New Presbyterian Church

Sunday | April 14, 2013 | 11:00 a.m.

I will give you a new heart, 
and a new spirit 
I will put within you. 
Ezekiel 36:26
Order of Worship
The Lord’s Day ✡ April 14, 2013 ✡ 11:00 a.m.

Rev. James R. Carter, Senior Pastor

Scripture for Silent Meditation
Lamentations 3:22-26 (ESV)
The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

Prelude
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Dr. John L. Wilson, Organ
arr. Diane Bish

Tolling of the Carillon

Introit
Awake, Arise!
Hughes Huffman

Call to Worship
Rev. James R. Carter

† Hymn of Adoration
Soldiers of Christ, Arise
No. 478

† Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer (spoken)
Our Father, which 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.

Prayer Response
Amen
Bish

Ministry of Music
Zion’s Walls
Revivalist Song; arr. Aaron Copland
John Kinch, Soloist
Come fathers and mothers, come sisters and brothers, join us in singing the praises of Zion. O fathers don’t you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion. We’ll shout and go round the walls of Zion!
† **Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic (universal) church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

† **Reading of The Scriptures**

James 1:9-12 (ESV)

*Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits. Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.*

**Pastor:** The grass withers, the flower fades, Isaiah 40:8 (ESV)

**Congregation:** but the word of our God will stand forever.

**Pastoral Prayer**

Dr. Jerry T. Newcombe

**Prayer Response**

Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer

Felix Mendelssohn

**Hymn of Preparation**

What Wondrous Love Is This? No. 177

† **Time of Friendship**

**Announcements**

**Offertory Prayer and Offertory**

Peace Like a River

Traditional American Spiritual; arr. Mack Wilberg

Sanctuary Choir; Dr. John L. Wilson Director & Organist

*I’ve got peace like a river in my soul; I’ve got faith like a river in my soul; I’ve got hope like a river in my soul; I’ve got love like a river in my soul!*

† **Doxology**

No. 625
**Sermon**

THE CROWN OF LIFE

Rev. James R. Carter

† **Hymn of Response**

Nearer, My God, to Thee

No. 393

† **Benediction**

† **Benediction Response**

Go Ye Now in Peace

Joyce Eilers

Go ye now in peace and know that the love of God will guide you; feel His presence here beside you showing you the way. In your time of trouble, when hurt and despair are there to grieve you, know that the Lord will never leave you, He will bring you courage. Know that the God who sent His Son to die that you might live will never leave you lost and alone in His beloved world! Go ye now in peace.

**Postlude**

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (from *Solomon*)

G. F. Handel

† Those who are able, please stand.

Following the worship service, a time of fellowship and refreshments will be held in the cafeteria.
Evening Worship Service • 6:30 p.m.
NPC South Campus: 512 Northeast 26th Street, Wilton Manors
**Mission & Vision Statements**

**Vision Statement** - New Presbyterian Church desires to be a congregation that impacts and influences the community and culture for the glory of God. We strive to foster an environment of grace, and work to deepen relationships of trust, in which there is genuine fellowship, which is defined by a spirit of acceptance, affirmation and accountability.

**Mission Statement** - The mission of NPC is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to equip every member to faithfully serve and obey His commands. Our goal is to joyfully and practically live out our calling to “glorify God and enjoy Him forever.” The application of our mission is defined by our Four Pillars: Reverent Worship, Evangelism, Biblical World & Life View, and Reformed Theology.

**Announcements**

**Messages To Go:** CDs and DVDs of services, are available in the lobby Welcome Center, immediately following the worship service. They are useful not only for personal growth, but also as an outreach tool for inviting visitors.

**For your contributions,** please make checks payable to *New Presbyterian Church* (include any special designations on the memo line). You may also contribute via credit card or check online. [www.newpres.org](http://www.newpres.org). If you wish for cash contributions to appear on your giving statement, envelopes are available in the Welcome Center.

**Spring New Members Class** is being held on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. If you would like more information, or would like to join the class, please note your interest on the registration form in the bulletin.

