



**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 30, 2020

## Reflections:

*"God will not have the forced obedience of men, but wishes their service to be free and spontaneous." - John Calvin*

*"You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving." - Amy Carmichael*

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

*Joe Heidler*

## Call to Worship – Isaiah 45:20-24

*Minister:       <sup>20</sup>"Gather together and come; assemble, you fugitives from the nations. Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood, who pray to gods that cannot save. <sup>21</sup>Declare what is to be, present it- let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the Lord? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me. <sup>22</sup>Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. <sup>23</sup>By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear. <sup>24</sup>They will say of me 'In the Lord alone are righteousness and strength.'" All who have raged against him will come to him and be put to shame.*

**People:       In the LORD alone are righteousness and strength!**

## Prayer of Praise

# O Praise the Name (Anástasis)

## **Verse 1**

I cast my mind to Calvary,  
Where Jesus bled and died for me.  
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet,  
My Saviour on that cursed tree.

## **Verse 2**

His body bound and drenched in tears,  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone,  
Messiah still and all alone.

## **Chorus**

O praise the Name of the Lord our God,  
O praise His Name forevermore.  
For endless days we will sing Your praise,  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

## **Verse 3**

Then on the third at break of dawn,  
The Son of heaven rose again.  
O trampled death where is your sting,  
The angels roar for Christ the King.

## **Verse 4**

He shall return in robes of white,  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night.  
And I will rise among the saints,  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.

**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: Psalm 122**

*Blaine Marsh*

*Reader: This is the word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Holy God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not always bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by holiness and love. In your mercy, forgive us and raise us up to a deeper experience of the Lordship of Christ. In your great power, show forth your glory in every area of our lives that we may be worthy of our calling to be your royal Sons and Daughters. Amen.**

**Assurance of Grace – Psalm 86:4-7**

*Leader:* <sup>4</sup>Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.  
<sup>5</sup>For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you. <sup>6</sup>Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. <sup>7</sup>In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.

# The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

1 The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want; he  
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain; and  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet  
 4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - ni - shed in  
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall

makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he  
 me to walk doth make with - in the paths of  
 will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,  
 pre - sence of my foes; my head thou dost with  
 sure - ly fol - low me; and in God's house for -

lea - deth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
 right - cous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
 and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.  
 oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
 e - ver - more my dwel - ling place shall be.

Text: *Scottish Psalter*, 1650; para. Psalm 23  
 Tune: Jessie S. Irvine (1836-1887);  
 arr. David Grant (1833-1893)



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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 – Matthew 22:34-40**

<sup>34</sup>But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.  
<sup>35</sup>And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” <sup>37</sup>And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup>This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

**Sermon: Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love**  
**Series: Assurance of Salvation**

*Rev. Erik Swanson*

## 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**

# O Church Arise

Words and Music by  
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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VERSE

A<sup>7sus</sup> D G/B A/C#

1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mour on; Hear the  
2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to  
3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the  
4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give

3 D/F# G A<sup>sus</sup> A D A<sup>7sus</sup> D G/B A/C#

call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that they are strong, in the  
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the wound - ed whole, we will  
Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be - neath His feet, for the  
grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle; That we may run with faith, to win the prize of a

7 D/F# G A<sup>sus</sup> A D D/F# G D/F# A D/F#

strength that God has giv - en. With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a -  
fight with faith and val - our. When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the  
Con - quer - or has ris - en. And as the stone is rolled a - way and Christ e -  
serv - ant, good and faith - ful. As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing

11 G D/F# Bm A A<sup>7sus</sup> D

-gainst the dev - il's lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle  
 out - come is se - cure. And Christ will have the prize for  
 -merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues  
 tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their calls, and hun - ger

14 G/B A/C# D/F# G A<sup>sus</sup> A D D<sup>sus</sup> D

cry is Love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
 which He died, an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.  
 till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.  
 for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

**Benediction – Hebrews 13:20-21**

*Leader:*       <sup>20</sup>Now 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, <sup>21</sup>equip 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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sun, 8/30	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
Sun, 8/30	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun, 8/30	11:30 AM	SILVERS Brown Bag Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
Sun, 8/30	6:00 PM	Summer Book Club Dinner & Discussion	Connie Kay's Home
Wed, 9/2	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Thur, 9/3	8:00 PM	College and Career Ages Meeting	Homes via Zoom
Sun, 9/6	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
Sun, 9/6	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary

### **Church Financial Summary**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date Offering</b>	\$132,000.00	\$127,951.03
<b>Last Week</b>	\$4,000.00	\$2,634.00

## Announcements

- **New Administrative Assistant:** New Life has hired Kelly Steenstra as the new Administrative Assistant. She worships at Providence. Kelly will be transitioning into her role and Megan will be transitioning out of her role over the course of the next two weeks. Thank you, Kelly, for coming on board. Thank you, Megan, for a job well done!
- **Women's Bible Study:** Are you looking for encouragement and fellowship with other women? This fall the Women's Bible Study will be looking at 1 Peter using the study guide by Jen Wilkin, 1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ, published by LifeWay. Two sessions will be held: 1. Wednesday evenings in person at the church from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm beginning September 16, 2020 to November 11, 2020. 2. Monday mornings by Zoom from 8:30 am to 9:45 am beginning September 21, 2020 to November 16, 2020. There will be a sign-up sheet at the church for either session or email Marlene Spark mjsmarlene@hotmail.com with questions. Due to the virus, please order your book on-line. The cost is \$13.99 and it is available at Christianbooks.com, Amazon, and LifeWay.
- **SILVERS Event:** A one hour tour of the York County Solid Waste and Refuse Plant is scheduled for September 10 at 2pm. Our very own Jerry Grim works there! We will carpool from New Life at 1:30pm. Please sign up at the communications table if you are (couples, singles, or younger and married to a Silvers) and are interested in joining us on the tour. Masks and close toe shoes are required. Contact Mary Brubaker 717-428-6380 with questions.
- **Bridge of Hope:** Bridge of Hope has contacted NLPC asking us to consider being a neighboring group to a single mom and her family. You can learn more about Bridge of Hope by visiting <https://york.bridgeofhopeinc.org/>. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Sue Grim.
- **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.
- **Movie Night Snack Servers Needed:** Volunteers are needed for the movie night to help set out and serve the snacks.
- **SILVERS Event:** A Brown Bag Luncheon is scheduled for today 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.
- **Summer Book Club:** Dinner and discussion will be at the home of Connie Kay tonight at 6:00 PM. Please bring a dish to share if you can, otherwise just bring yourself! Weather permitting we will be outside. Please pass this information on to anyone who read the book and would like to join us.
- **Inquirers Class:** If you are new to the church and are interested in learning more about New Life's history, mission, and beliefs, please contact Pastor Erik.
- **Church Wide Picnic:** On Sunday, Sept. 13th, bring your own picnic dinner and meet at Rocky Ridge (the first parking lot on the left) at 5:00 PM.
- **Camping Trip:** Interested in going camping with others from New Life? Mark your calendar for Sept. 25-27th. A group from New Life will be camping at Codorus state park. Contact Pastor Erik for details.
- **Church Directory Updates:** Please look over and make any necessary updates or corrections to the September Church Directory draft located on the communications table. Thank you!

## 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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