director:	Edyta Jaros
Liturgist:	Lori Haralson
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day  
18th Sunday after Pentecost  
Service of the Lord's Supper

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator God, you call us to hospitality;  
to give as generously to others as you have given to us.

*For there are angels among us.*

Loving God, you call us to give you glory  
in the compassion we show to one another.

*To love without judgment, of ourselves or of others.*

We gather as one Body,  
seeking to walk in the way you have set for us.

*We gather as one Body,  
to worship the one who is Love.*

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*We are always uncomfortable, Watching God,  
when you notice how we want to sit in the seats of honor.  
We can be so proper, so good, so well-off,  
that it is easy to imagine we are superior to the poor.  
We are so busy completing our 'To Do' list each day,  
that we forget to do good when we have the chance.*

*Forgive us, Welcoming God.  
Fill our emptiness with your grace and humility  
that we would spend our lives alongside Jesus,  
our Lord and Savior,  
throwing a party for the poor, the damaged,  
the prisoner, the lost, the oppressed.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*This is the good news:  
after what God has done for us,  
what can anyone or any thing do to us?  
We are new people, graced by our loving God.  
Forgiven, embraced, welcomed by our God,  
we will offer open hearts and serving hands  
to everyone we meet.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.*

## SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

*...May the peace offered to us through Jesus be with you!  
And also with you.*

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

\*SONG OF PRAISE #447     *We Are Forgiven*

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD

### THE WORD INTERPRETED FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

*Love Grows Here*

NLPC Choir

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE WORD OF GOD

Isaiah 25:6-9

Pew Bible OT p. 613

This is the Word of the LORD;

*Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

*Dinner Party  
(Luke 14:1, 12-14)*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN #510      *We Gather Here in Jesus' Name*

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.*

*The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.*

*In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.*

*In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"*



## 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.*

O Infinitely Faithful God,...

...Trusting...

...Jesus, 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.*

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

*Thanks be to God!*

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Loaves Were Broken Words Were Spoken*

Tone Chimes

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

### SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN #692     *Spirit, Open My Heart*

#### \*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 a world desperately in need of his infinite love!*

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.*

# 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!

Notes and reflections on this week's sermon:



**Newsletter Deadline** – Please note that the deadline for the November newsletter is Thursday, October 17. Please submit all articles electronically to the church office by 10:00 AM. Thank you!

### **Blessings in a Backpack**

New Life is supporting Blessings in a Backpack-Utica. You may recall that this 100% volunteer organization provides weekend meals during the school year to children who may not have consistent access to food. Backpacks are filled with non-perishable food items and are distributed on Friday. Backpacks are returned each Monday to be refilled for the following Friday. Session voted to sponsor their fundraiser, Evening Glow Halloween Run Against Hunger 5k Run/Walk scheduled for Saturday, October 19. The run will be held at 6:00 PM at River Bands Park in Shelby Township and registration is \$25. A Kids Run is also offered for \$5. Online registration is available at [www.eastsideracingcompany.com](http://www.eastsideracingcompany.com). Contact the church office for more information.



### **2019 Peace & Global Witness Offering**

The Peace & Global Witness Offering joins Presbyterians together as active peacemakers; enabling the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world.



The Peace & Global Witness Offering was collected on Sunday, October 6, 2019. We are still happy to receive your contributions through the end of the month. Twenty-five percent of our offering will be retained at NLPC to support peacemaking efforts in our community. Please give generously. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

### **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.



## Happy Halloween Happening!



Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 26th from 6-8:30 pm! We will be hosting an evening of Halloween fun for the neighborhood. There will be treats, crafts and musical offerings. We are involving many groups in the church as well as organizations that use our church for their meetings. Set up will happen either Friday night or Saturday during the day. It takes a lot of people to pull this off, so please let Lori Haralson or Karen Tuck know how you can help. We are also accepting bags of candy to hand out at the event. So bring your little hobgoblins-or just yourself-and have some Halloween fun!

## Souper Study!

Join us on Thursday nights for a shared meal of Soup and bread at 6:00 PM followed by an engaging bible study led by Charles Sadler beginning at 7:00 PM.

The study will be based on the Book of Hebrews and we will dig deep into the message it has for us and how to keep growing with God.

Come with an open heart and mind to see how to enrich your faith and improve your relationship with God.

Feel free to come for the study even if you can't make the meal.



## Job Opportunity!



New Life is actively seeking a Children's Ministry Teacher. This would be a part-time, paid position within the church. About 4 hours a week is what is desired, with extra time as needed to assist with special programs that occur throughout the year. The curriculum is provided, but the teacher would be expected to work creatively with that material to engage the children through fun, active, creative experiences and games that reinforce the lessons. This individual needs to be at least 18 years old, have good interpersonal skills and the ability to work gracefully with children, volunteers and parents. They must be dependable and have reliable transportation. It is preferred that they have previous experience with children-volunteer work or being enrolled in childhood development or primary education courses in college is acceptable. There is another adult volunteer that will be assisting during Sunday school also. If you or someone you know sounds like the perfect match, please contact Lori Haralson for a full job description and/or to set up an interview.