**Thursday Night Dinner & Classes** - Dinner is served from 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. with classes at 6:30 p.m. Please make dinner reservations on the registration form in this bulletin. It is critical that we have an accurate count so that we do not waste food. The cost is $5 per person, $20 max per family.

**Communicants Class** - Meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. during Sunday School. The class is for children ages 12 and above, and will teach the Westminster Shorter Catechism with related material. The class will prepare our covenant children to become members of our congregation as we train them in the doctrines of our faith. The class will meet in a 2nd floor classroom.

**Annual Congregational Meeting** - April, 28 following the morning worship service. The congregation will be voting on elders, deacons and trustees. The list of nominees will be forthcoming.

**American Cancer Walk** - April 19, 5:30 p.m., Jaco Pastorius Park 1098 NE 40th Court The American Cancer Society's relay for Life raises awareness through participation, and is also an opportunity for NPC to share the love of Christ with the community. Please see Sophia Papadopoulos for more information.

**Meal Ministry Fellowship** – All who are active in or would like to join the Meal Ministry of NPC are invited to a time of fellowship on Saturday, May 4th, 2013 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at the home of Suzi Lapere. Brunch will be served. We welcome new members. Come hear how the Lord is using this ministry to bless our church family. For address and directions please RSVP to Bonnie St John at 954-254-5365 by Monday April 29.

**A Line Item Budget** handout has been prepared by your deacons and is now available in the Welcome Center.

**Pastoral Care**

**Prayer Requests & Praise Reports** are available at the Welcome Center. For prayer requests please contact Fran Buit at the Ministry Center or fbuit@newpres.org.

**For Pastoral Care** please contact Fran Buit at the Ministry Center. For after hours emergencies call 954.294.9239.
Prime Timers (55 plus)

Next Program: Mark your calendars to attend the Prime Timers luncheon/meeting at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday May 14 at the Ministry Center. Devotions by Jim and Terri Carter. Program by Pete Bigelsen, a 33 year police vet who will share how seniors can better protect themselves. Lunch ($6) reservations needed by May 10.

College & Career / Young Adults

@ NPC Connect meets on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. for fellowship and Bible study at Panera Bread Company (5975 North Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale). For more information please contact David Mallory (954.562.4329). Be sure to "like" NPC College/Career "Connect" Facebook page.

Vacation Bible School

Colossal Coaster World - Facing Fear, Trusting God.
2 Timothy 1:7, July 15 to 19, 9:00 am to 11:30 a.m. at the NPC South Campus (Covenant). We are looking for volunteers to help with the various duties. Please see the registration form.

Birth Announcements

To notify the NPC congregation of a birth in the family, please contact Fran Buit (fbuit@newpres.org).

Help us outfit the bride of Christ in Washington D.C. with a Virtual House Warming!

Evangelism Explosion International is pleased to announce The D. James Kennedy Center for Christian Statesmanship has a new, permanent home at 402 New Jersey Avenue, S.E. in Washington D.C. It will also house the new D. James Kennedy Library on Capitol Hill. The Center reaches out to our nation’s leaders with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the Library will help our elected officials to articulate a biblical worldview in the halls of Congress.

To help us equip and decorate this beautiful row home for ministry, please use one of our house warming gift registries at Target, Bed Bath and Beyond, or Macy’s. You can either go online or visit one of the stores and have them help you buy and send something for the house. Your receipt is a tax-deductable donation to the ministry.

Visit: evangelismexplosion.org/ccshousewarming
Rejoice Yard Sale - Rejoice will be hosting a yard sale at the NPC South Campus (Covenant) on April 27 from 7:00 a.m. to Noon! Please call Lisa Wilson (954.232.5483) if you would be interested in helping or bringing a donation to the Rejoice School at 512 NE 26th Street, Wilton Manors. All proceeds will go to help our school! Thank you!

