



NEW LIFE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

Welcome to New Life Presbyterian Church

Dear Visitor,

Welcome! It is a joy and privilege to gather this morning to worship God together. Here at New Life, we are a small part of the worldwide, multi-ethnic, multi-generational, multi-cultural body of Christ. Although we are Presbyterian and Reformed, our identity is found not in what makes us distinct, but in what makes us united: we belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. He is not only our Maker; He is our Savior. If you have put your hope and trust in Him, we welcome you as a brother or sister. It is in Him that we have New Life!

If you are here this morning and do not know what you think about Jesus, or about the claims of the Bible, we are delighted that you have chosen to join us for the morning. We hope and trust that you will experience a warm welcome, regardless of your religious convictions. We are a community of those who have experienced the embrace of God, through Jesus Christ. It is our goal to show that love to all who are around us. Please know that I personally would welcome your thoughts and perspectives on anything you observe this morning.

May the grace and peace of Christ be with you all!

Joyfully,



Pastor Erik Swanson

P.S. Due to COVID 19 concerns, for the time being there is no nursery. When it is wise and practical, we will resume our nursery. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to worship. Even as children and parents may need to use the backspace of the sanctuary to move around, the church rejoices in the blessing that families are!

Worshiping God

August 16, 2020

Reflection:

“My Lord and my God!” – The Apostle Thomas, speaking to Jesus

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Joe Heidler

Call to Worship – Deuteronomy 6:4-6

⁴“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

Prayer of Praise

COME CHRISTIANS JOIN TO SING

Words by Christian Bateman
Traditional Spanish Melody

G C G G C Dsus D G
 1. Come Chris-tians join to sing, Al-le-lu-ia! A-men.
 2. Come lift your hearts on high, Al-le-lu-ia! A-men.
 3. Praise yet our Christ a-gain, Al-le-lu-ia! A-men.

5 G C G G C Dsus D G
 Loud praise to Christ our King, Al-le-lu-ia! A-men.
 Let prais-es fill the sky, Al-le-lu-ia! A-men.
 Life shall not end the strain, Al-le-lu-ia! A-men.

9 G C D G C D
 Let all with heart and voice, Be-fore His throne re-joice.
 He is our Guide and Friend, To us He'll con-de-scend.
 On heav-en's bliss-ful shore, His good-ness we'll a-dore.

13 G C G G C Dsus D G
 Praise is His gra-cious choice, Al-le-lu-ia! A-men.
 His love shall ne-ver end, Al-le-lu-ia! A-men.
 Sing-ing for-ev-er more, Al-le-lu-ia! A-men.

Confession of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

OT Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-6

Joe

Heidler

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, Lord most gracious. Rebuke us not in your anger, nor chasten us in your wrath. Holy you have called us to come to you. We feel unworthy, for we have failed you again and again. We feel like running away, yet you keep calling us. Have mercy on us, O God. Have mercy. Holy God, Father most gracious. Rebuke us not in your anger, nor chasten us in your wrath. Heal us from our sin, for we are troubled. Deliver us for the sake of your steadfast love. Our sins trouble us, O God. We are troubled by how they have hurt others. We are troubled by how they have hurt us. Your ways are right. O righteous God. And whenever we have refused to follow them we have found out how right they are. Have mercy on us, O God. Holy God, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us for the sake of your Son, who died to free us from our sins. To you be honor and glory. Amen.

Assurance of Grace – Psalm 37:39-40

Leader: ³⁹The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their stronghold in the time of trouble. ⁴⁰The Lord helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Words and Music by
Stuart Townend

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E F#m E/G# A E/G# E/B B

1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas - ure that
2. Be- hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
3. I will not boast in an - y-thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But

3 E F#m E/G# A E/G# B E

He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How
-shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

5 F#m E/G# A E/G# C#m B

great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But

7 E F#m E/G# A E/G# B

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo -
dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin -
this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran -

9 1, 2. E A/C# E/B E A² 3. E

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Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment

Offering Our Gifts

The offering allows friends and members of our church to express their faith in God's Word, and to support the extension of that Word in our community and world.

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Amen.

Scripture Reading – 1 John 4:1-6

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Sermon: Confess that Jesus is the Son and Savior
Swanson

Rev. Erik

Series: Assurance of Salvation

Sermon Notes

Celebration of Holy Communion

New Life Church invites all baptized Christians who are members of Christ's church to join us in this feast of bread and wine. The inner circle of cups contains red wine and the outer circle of cups contains white grape juice. If you are unable to consume wheat, gluten free crackers are available.

Prayer

Words of Institution – From I Corinthians 11

Leader: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith.

