

New Life Presbyterian Church

October 9, 2011

- Celebrate God all day, every day.

I mean, revel in God!

- Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their side, working with them and not against them.

- Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises displace worries and shape them into prayers.

- Fill your mind on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—

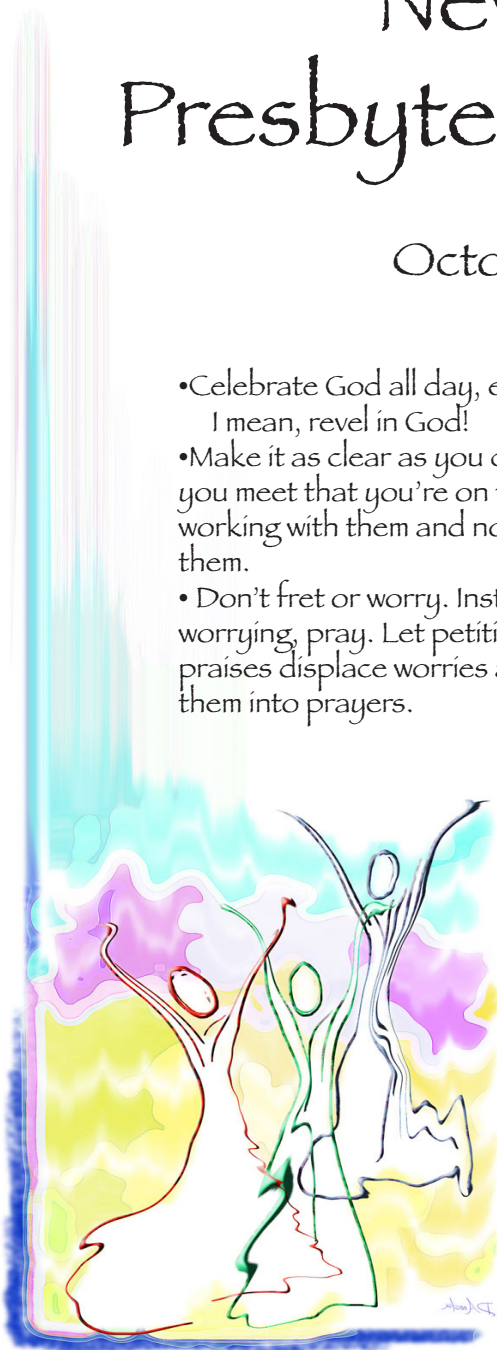
 - *the best, not the worst;

 - *the beautiful, not the ugly;

 - *things to praise,
not things to curse.

- Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will calm you.

It's wonderful what happens when harmony
displaces worry
at the center of your life.



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Season of Commitment

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† Please stand if you are able,  
SF - Sing the Faith, PH - Presbyterian Hymnal

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The chimes call us to the tables for worship.

~Prelude ~

As the music begins
let us step away from the everyday and move into a place of worship.
Let us prepare our hearts,
forgive our neighbors,
open our ears to God's call to us this day.

Grace and Peace to you in Jesus' name, Welcome!

Gathering

† Gathering Hymn

"Gather Us In"

SF 2236

Sharing the Joys and Concerns of the Community, Introductions

The chimes signal a time of silence in order to center ourselves for worship.

We kindle the first light.
*It is our custom at New Life to light the votive candles on the Communion table
as we sing hymns, pass the peace of Christ, and offer prayers of the people.
Please come forward at any of these times.*

Call to Worship

One: You call us to climb the mountain;

All: We can with your help.

One: You call us to help our neighbor;

All: We will with great joy.

One: You call us to be faithful now;

All: You teach us to wait.

One: We offer to you

All: All that we are, All that we are, All that we are!

† Hymn

“Lord, When I Came Into This Life”

PH 522

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Dear God, we accept that you know our hearts,
that your love covers over us always and yet we often choose fear.
We fear change, we fear others, we fear poverty, we fear so many things.
We recognize that you abide in change, you abide in others,
you abide in poverty, you are always present.
Turn us that we may see the transforming love you bring into this world
that washes away fear.
We change to be more like those you’ve created us to be,
we reach out to others touching you, we see your face in the poor
and know with you we have everything we may ever need.
Accept our confession, make us new.**

Assurance of Pardon

God is great; God is Good; God has made us new.