Gold & Silver Fund-Raiser - If you would like to help a well deserving student during these difficult economic times, consider donating unused gold and silver. Donations of any broken or unused gold and silver jewelry, flatware, dental gold or coins are accepted. You may be surprised by just how much your donation could help a talented student! Please place any donated items in a bag with your name and address and drop them off at the NPC South Campus or the Ministry Center. If you have any questions, please give Lisa Wilson a call at 954.232.5483 (cell). All donations are tax deductible.

Rejoice School of the Arts

Sunday School EE - Beginning Sunday, March 24 at 9:30 a.m. The class is led by experienced trainers David Mallory and Beverly Chubb. The class taught in a 2nd floor classroom.

Spring Semester EE
♦ Monday Morning - Beginning March 18, 9:30 a.m. to noon, at the Ministry Center. Gladys Israels teaches Level 1 and Betty Francis teaches Level 2.
♦ Thursday Evening - Beginning March 21 at the South Campus. Dinner is served between 5:00 and 6:15 p.m. The class begins at 6:30 p.m. Level 1 (new trainees) and Level 2 (experienced presenters) will be taught over a 13 week period. Classic EE as taught by Dr. D. James Kennedy is being used. The teachers are Jennifer Kennedy Cassidy (Level 1) and Betty Francis (Level 2).

Music Ministry

Youth Handbell Choir - (Grades 5-12), Lisa Wilson, Director, beginning Thursday, March 14, 4:45 p.m. at the South Campus. Questions? Please call 954.232.5483.

Bright New Wings
CHRIST’S AMBASSADORS YOUTH CHOIR
John & Lisa Wilson, Directors
Richard Briggs, Stage Director
Sunday, May 5 at 2 p.m.
Admission is free
Pompano Beach High School
600 NE 13th Ave. Pompano
A Dramatic Musical about the Disciples
The Sin of Sloth
by Dr. Jerry T. Newcombe

In our Sunday school class, we've been finishing up a look at "the Seven Deadly Sins," which are Pride, Greed, Envy, Anger, Lust, Gluttony, and Sloth. This study has been based on an old book my wife and I wrote on temptation, in the light of those sins. We don't think of Sloth or Laziness as a sin per se. But surely it is. Leonardo da Vinci once said, "God sells us all things at the price of labor." Sadly, today, millions are choosing to live off of the labor of others without even thinking about it. (Of course, if someone is disabled and unable to work, that is a different matter.)

Did you ever hear about the patient who went for a very thorough examination by a doctor? The patient said that he wanted the doctor to be frank about what was wrong with him. The doctor asked him if he was quite sure about this. The patient replied in the affirmative. "Well," said the doctor, "There isn't a thing in the world wrong with you, except that you are just plain lazy." The patient answered, "Okay, doc. Now give me the medical term for it so I can tell my wife."

God created work before the fall. Work is good. Since the fall, the earth is under a curse, and we experience that curse in one way or another each day. God declared to Adam in judgment: "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food" (Gen 3:17-19). Ecclesiastes describes a bleak picture of man's daily existence as he toils every day under the sun in order to enjoy for a moment fleeting pleasures.

The Greeks and the Romans used their slaves to do their hard work. In ancient Greece, about 75 percent of the population was slaves. In Rome, it was about half. Meanwhile, Larry Burkett points out: "The Greeks degraded into a nation of idle talkers who were easily overrun by the Romans." We get a taste of that in Acts 17, when Paul spoke before the Areopagus: "For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear something new" (Acts 17:21). Thus, the condemnation of sloth as a sin fits with the Judeo-Christian view but not necessarily other traditions. As the late Dr. D. James Kennedy once pointed out, when Jesus worked as a carpenter, He dignified labor.

Today, employers are often complaining that one of the greatest difficulties they face is workplace theft. Not so much stealing pencils or paper clips, but rather time. One study written up years ago found that time theft by employees "cost companies more than all other crimes, including pilfering, insurance fraud, kickbacks, and embezzlement."

In one study, they found 33 percent of American workers have confessed to researchers that they have phoned in sick—when they really weren't. All of these are symptoms of the sin of sloth.

