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# *New Life Presbyterian Church*

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February 16, 2020

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. Dr. Judith McMillan, Pastor
Music Director:	Edyta Jaros
Liturgist:	Valerie Robbins
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Nelson Shoults and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day  
Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

*Come, let us adore him.*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

*Come, let us adore him.*

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

*Come, let us adore him.*

Lord, open our lips.

*And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.*

\*HYMN #192     *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining*

CALL TO CONFESSION (based on Romans 8:39)

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Awesome and compassionate God,  
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,  
but we have not loved you.*

*You constantly call us, but we do not listen.*

*You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need,  
wrapped in our own concerns.*

*We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.*

*God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,  
we repent in spirit and in truth,  
admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness  
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON (based on Psalm 32:1-2)

## SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE (based on John 13:34)

...The peace of Christ be with you all.

*And also with you.*

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

## SONG OF PRAISE

\*#743

*O God, You Are My God*

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

THE WORD INTERPRETED FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

*Ancient of Days*

NLPC Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 51:1-3, 6-7

Pew Bible OT p. 492

Mark 7:1-23

Pew Bible NT p. 39

This is the Word of the LORD;

*Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

*What Goes Up, Must Come D*

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN #223

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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

*Step by Step*

NLPC Band

### \*SONG OF DEDICATION \*#606 *Doxology*

*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

## SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

### \*HYMN #693

*Though I May Speak*

### \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

### POSTLUDE

# New Life Opportunities & Announcements

## February 16, 2020



### Annual Gathering

#### CONGREGATIONAL GATHERING & POTLUCK

Our Annual Congregational Gathering will be held following worship TODAY.

The annual report will be presented to the congregation by the committee chairpersons.



A Potluck Luncheon will follow the meeting is planned.  
See you there!



#### 2019 Giving Statements

We emailed year end giving statements to those who have an email on file with the church office. Printed statements were printed and are in the Narthex for those who do not have an email on file. If you did not receive a statement, please call the church office to have one prepared for you. Thank you!

#### Looking for Liturgists!

Check out the liturgist sign up sheet posted across from Pastor Judi'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!



#### *Presbyterian Coffee Project*

The fair trade coffee order has arrived. Most items were delivered last Sunday. If you did not receive your order, please contact Stan Iobst. Thanks for your support and enjoy your coffee!

## Confirmation Classes



Confirmation classes will begin for anyone interested in learning more about the church, God's call in our lives, and the faith we share. This is traditionally for 8-10th graders and those who want to profess their faith. Even if you're not sure, you are welcome to join the class and then decide at the end if you want to become a member of the church. We begin Sunday February 23 after worship and will meet every other week for several months. See Pastor Judi if you have any questions.

## Freedom Tour!

Join Pastor Judi and other members and friends on a tour of the Underground Railroad. Travel to freedom in this 90 minute historical living museum experience held at the Historic First Congregational Church of Detroit. A flyer with all the information as well as a sign up sheet is on the bulletin board across from Pastor Judi's office. No date has been set yet so sign up to show that you would like to participate!



There will be several elections coming up this year, including the November Presidential Election. Don't miss out by not being a registered voter! The Presbytery of Detroit has put together a voter information packet for those who are interested in or need help with the voter registration process. Look for the blue packet in the narthex. Don't delay- let's get out the vote!



**Newsletter Deadline** – Please note that the deadline for the March newsletter is Thursday, February 20. Please submit all articles electronically to the church office by 10:00 AM. Thank you!

Have You  
Paid Your  
Per Capita?



## 2020 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. Per Capita for the year 2020 is \$30.55 per church member. The total apportionment for New Life Presbyterian Church is \$4,093.70 . This is how much more New Life would have available for programs and missions if each member paid their per capita for the year. Please prayerfully consider paying your member apportionment to help our congregation in fulfilling this obligation. 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.



## 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.



## 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 Judi for more details.



## Ash Wednesday Service

Pastor Judi invites all members and friends to attend the Ash Wednesday service here at NLPC on February 26 at 7:00 PM. Enjoy a spiritual beginning to the Lenten season.



## **DISCIPLESHIP GROWTH**

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

### **Sunday School**

Our current schedule of holding Sunday School every other week will continue until Summer. The children will stay in church with their parents through the Children's message, and then be dismissed to their classroom. The Discipleship Growth Committee is preparing an intergenerational study during our Campfire Connections in the summer. Watch future bulletin for more details as they become available. We will continue to consider changes to the program based upon the level of participation and needs of our congregation. Please keep our team in your prayers. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Lori Haralson.