In the presence of the Creator we are forgiven.

† Response Hymn

“Halle Halle Halleluja”

SF 2026

Hearing the Word

Old Testament Lesson:

Exodus 32: 1-14

NL Choral Ensemble

Directed by Matalie Wham

“If I Had a Hammer”

A time with the children

Children leave for Sunday Circle.

† Sharing the Peace of God

To our guests and first time visitors today: During the sharing of the Peace it is our custom to move around and greet one another. Please join us.

† Hymn

“Come, Great God of Every Blessing”

PH 132

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 22: 1-14

Sermon

Rev. Bobbie G. McGarey

“Impatient Celebration” (aka: Let’s Just Skip This One)

A Time of Silence

Sung Preparation for Prayer (seated) “Come and find the Quiet Center”

SF 2128

The Chimes Signal the Prayers of the People

*As we offer our prayers of petition and of thanks, the people respond,
“God, you hear our prayers,” or “God, we thank you.”*

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus

*We pray this prayer inviting each of you to pray it in the version closest to your heart.
Even as we pray, we listen to the rich diversity here.*

Sharing Our Bounty

Offering

Improvisational Music by Matalie Wham

The specially marked envelopes are for Peacemaking/World Communion Offering.

† Doxology

Copies on Tables

† Prayer of Dedication

I am yours, Creator God.
Receive what we return to you of heart and hand,
and may Your Kingdom Come.

Going Out

† Sending Hymn

“Lord, When I Came Into This Life”

PH 522

† Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Confirmation Class today at 4:30
Session for October at 12:20 today*

*Join us immediately after worship as we prepare the Random Sacks of Kindness
for distribution today.*

“If I Had a Hammer”

1. If I had a hammer, I'd hammer in the morning;
I'd hammer in the evening, all over this land.
I'd hammer out danger; I'd hammer out a warning;
I'd hammer out love between my brothers and my sisters
all over this land.
2. If I had a bell, I'd ring it ...
3. If I had a song, I'd sing it...
4. Now I have a hammer and I have a bell
and I have a song to sing all over this land.
It's a hammer of justice; it's a bell of freedom;
it's a song about love between my brothers and my sisters
all over this land.

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This morning's service was prepared by Bobbie McGarey and the Worship Committee.  
“If I Had a Hammer” words and music by Lee Hays and Pete Seeger, arr. Norman  
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Welcome to New Life Community Presbyterian Church, a welcoming family of believers and seekers from diverse spiritual backgrounds, striving to be a cooperative and mutually respectful community in which to pursue our individual and community relationship with God.

We carry out God's mission for New Life as a joyful, sensitive faith community modeled on the inclusive and healing love of Jesus Christ. We reflect Christ's love to all who come through our doors, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, age, race or economic status. We extend this ethic to our pastor, elders and deacons.

- We are open to freedom of interpretation of Scripture, believing that truth is also found in our experiences of God in our individual and communal lives.

- We practice freedom of expression in worship, inviting participation from the whole congregation.

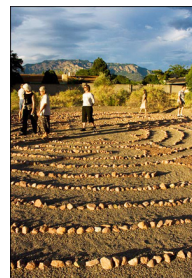
- We worship at round tables to signify inclusivity, connection and equality.

- As part of our ministry to explore and deepen our individual and collective spirituality, we host an ancient form of walking meditation called the labyrinth.

- We reach out to the community at large through our ongoing participation with Project Share, Habitat for Humanity, the Martineztown House of Neighborly Services, and other projects.

NEW LIFE is home to two labyrinths, tools for walking prayer and meditation, that date back to the 12th century pattern found in Chartres Cathedral in France. Our indoor canvas labyrinth is used for meditative services throughout the year. The outdoor labyrinth is open from dawn to dusk daily year-round.

Every Sunday evening, a contemplative Taizé service from 6:30 - 7:15 is held at New Life. On the last Sunday evening of each month we hold a shorter Taizé service with a labyrinth walk following. The Labyrinth walks will be held outside, weather permitting. In 'uncooperative' weather and on special occasions, we will have the walk on the indoor labyrinth.



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The New Life Session ordinarily meets on the second Sunday of each month after worship and Random Sacks of Kindness.
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Taizé service and Labyrinth walk ~ the last Sunday of each month