## Update on Wendy Quick

As many of you know, Wendy Quick has moved to an assisted living facility in Ontario Canada. This will bring her closer to her family, especially her sister who has taken on most of the caregiving.

Her new address is:

Seasons Assisted Living,  
681 Front Rd S,  
Amherstburg, ON N9V 0B4, Canada



Her sister asked that cards or letters be mailed to a different address as follows:

Wendy Quick  
515 W. County 34 RR #1  
Essex, Ontario N8M 2X5, Canada

Thank you for your consideration and for keeping Wendy and her family in your prayers.



### 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.



### Attention Friends!

Jeffery Turner has requested visitors so if you are available and would be interested in spending a few minutes in conversation, he would be grateful for the company. His current address is Park @ Franklin, 28301 Franklin Road Apt B-303 in Southfield. If you are not able to make the trip he can also be reached by phone at 313-570-1705. Thank you for your consideration.



**Please join us at 11:45AM in Fellowship Hall for light refreshments.  
Childcare is available from 10:00AM-12:00PM.**

### **Sunday School – New format!**

We are very excited about this year's Sunday School program and the new format! The children now come with their parents into the Sanctuary at 10:30, and then after the Children's sermon, they are dismissed to the Sunday School classroom. They are engaged in interesting and interactive activities to help them to learn about Jesus's teachings and love for them and how they can demonstrate that love to others. We are in the process of hiring a teacher that will lead the class along with a volunteer from the congregation each week. We are still looking for one or two more people to help out. The assistants will rotate, with each person helping on one Sunday each month, so that no one person has to miss the rest of the service each week. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Lori Haralson. This promises to be an exciting year not to be missed!

### **"Souper" Study – Hebrews"**

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### **Prayer Group**

Thursdays: 11:00 am – NOON

Join with Pastor Mary and other members of our congregation to pray for special intentions here in our church and offer support for those needing God's guidance and healing love.

# *PRAYER CONCERNS*

## PRAY FOR HEALING

**Pastor Mary**  
**Eva Claeys**  
**Sue Stepniak**  
**Suzanne Saunder**  
**Barbara Kratz**  
**Joyce Lawrence**  
**Tom Hamblen--** (friend of Craig Watson)  
**Wendy Quick**  
**Sandy Bousquette**  
**Nancy Bechtel**  
**Norma O'Connor**  
**Karen-** (Fred Walker's daughter)  
**Henry, Amanda and Veronica-** (friends of Paul Winter)  
**Denise Bidson--**(Joan McBride's niece)  
**Ken Savage**  
**Cameron Duff**  
**Tara Duff**  
**Jeffrey-**(Joyce Lawrence's son)  
**Sharon Gire**  
**Ken Pawlitz**  
**John Turner-** (Jeff Turner's brother)  
**Patti-**(Cliff Robbins' sister)  
**Marilyn Winter**  
**Dana and family --** (friend of Shelley)

## STRENGTH AND HOPE

**Ewa Grzybowska --** (friend of Edyta)  
**Lee Rosen-**  
**Jeff Turner**  
**Shirley Honor**  
**Alex Rimac-**(friend of Wendy Quick)  
**Kenneth Bonkowski and family**  
**Savana**  
**Bill & Joyce Pitchford**  
**Josie**  
**Pete Wickens & Family--**(friend of Haralsons)  
**Carlene Kneebone**  
**Tom Dittman**  
**Marilyn Anderson**

## COMFORT IN MOURNING

**Family of Mel Johnson-** after his recent passing  
**Paul Hurst & family-** after the recent passing of his brother, David  
**Joan McBride & family-** after Jim McBride's recent passing  
**Family of Jacob Mathis-** after his recent passing

## SERVING IN THE MILITARY

**Nathan Call-** US Army (Valerie Robbins' nephew)  
**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@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

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, October 14, 2019**

9:00 AM Honey Doers  
6:30 PM Tone Chimes  
7:30 PM Choir Practice  
8:00 PM AA

### **THURSDAY, October 17, 2019**

11:00 AM Prayer Group  
6:00 PM Souper Study Meal  
7:00 PM Bible Study

Newsletter

**DEADLINE!**

### **TUESDAY, October 15, 2019**

7:00 PM Deacons Meeting  
8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

### **SUNDAY, October 20, 2019**

9:45 AM Choir Practice  
10:00 AM Prayer Partners  
10:30 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Sunday School  
11:45 AM Coffee Time  
7:00 PM Venture Crew

### **WEDNESDAY, October 16, 2019**

7:00 PM Finance Committee  
7:00 PM Band Practice