



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

September 6, 2020

Reflection:

“Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.” – God, through Jeremiah

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – Psalm 71

Minister: Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens.

People: You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?

Minister: You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.

People: You will increase my greatness and comfort me again.

Minister: I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God;

People: I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

*Minister: My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you;
my soul also, which you have redeemed.*

***People: And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long,
for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do
me hurt.***

Prayer of Praise

Better Is One Day

Words and Music by
Matt Redman

$\text{♩} = 77$

VERSE

D⁵

G²



1. How love - ly is Your dwell - ing place, O Lord al - might -
(2. One) thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beau -

4 A^{SUS}

D⁵

A^{SUS}



- y. For my soul longs and e - ven faints for You.
- ty, to find You in the place Your glo - ry dwells.

8

D⁵

G²



For here my heart is sat - is - fied with - in Your pres -
One thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beau -

12

A^{SUS}

D⁵

A^{SUS}



- ence. I sing be - neath the shad - ow of Your wings. _____
- ty, to find You in the place Your glo - ry dwells. _____

§ CHORUS

16

G²

A^{SUS}



Bet - ter is one day in Your courts, bet - ter is one day in Your house, bet - ter is

19

G²

G/B

A^{SUS}

D/F#

G²



one day in Your courts than thou - sands else - where. — Bet - ter is one day in Your courts, bet - ter is

22 A^{sus} G^2 Last time to Coda G/B 1. A^{sus}

one day in Your house, bet-ter is one day in Your courts than thou-sands else - where, _ than thou-sands

25 D^5 A^{sus} **BRIDGE 1** Bm^7 A

else - where. _ 2. One else - where. _ My heart and flesh cry out

29 G^2 A^{sus} Bm^7 A G^2 A^{sus}

for You, the liv - ing God. _ Your Spir - it's wa - ter to my soul. _

32 Bm^7 A G^2 $D/F\#$

I've tast - ed and I've seen. Come once a - gain to me. _ I will draw near to You,

35 Em^7 A^{sus} G^2 A^{sus} G^2 A^{sus}

I will draw near to You, _ to You. _ Bet-ter is

BRIDGE 2 42 G^2 A^{sus} $D/F\#$ G^2 G/B

one day, _ bet - ter is one day, _ bet - ter is one day _ than thou - sands

45 A^{sus} G^2 A^{sus}

else-where. Bet-ter is one day, _ bet - ter is one day, _ bet - ter is

48 G² A^{sus} D.S. al Coda

one day ____ than thou - sands else - where. ____ Bet - ter is

Detailed description: This block contains the first musical staff, measures 48-50. It is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). Measure 48 starts with a G² chord and contains the lyrics 'one day ____'. Measure 49 starts with an A^{sus} chord and contains the lyrics 'than thou - sands else - where. ____'. Measure 50 contains the lyrics 'Bet - ter is'. The staff ends with a double bar line.

50 Coda A^{sus} G²

else - where. ____

Detailed description: This block contains the second musical staff, measures 50-51. It is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). Measure 50 starts with a Coda symbol and an A^{sus} chord, containing the lyrics 'else - where. ____'. Measure 51 starts with a G² chord and contains no lyrics. The staff ends with a double bar line.

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.

NT Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Joy Swanson

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 – Titus 2:11-14

Leader: ¹¹For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹²It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

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1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my Sov - 'reign die!
2. Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, and shut his glo - ries in,
4. Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears;
5. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for such a worm as I?
A - maz - ing pit - y! Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!
• when Christ, the might - y Mak - er, died for man the crea - ture's sin.
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt mine eyes in tears.
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way, 'tis all that I can do.



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 – *Psalm 50:7-23*

⁷"Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. ⁸Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me. ⁹I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. ¹⁰For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. ¹¹I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. ¹²"If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. ¹³Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? ¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, ¹⁵and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." ¹⁶But to the wicked God says: "What right have you to recite my statutes or take my covenant on your lips? ¹⁷For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you. ¹⁸If you see a thief, you are pleased with him, and you keep company with adulterers. ¹⁹"You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit. ²⁰You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son. ²¹These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you. ²²"Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver! ²³The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!"

Sermon: New Life's Mission: Receive, Give, Follow
Series: New Life Vision and Mission

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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Capo 3: F(D) C⁷(A⁷) F(D) B^b(G)

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us

F(D) C(A) C⁷(A⁷) F(D)

Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear, and of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be

C(A) F(D) B^b(G) F(D) B^b(G)F/C(D/A)C⁷(A⁷) F(D)

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

5 This glorious hope revives
 our courage by the way;
 while each in expectation lives
 and waits to see the day.

6 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
 and sin, we shall be free;
 and perfect love and friendship
 reign through all eternity.

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, 9/6	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
Sun, 9/6	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Wed, 9/9	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Wed, 9/9	9:00 AM	Mom’s Group	New Life
Thur, 9/10	8:00 PM	College and Career Ages Meeting	Homes via Zoom
Thur, 9/10	2:00 PM	SILVERS Solid Waste and Plant Tour	New Life Carpool
Sun, 9/13	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
Sun, 9/13	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$136,000.00	\$133,490.03
Last Week	\$4,000.00	\$5,539.00

Announcements

- **Moms' Group:** starts September 9. Moms and kids will meet at the church from 9-11 on Wednesday mornings. The moms will study 1 John while babies through 4s will have their own class in the nursery.
- **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. All are welcome! Please sign up at the communications table if 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.
- **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.
- **Wednesday Morning “Mom’s Group” Bible Study:** Begins 9/9. We will be 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. Using study guide by Jen Wilkin, 1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ. 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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