

New Life Presbyterian Church

September 4, 2011
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

"For where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I in the midst of them."

Matthew 18: 20



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† Please stand if you are able,

BOJ - Book of Joy, SF - Sing the Faith, PH - Presbyterian Hymnal

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The chimes call us to the tables for worship.

In The Season of Acceptance.

One of the Seven Keys to the Kingdom

Prelude

Grace and Peace to you now and always

Gathering

† Gathering Hymn

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

PH 358

Sharing the Joys and Concerns of the Community

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: Come together; worship God.

All: Put aside those things which distract.

One: Come together; pray and sing

All: That God’s love may be proclaimed.

One: Come to the table; all are welcome.

All: God knows us completely and loves us fiercely!

Let us worship God.

† Hymn

“Lord, When I Came Into This Life”

PH 522

Invitation to transformation
Prayer of transformation

Assurance of pardon.

Hear the good news!
God's mercy is poured out like a mighty river;
 grace flows like a never-ending stream.
Believe the gospel, and give thanks!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Hearing the Word

A responsive reading from the Psalms.

Psalm 119:33-40 from *The Message*

One: God, teach me lessons for living
 so I can stay the course.

Women: Give me insight so I can do what you tell me—
 my whole life one long, obedient response.

Men: Guide me down the road of your commandments;
 I love traveling this freeway!

**All: Give me a bent for your words of wisdom,
 and not for piling up loot.**

Women: Divert my eyes from toys and trinkets,
 invigorate me on the pilgrim way.

Men: Affirm your promises to me—
 promises made to all who fear you.

**All: Deflect the harsh words of my critic
 but what you say is always so good.
See how hungry I am for your counsel;
 preserve my life through your righteous ways!
The Word of God, Thanks be to God.**

NL Choral Ensemble

Wilma Turco, Director

“If You Believe and I Believe” English folk melody
Arr. John Bell, WGRG Iona Community.

*If you believe and I believe and we pray together,
the Holy Spirit shall come down and set God's people free.*

A time with the children

Children leave for Sunday Circle.

† Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

“Holy, Holy”

PH 140

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:18-20

Sermon: “A Quorum Necessary”

Rev. Bobbie G. McGarey

A silence is kept.

Sharing the Eucharist

Hymn Preparation

“Come and Find the Quiet Center”
(remain seated)

SF 2128

The Sacrament of Communion.

All who believe in Jesus Christ are invited to share in the meal that Jesus has prepared for us. This week we will receive the elements of bread and the cup by intinction. Please come forward, take the bread broken for you, and dip it into the cup. If you are unable to come forward we will serve you at the table.

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: Satisfy us with your love in the morning

All: and we will live this day in joy and peace.

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Gifts of God for the People of God

Jesus Christ the bread of heaven.

Jesus Christ the cup of salvation.

Prayer following Communion

Invitation to Discipleship

If you need a community to belong to,
if you are thirsty for the word of life,
and want to live as a disciple of Jesus,
join us in his ministry and mission.
We need you, we welcome you.

Invitation to the offering

Music by Wilma Turco

† Doxology

Copies on Tables

† Unison Prayer of Dedication

All that we have is yours, O God.
Please receive these gifts that we return to you of heart and hand
and bless them to a holy use.

Going Out

† Sending Hymn

“O for a World”

PH 386

† Charge and Benediction
Postlude

For the community...

An Inquires Class for adults is being formed to begin in the next few weeks to explore what the Presbyterian Church is all about and what membership in New Life PCUSA entails. Come and learn and then decide. Please speak to Pastor Bobbie after the service or give her a call during the week. Her number is 918-0240. There are 3x5 cards on the tables if you would like to leave your name and number and the memo, “Membership.” We will contact you.

A Youth Confirmation Class is being formed to begin in the next few weeks. If you are interested to join with others exploring the faith and church membership. We are planning meetings for times most convenient for all.

The Women’s Bible Study this year is on the Beatitudes. Please see Nancy Hughes or Pastor Bobbie for more details.



This morning’s service was prepared by Bobbie McGarey and the Worship Committee.

Resources: “If You Believe and I Believe” English folk melody

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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.

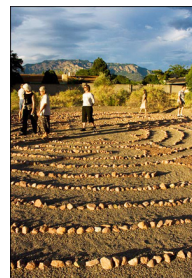
- We worship at round tables to signify inclusivity, connection and equality.

- 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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Please call Bobbie if these times are not convenient for you.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND PIANIST - MATALIE WHAM
SECRETARY & WEB WEAVER - DIDI ACOSTA

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