### **Lenten Study with Pastor Judi- "Soul Feast" by Marjorie Thompson**

Thursdays in Lent at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

Engage the spiritual life with practices. We will have a simple soup supper, share in the weekly readings and then practice some Christian disciplines. We will even do some fun adult coloring to refresh you this Lent.



Journey with Judi - Beginning Thursday, February 27 through April 2 at 6 PM

Bring a friend if you like !!

Books are \$11.10 and can be purchased through the Pastor or Office.

### **Devotional Time**

Mondays: 10:30 am - 11:45 am in Fellowship Hall

The Monday group is currently studying and sharing devotions. From The Upper Room and Our Daily Bread publications. A new study is being planned. Watch future bulletins for details soon.

### **Prayer Group**

Thursdays: 11:00 am - NOON

Join with Pastor Judi 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

**Judy Doverspike**  
**Joyce Lawrence**  
**Jodie Horan**  
**Parents of Laura MacKool**  
**Nancy Bechtel**  
**Jerry Kurtz**  
**James Tomlinson**  
**Glenn Watterworth**  
**Vicki** --(Dave Konikson's sister-in-law)  
**Steve Mills**-(neighbor of the Robbins')  
**Alex**--(Bill Bowman's daughter)  
**Ryan**--(Paul Winter's grandson)  
**Marge Kunz**  
**Patti**-(Cliff Robbins' sister)  
**Mary Bahr-Jones**  
**Sue Stepniak**  
**Barbara Kratz**  
**Tom Hamblen**-(friend of Craig Watson)  
**Norma O'Connor**  
**Karen**- (Fred Walker's daughter)  
**Henry, Amanda and Veronica**- (friends of Paul Winter)  
**Denise Bidson**--(Joan McBride's niece)  
**Sharon Gire**  
**Ken Pawlitz**  
**John Turner**- (Jeff Turner's brother)  
**Dana and family** --(friend of Shelley)

## STRENGTH AND HOPE

**Hasnaa & Evan** -- (friend of Fred Walker)  
**Nya Hardeman**  
**Ewa Grzybowska** -- (friend of Edyta)  
**Lee Rosen**  
**Jeff Turner**  
**Shirley Honor**  
**Kenneth Bonkowski and family**  
**Bill & Joyce Pitchford**  
**Josie**  
**Carlene Kneebone**  
**Tom Dittman**  
**Marilyn Anderson**

## COMFORT IN MOURNING

**Randy & Karen Tuck & Family**- after the recent passing of Randy's father, Henry Tuck  
**Family of Michael Reid**- after his recent passing  
**Winnie Fulton & Family** -after the recent passing of her son, Ron  
**Ross & Winter Families**-after the recent passing of husband, father & nephew James Ross  
**Jeff Turner and Family of Wendy Quick**- after Wendy's recent passing  
**Elaine Watterworth and Family**-after the recent passing of her sister

## 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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### **CHURCH STAFF**

Edyta Jaros  
Music Director

Shelley Claeys  
Secretary

Sana Mansour  
Child Care Supervisor

### **SESSION**

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Judith McMillan

Clerk: Cheryl Rockey

Bill Bowman  
Sharon Gire

Dave Konikson  
Marge Kunz

Lori Haralson  
Frank Kunz  
Cheryl Rockey

### **DEACONS**

Moderator: Joan Lockard

Secretary: Dorothy Harrington

Bob Hitchcock  
Cheryl Konikson  
Joan Lockard  
Dorothy Harrington

Lou Angyal  
Lynn Booth  
Francis Booth

Phil Cunningham  
Amy Shoults  
Nelson Shoults

## **NLPC Weekly Calendar**

### **MONDAY, February 17, 2020**

9:00 AM Honey-Doers  
10:30 AM Study Group  
6:30 PM Tone Chimes  
7:00 PM Session Meeting  
7:30 PM Choir Practice  
8:00 PM AA

### **TUESDAY, February 18, 2020**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, February 19, 2020**

7:00 PM Band Practice

### **THURSDAY, February 20, 2020**

**Newsletter Deadline**

11:00 AM Prayer Group

### **SUNDAY, February 23, 2020**

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