



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

September 13, 2020

Reflection:

“When we have been brought very low and helped, sorely wounded and healed, cast down and raised again, have given up all hope--and been suddenly snatched from danger, and placed in safety; and when these things have been repeated to us and in us a thousand times over, we begin to learn to trust simply to the word and power of God, beyond and against appearances...” — John Newton

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Bud Palmer

Call to Worship – Psalm 119:33-40

*Minister: Teach me, LORD, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end.
Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart.*

*People: **Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.
Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.
Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.***

Minister: Fulfill your promise to your servant, so that you may be feared.

*People: **Take away the disgrace I dread, for your laws are good.***

*All: **How I long for your precepts! In your righteousness preserve my life.***

Prayer of Praise

I will rain down bread from heaven for you. Ex. 16:4

1. Breth - ren, we have met to wor - ship and a - dore the Lord our God;
 2. Breth - ren, see poor sin - ners round you slum - b'ring on the brink of woe;
 3. Sis - ters, will you join and help us? Mo - ses' sis - ter aid - ed him;
 4. Let us love our God su - preme-ly, let us love each oth - er too;

will you pray with all your pow - er, while we try to preach the Word?
 death is com - ing, hell is mov - ing— can you bear to let them go?
 will you help the trem - bling mourn - ers who are strug - gling hard with sin?
 let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.

All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the Ho - ly One comes down;
 See our fa - thers and our moth - ers and our chil - dren sink - ing down;
 Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior— tell them that he will be found;
 Then he'll call us home to heav - en, at his ta - ble we'll sit down;

breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show - ered all a - round.
 breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show - ered all a - round.
 sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show - ered all a - round.
 Christ will gird him - self and serve us with sweet man - na all a - round.

Confession of Faith – Psalm 100

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! ²Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! ³Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! ⁵For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

OT Scripture Reading: Psalm 102:25-28

Barry Francisco

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

**Holy Lord, we have sinned times without number,
and been guilty of pride and unbelief,
of failure to find your mind in your Word,
of neglect to seek you in our daily life.**

**Yet in our lostness you have given your grace
through your Son, our Redeemer,
Whose blood is our peace,
whose righteousness is our strength
whose Spirit is our power.**

**Let the Spirit continually reveal to us our interest in Christ,
and open to us the riches of your love in Him;
May He abide in us that we may know our union with Jesus,
and enter into constant fellowship with You. Amen**

Assurance of Grace – Proverbs 16:6

Leader: ⁶By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the LORD one turns away from evil.

Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,
 • dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,
 her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,
 heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 • thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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 – *Joshua 24:1-28*

¹Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods. ³Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan, and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac. ⁴And to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. And I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. ⁵And I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in the midst of it, and afterward I brought you out.

⁶"Then I brought your fathers out of Egypt, and you came to the sea. And the Egyptians pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. ⁷And when they cried to the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did in Egypt. And you lived in the wilderness a long time. ⁸Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan. They fought with you, and I gave them into your hand, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. ⁹Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel. And he sent and invited Balaam the son of Beor to curse you, ¹⁰but I would not listen to Balaam. Indeed, he blessed you. So I delivered you out of his hand. ¹¹And you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, and the leaders of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And I gave them into your hand. ¹²And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out before you, the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. ¹³I gave you a land on which you had not

labored and cities that you had not built, and you dwell in them. You eat the fruit of vineyards and olive orchards that you did not plant.'

¹⁴"Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

¹⁹But Joshua said to the people, "You are not able to serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good." ²¹And the people said to Joshua, "No, but we will serve the LORD." ²²Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." ²³He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD, the God of Israel." ²⁴And the people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey." ²⁵So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and put in place statutes and rules for them at Shechem. ²⁶And Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God. And he took a large stone and set it up there under the terebinth that was by the sanctuary of the LORD. ²⁷And Joshua said to all the people, "Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all the words of the LORD that he spoke to us. Therefore it shall be a witness against you, lest you deal falsely with your God." ²⁸So Joshua sent the people away, every man to his inheritance.

Sermon: Covenantal Reality: God's Faithfulness Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Rev. Richard Smith

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

Cornerstone

Verse 1:

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

(Repeat)

Chorus:

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Verse 2:

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Interlude:

He is Lord, Lord of all

Verse 3:

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

Benediction – 1 Thessalonians 5:28

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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, 9/13	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
Sun, 9/13	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun, 9/13	5:00 PM	Church Wide Picnic	Rocky Ridge
Wed, 9/16	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Wed, 9/16	9:00 AM	Mom's Group	New Life
Wed, 9/16	9:00 AM	Prayer	Resource Room
Wed, 9/16	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study	New Life
Fri, 9/18	7:00 PM	Movie Night!: Up	New Life
Sun, 9/20	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
Sun, 9/20	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$140,000.00	\$139,625.53
Last Week	\$4,000.00	\$6,135.50

Announcements

- **Moms' Group:** Is here! Moms and kids meet at the church from 9-11 on Wednesday mornings. The moms are studying 1 John while babies through 4s have their own class in the nursery.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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:** Today! 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.
- **Wednesday Morning “Mom’s Group” Bible Study:** Studying 1 John. Contact Joy Swanson for more information.
- **Men’s Group:** Contact Rob Rothermel for more information.
- **Women’s Bible Study:** Resuming September 16 in person or September 21 via Zoom. We are using a study guide by Jen Wilkin, entitled *1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ*. Email Marlene Spark at mjsmarlene@hotmail.com.
- **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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