



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!

Worshipping God

August 9, 2020

Reflection:

“It is easier to be enthusiastic about Humanity with a capital “H” than it is to love individual men and women, especially those who are uninteresting, exasperating, depraved, or otherwise unattractive. Loving everybody in general may be an excuse for loving nobody in particular.” – C.S. Lewis

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Joe Heidler

Call to Worship – Psalm 103

*Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,*

**People: who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s...**

*Minister: Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!*

People: Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

Minister: Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Prayer of Praise

10,000 Reasons

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Tag

Worship Your holy name,
Lord I'll worship Your holy name.

Ending

Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.
Worship Your holy name.
Worship Your holy name.

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.

NT Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-12

Wayne Blanding

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God, and we fall short of being a credible witness to you. For these things we ask your forgiveness, and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to you in our world. Remind us to be who you would have us to be, regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Keep us close to you and build our relationship with you. This we ask, in Jesus' name, 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 Firm a Foundation

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed,
3. "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
4. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
My grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply:
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can He say than to you He hath said,
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
Up - held by My right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
Thy dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.
I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"

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 3:9-24*

⁹No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. ¹⁰By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. ¹¹For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. ¹²We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. ¹³Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. ¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Sermon: Love Your Brother
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

It is Well

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
 3. My sin— O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!—my sin, not in
 4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
 part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
 back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend,

REFRAIN

"It is well, it is well with my soul."
 and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well
 praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
 "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.
 with my soul;

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, 8/9	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
Sun, 8/9	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Wed, 8/12	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 8/12	5:30 PM	Men's Outdoor Picnic	Lake Redman
Thur, 8/13	8:00 PM	College and Career Ages Meeting	Homes via Zoom
Sun, 8/16	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
Sun, 8/16	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

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

Announcements

- **Men's Event:** Wednesday, Aug 12th, at 5:30 PM the men of the church are invited to meet at Lake Redman for an outdoor picnic. BYO dinner/dessert. You are more than welcomed to drop by after dinner if you prefer. Go to the Hess Farm road entrance. Rain Date: Aug 19th. Please contact Rob Rothermel with questions.
- **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.
- **Administrative Assistant Opening:** Please share the Administrative Assistant opening with any whom you think may be qualified and interested. The packet of information will be available on the website (under "learn: resources and forms."), as well as in the information center.
- **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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