



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.

Worshipping God

October 4, 2020

Reflection:

“The psalms have among other roles in Scripture one which is peculiarly their own: to touch and kindle us rather than simply to address us.” – Derek Kidner

*“At the set time that I appoint
I will judge with equity.
When the earth totters, and all its inhabitants,
it is I who keep steady its pillars.” - God*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Wayne Blanding

Call to Worship – From Psalm 93

¹*The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength;
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.*

²*Your throne was established long ago;
you are from all eternity.*

³*The seas have lifted up, LORD,
the seas have lifted up their voice;
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.*

⁴*Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea—
the Lord on high is mighty.*

⁵*Your statutes, Lord, stand firm;
holiness adorns your house
for endless days.*

Prayer of Praise

Γ B♭
F7 B♭
Γ E♭
B♭ Gm
F' B♭

1. Rise, O church, and lift your voice, Christ has conquered death and hell.
2. See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:
3. Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with power;
4. Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
5. We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;

B♭
F7 Gm D
Gm D Gm
F C7 F

- Sing as all the earth rejoice; resurrection anthems swell.
 "Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares."
 • all hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour.
 but the truth proclaims a wonderful thought; faithful hearts receive with cheer.
 sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.

F
B♭7 E♭
Γ Cm Dm Cm Gm
B♭ F7 B♭ Γ

- Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!
 Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!
 • He has conquered, he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!
 He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!
 Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!

Confession of Faith – *Philippians 2:5-11*

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

NT Scripture Reading: *Romans 12:19-21*

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen!

Assurance of Grace – *Psalms 103:8-13*

Leader: ⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
 ⁹He will not always chide,
 nor will he keep his anger forever.
 ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins,
 nor repay us according to our iniquities.
 ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
 so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
 ¹²as far as the east is from the west,
 so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
 ¹³As a father shows compassion to his children,
 so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

Speak O Lord

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

F/A G/B C² F C F C



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come ___ to You ___ to re - ceive ___ the food ___ of Your
2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ___ ho - ly rev - er - ence, ___ true hu -
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new ___ our minds; - Help us grasp ___ the heights ___ of Your

4 Am G/B F/A G/B C² F C



ho - ly word. ___ Take Your truth, plant it deep ___ in us; ___ Shape and
-mil - i - ty. ___ Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes ___ in the
plans ___ for us. ___ Truths un - changed from the dawn ___ of time, ___ that will

7 F C/E F G C C/E G G/F C/E



fash - ion us ___ in Your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance ___ of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
e - cho down ___ through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your

10 G^{SUS}/F G⁹/F C²/E G G/F C/E Am G^{SUS} G F/A G/B C²



seen ___ to-day ___ in our acts of love and our deeds of ___ faith. ___ Speak, O Lord, and ful -
eyes ___ to see ___ Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. ___ Words of pow'r that can
prom - is - es; ___ And by faith we'll walk as You walk with ___ us. ___ Speak, O Lord, till Your

14 F C F C/E F G^{SUS} G C



-fill ___ in us ___ all Your pur - pos - es, ___ for Your glo - ry.
nev - er fail; ___ Let their truth ___ pre - vail ___ o - ver un - be - lief.
church ___ is built ___ and the earth ___ is filled ___ with Your glo - ry.

17 F² C²/E F² G^{SUS} G C



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 94*

¹O LORD, God of vengeance,
 O God of vengeance, shine forth!
²Rise up, O judge of the earth;
 repay to the proud what they deserve!
³O LORD, how long shall the wicked,
 how long shall the wicked exult?
⁴They pour out their arrogant words;
 all the evildoers boast.
⁵They crush your people, O LORD,
 and afflict your heritage.
⁶They kill the widow and the sojourner,
 and murder the fatherless;
⁷and they say, “The LORD does not see;
 the God of Jacob does not perceive.”

⁸Understand, O dullest of the people!
 Fools, when will you be wise?
⁹He who planted the ear, does he not hear?
He who formed the eye, does he not see?
¹⁰He who disciplines the nations, does he not rebuke?
He who teaches man knowledge—

¹¹the LORD—knows the thoughts of man,
that they are but a breath.

¹²Blessed is the man whom you discipline, O LORD,
and whom you teach out of your law,

¹³to give him rest from days of trouble,
until a pit is dug for the wicked.

¹⁴For the LORD will not forsake his people;
he will not abandon his heritage;

¹⁵for justice will return to the righteous,
and all the upright in heart will follow it.

¹⁶Who rises up for me against the wicked?
Who stands up for me against evildoers?

¹⁷If the LORD had not been my help,
my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence.

¹⁸When I thought, “My foot slips,”
your steadfast love, O LORD, held me up.

¹⁹When the cares of my heart are many,
your consolations cheer my soul.

²⁰Can wicked rulers be allied with you,
those who frame injustice by statute?

²¹They band together against the life of the righteous
and condemn the innocent to death.

²²But the LORD has become my stronghold,
and my God the rock of my refuge.

²³He will bring back on them their iniquity
and wipe them out for their wickedness;
the LORD our God will wipe them out.

Sermon: God the Judge
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.

If you wish to participate in the Lord's Supper but mobility is limited, kindly let Pastor Erik or one of the elders know. They are happy to serve you in the pew.

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

1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;

from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26

Leader: ²⁴ The Lord bless you and keep you;
 ²⁵ the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
 ²⁶ the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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, 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'
Mon, 10/5	8:30 AM	Women's Bible Study	Zoom
Wed, 10/7	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Wed, 10/7	9:00 AM	Mom's Group	New Life
Wed, 10/7	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study	New Life
Th, 10/8	6:55 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
Sat, 10/10	7:00 AM	Men's Breakfast	New Life
Sun, 10/11	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
Sun, 10/11	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$152,000.00	\$147,788.73
Last Week	\$4,000.00	\$1595.00

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. ITEMS/\$ DUE TODAY.
- **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.
- **Youth Group:** Please contact the church office for more information.
- **Prayer Small Group:** Contact Sue Rothermel for more details.
- **Bible Study Fellowship (BSF):** Currently meeting via Zoom on Thursday evenings beginning 6:55, 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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