



**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. There is a staffed nursery, off the fellowship hall, for children ages 0-4.

# Worshiping God

September 27, 2020

## Reflection:

*“Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.” – Isaiah*

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

*Bud Palmer*

## Call to Worship – From Psalm 95 and 100

*Minister: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

*People: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.*

*Minister: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the peaks of the mountains are his also.*

*People: The ocean is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.*

*Minister: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!*

*People: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

*Minister: Today, if you hear his voice, draw near to him and do not harden your hearts!*

*People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

## Prayer of Praise

# All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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*Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 100:1*

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing  
2. The Lord ye know is God in - deed; with -  
3. O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap -  
4. For why? The Lord our God is good, his

to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with fear, his  
out our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he  
proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his  
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth - tell, come ye be - fore him and re - joice.  
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

**Confession of Faith – Psalm 100**

**<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!**

**<sup>2</sup>Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

**<sup>3</sup>Know 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.**

**<sup>4</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

**<sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**OT Scripture Reading: Psalm 24**

*Bud Palmer*

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon you; hear me as I come to you humbly confessing my sins and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. I have broken your holy laws by my deeds and by my words and by the sinful affections of my heart. I confess before you my disobedience and ingratitude, my pride and willfulness, and all my failure and shortcomings toward you and toward my family, friends, and others. Have mercy upon me, most merciful Father; and of your great goodness grant that I may from now on serve and please you in newness of life; grant me this, I pray, through the mediation of Jesus Christ my Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Grace – Colossians 1:13**

*Leader:* He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

# Ancient Of Days

Words and Music by  
Gary Sadler and Jamie Harvill

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## VERSE

C Dm/C C Dm/C C G/B

Bless-ing and hon - or, glo - ry and pow - er be un-to the An-cient of Days;

4 Am G/B C Dm/C C Dm/C C

From ev - 'ry na - tion, all of cre - a - tion

## CHORUS

7 Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C F Dm<sup>7</sup>

bow be-fore the An-cient of Days. Ev - 'ry tongue in heav - en and earth

10 G C/E F Dm<sup>7</sup> G C/E Em<sup>7</sup>

shall de-clare Your glo - ry, ev - 'ry knee shall bow at Your throne in wor - ship;

13 F Dm<sup>7</sup> G C/E F Dm<sup>7</sup>

You will be ex - alt - ed, O God, and Your king - dom shall not pass a - way.

16 G F/G

Last time to Coda  $\oplus$  1. C C<sup>sus</sup> C C<sup>sus</sup> 2. C C<sup>sus</sup>

O An - cient of Days.

20 C C<sup>sus</sup> C

**BRIDGE**

Your king - dom shall reign o - ver all the earth,

23 B $\flat$ /C F/C Gm/C B $\flat$ /C C<sup>5</sup> C

sing un - to the An - cient of Days; For none can com - pare to Your

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B $\flat$ /C F/C Gm/C B $\flat$ /C C C/E  
D.S. al Coda

match-less worth, sing un-to the An-cient of Days

⊕ Coda

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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 – *Psalms 93*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;  
                        the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.  
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

<sup>2</sup>Your throne is established from of old;  
                        you are from everlasting.

<sup>3</sup>The floods have lifted up, O LORD,  
                        the floods have lifted up their voice;  
                        the floods lift up their roaring.

<sup>4</sup>Mightier than the thunders of many waters,  
                        mightier than the waves of the sea,  
                        the LORD on high is mighty!

<sup>5</sup>Your decrees are very trustworthy;  
                        holiness befits your house,  
                        O LORD, forevermore.

**Sermon: God's Power**  
**Series: Our God Reigns!**

*Pastor 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**

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1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways  
 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:  
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet  
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

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and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

**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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sun, 9/27	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
Sun, 9/27	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Mon, 9/28	8:30 AM	Women’s Bible Study	Zoom
Wed, 9/30	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Wed, 9/30	9:00 AM	Mom’s Group	New Life
Wed, 9/30	9:00 AM	Prayer	Resource Room
Wed, 9/30	7:00 PM	Women’s Bible Study	New Life
Sun, 10/4	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
Sun, 10/4	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun, 10/4	6:00 PM	Community Group	Swansons’

**Church Financial Summary**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date Offering</b>	\$148,000.00	\$146,193.73
<b>Last Week</b>	\$4,000.00	\$3,234.20

## Announcements

- **Shoebox Season is here!** Please join us in bringing joy and the gospel to children all around the world by packing a shoebox for a boy or girl with toys, hygiene, and school supplies. (Remember no toys of war, toothpaste or other liquids, or candy.) Samaritan's Purse will provide gospel material and delivery. You may print out and pay for your own shoebox labels from Samaritanspurse.org or contact Connie Kay for payment and a label for \$9 each. Please have your boxes at the church no later than Wednesday, November 18th.
- **SILVERS:** Why would you cross the road to visit a chicken? Bring your favorite chicken joke, chicken dish, chicken story to the Swansons' on Saturday October 10 at 11:30 AM. (Men, we promise this will not be a hen party.)
- **Care Packages for College Students:** Help send some love to New Life college students. The SILVERS planning committee is collecting items for care packages. A sign-up sheet and a sheet of suggestions are in the lobby. Monetary donations are welcome to help with shipping costs.
- **Proverbs Reflections:** If you are on Facebook, check out the New Life page for a weekly video devotional from the book of Proverbs.
- **Moms' Group:** 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.
- **Church Directory Updates:** Please look over and make any necessary updates or corrections to the Fall 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:** Wednesday evenings in person or Monday mornings via Zoom. We are using a study guide by Jen Wilkin, entitled *1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ*. Email Marlene Spark at [mjmarlene@hotmail.com](mailto:mjmarlene@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):** Currently meeting via Zoom, we are studying Genesis. See Joe Heidler for more information.

# 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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