I think it's interesting to note that the Bible gave an apt description—more than 3,000 years ago—of the slothful employee and the impact he has on his boss. Solomon wrote: "As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, so is a sluggard to those who send him" (Proverbs 10:26). The Book of Proverbs has much to say about sloth and diligence:

♦ "Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth. He who gathers crops in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son." (Proverbs 10:4-5)
♦ "Diligent hands will rule, but laziness ends in slave labor." (Proverbs 12:24)
♦ "The sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied" (Proverbs 13:4).
♦ "The plans of the diligent leads to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty" (Proverbs 21:5).

There is a great deal of spiritual sloth today. How many of us intend to spend time in God's Word and in prayer, but never really get around to it? Growth of any kind, spiritual or otherwise, is not instant. Maturity does not occur overnight. In their classic song "Instant Breakfast," Christian singers Wendy and Mary mention how so much of our culture is quick, fast, and convenient. We then expect our growth in Christ to be the same, but it isn't: "Instant Christian, changed overnight. Anything easy. Because that's what we like. Help me grow, Lord, show me how. Give me patience: I want it now."

A lay evangelist Howard E. Butt, Jr. once told a church audience that too many churchgoers tend to regard sermon-listening as an end in itself. At New York Avenue Presbyterian Church (in Washington, DC) where Rev. Peter Marshall, former chaplain to the Senate used to serve, Butt labeled sermon-listening as an "escape." He said: "God wants transformation from listening into living."

In contrast to spiritual sloth, consider the example of one of the greatest missionaries of all time—the legendary David Livingstone. He plodded along into the interior or unchartered territory in Africa for the gospel's sake. Here's what he wrote in his diary: "I place no value on anything I have or may possess, except in relation to the kingdom of Christ. If anything will advance the interests of the kingdom, it shall be given away or kept, only as by giving or keeping it I shall promote the glory of Him to whom I owe all my hopes in time and eternity."

May God grant us the grace to desire to seek Him more diligently and obey Him more fully—and not haphazardly, as our natural tendency toward sloth might incline us.
Calendar

Today

8:45 a.m.  Children's Choir Rehearsal...... Band Room
9:30 a.m.  Nursery ..........................Portable Classrooms
9:30 a.m.  Kindergarten to Middle School
          K-Junior High .....................Second Floor Rooms
          “High School Plus” ..............Band Room
Adult Sunday School
Dr. Jerry Newcombe: Christ & Culture....Library
R. C. Sproul Video Series................ ROTC Rm
Evangelism Explosion......Second Floor Room
11:00 a.m. Worship Service ...............Gym
3:45 p.m.  Youth Choir Rehearsal...... South Campus
6:30 p.m.  Sunday Evening Service .... South Campus

This Week

Monday
9:30 a.m.  Evangelism Explosion..........Ministry Cntr

Wednesday
5:30 p.m.  Bells of Praise Rehearsal.....Ministry Cntr
6:30 p.m.  Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ......Ministry Cntr
7:00 p.m.  Youth Group....................Ministry Cntr

Thursday
5:00 p.m.  Dinner (served until 6:15) ... South Campus
6:30 p.m.  Classes............................South Campus
6:30 p.m.  Evangelism Explosion..........South Campus

Friday
11:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry .........Ministry Cntr

Saturday
3:00 p.m.  Sanctuary Set-Up ..............PBHS

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Registration
April 14, 2013
Fill in names and any new/changed information.
Tear off and place in the offering plate.

Name

- Member  - Regular Attendee  - Visitor

Street

City

State Zip

Home Phone

E-mail

Birthdays (m/d/year)

Anniversary (m/d/year)

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Event Sign-Up

- Thursday Night Dinner
  Number attending:____

- New Members Class - I would like more information

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Vacation Bible School Volunteerr - July 15 - 19

- Teacher
- Teacher's aide
- Worship aides
- Food
- Games
- Crafts
Prayer Requests
Praise Reports

☐ Confidential

I would like to be contacted by a:
☐ Pastor ☐ Elder ☐ Deacon

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