**All: Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

Communing Together

Allowing space for other family units, please come up front to take communion. After you have been served the bread and wine, please partake and dispose of the communion cup prior to returning to your seat. Use the extra time during communion as a time to practice prayer and reflection.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

D G D G Em D G D⁷ G D

1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease;
 4 He breaks the power of can-celed sin, he sets the pis-oner free;
 5 He speaks, and, lis-tening to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;

G C G/D D⁷ G

the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace!
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
 'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 his blood can make the foul-est clean; his blood a-vails for me.
 the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice; the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

6 Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,
 your loosened tongues employ;
 you blind, behold your Savior come;
 and leap, you lame, for joy!

7 To God all glory, praise, and love
 be now and ever given
 by saints below and saints above,
 the church in earth and heaven.

Benediction – Hebrews 13:20-21

Leader: ²⁰Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Sending

Leader: *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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This Week at New Life

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun, 8/16	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
Sun, 8/16	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Wed, 8/19	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Thur, 8/20	8:00 PM	College and Career Ages Meeting	Homes via Zoom
Sat, 8/22	6:30 PM	Youth Volleyball, Nukem, and Ice Cream	New Life
Sun, 8/23	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
Sun, 8/23	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun, 8/23	3:00 PM	Ultimate Frisbee	York Township Park

Church Financial Summary (giving through August 2)

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$124,000.00	\$121,562.03
Last Week	\$4,000.00	\$5,992.00

Announcements

- **Youth and Adult Outdoor Movie Night:** On Friday, August 28th, at 7:30 (Rain Date Aug. 29th), please invite family and friends to join you in watching “Hidden Figures.” Bring your own lawn chair. Invitational postcards are available.
- **Children and Families Outdoor Movie Night:** On Friday, September 18th, at 7:00 PM (Rain Date Sept. 19th), please invite family and friends to join you in watching Pixar’s “Up.” Bring your own lawn chair. Invitational postcards are available.
- **SILVERS Event:** A Brown Bag Luncheon is scheduled for August 30 in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service. Please bring your own brown bag lunch. Drinks will be provided or feel free to bring your own. Following lunch, there will be fun and fellowship you do not want to miss! All older adults (married, single, or married to an older adult) are welcome to join us. Please sign up at the communications table.
- **Summer Youth Event:** Volleyball, Nukem (a game similar to volleyball that takes less volleyball skills for people to play), and ice cream sundaes on Saturday, August 22 at New Life from 6:30-8:00 PM. Ice cream will be provided but please bring a topping to share. August 29th rain date.
- **Summer Book Club:** At the end of August we will be discussing, "Leaving Buddha", by Tenzin Lakhpa. Books are available at amazon for \$9.99-kindle version, or for \$10.99 paperback at both Amazon.com and Christianbook.com. Feel free to invite a friend.
- **Worship Service Options:** All are invited to attend in person. New Life is also offering (for the time being) an 8:00-8:45 AM outdoor service, weather permitting. The service will be live streamed via YouTube on the church website home page. Click the livestream button. PDF's of the bulletin will be available for download. They may be found under the sermons tab. Click on the title that lists that service date, and the bulletin is there as a download. The complete

service will be available on the church website, under the sermons tab, as well as on the church Facebook page. A CD will be burned and distributed to those who request it.

Ongoing Groups for Fellowship and Growth

- ***Christian Education:*** Adult Sunday School Class will take place in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am.
- ***Wednesday Morning Bible Study:*** Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- ***Thursday Morning “Mom’s Group” Bible Study:*** Contact Joy Swanson for more information.
- ***Men’s Group:*** Contact Rob Rothermel for more information.
- ***Women’s Bible Study:*** Resuming in the fall. Contact Marlene Spark for more information.
- ***Youth Group:*** Please contact the church office for more information.
- ***Second Sunday Lunch:*** Postponed
- ***Prayer Small Group:*** Contact Sue Rothermel for more details.
- ***Bible Study Fellowship (BSF):*** Summer recess. Resuming in September with a study of Genesis.

New Life Presbyterian Church Vision, Mission, and Core Values

Vision: *To see York and beyond embrace God's beauty and extend God's love.*

Mission: *To receive the grace of God, to give the glory to God, and to follow the Word of God.*

Core Values:

- **His Voice:** While God speaks through creation, God speaks directly in the Word of God. Therefore, we receive and obey God's Word.
- **His Plan:** Because God is love, God is on a mission to save. We seek to follow Him in His mission.
- **His Grace:** The good news for sinners is that Jesus saves, by grace. Through faith we believe in Christ and grow in Christ.
- **His Power:** Only God has power to save and sustain His people. We depend on the Holy Spirit.
- **His People:** In Christ, the church is made one. In the midst of both unity and diversity, we must love one another.
- **His Gifts:** Creation, redemption, and the ability to serve are all gifts from God. The entire church should be equipped and empowered to serve gratefully.
- **His Timing:** All things are in God's hands. Therefore, we trust in His ways.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.newlifeyorkpca.com/about-us.html>

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