



**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

November 1, 2020

## Reflection:

*“YHWH’s [the Lord’s] honor lies not merely in fireworks but in faithfulness.”*

– Goldingay

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

*Joe Heidler*

## Call to Worship – Adapted from Psalm 95 and Psalm 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

# Ancient of Days

Words and Music by  
Gary Sadler and Jamie Harvill

## Verse

Blessing and honor, glory and power  
Be unto the Ancient of Days.  
From ev'ry nation, all of creation  
Bow before the Ancient of Days.

## Chorus

Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth  
Shall declare Your glory.  
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne  
In worship.  
You will be exalted, O God,  
And Your kingdom shall not pass away,  
O Ancient of Days!

## Bridge

Your kingdom shall reign  
Over all the earth.  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days!  
For none can compare  
To Your matchless worth.  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days!

## Confession of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism # 27-28

27. Q. What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. **God's providence is His almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come not by chance but by His fatherly hand.**

28. Q. What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by His providence?

A. **We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from His love; for all creatures are so completely in His hand that without His will they cannot so much as move.**

**OT Scripture Reading: Isaiah 41:21-42:4**

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Confession:**

**O God, we praise you as the God of love and life. Though Jesus prayed that we would be one, we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you. We break our communion through hostile words and unkind actions. Forgive us, we pray. We long for your Spirit to heal us and to correct us. We long for you to help us experience communion with you and with each other as we gather around your Word and table. We depend upon your Spirit alone. And now, dependent on your grace, we commit ourselves to live more fully in the unity you desire. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

**Assurance of Grace – Psalm 37:39-40**

*Leader:* <sup>39</sup>The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;  
he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.

<sup>40</sup>The Lord helps them and delivers them;  
he delivers them from the wicked and saves them,  
because they take refuge in him.

# How Great Thou Art

Words by  
Stuart Wesley Keene Hine

Music  
Swedish Folk Melody

♩=48

VERSE

A D D#°7

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con - sid - er  
 2. When thru the woods and for - est glades I wan-der and hear the  
 3. And when I think that God, His Son not spar-ing, sent Him to  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion and take me

3 A/E E A E A

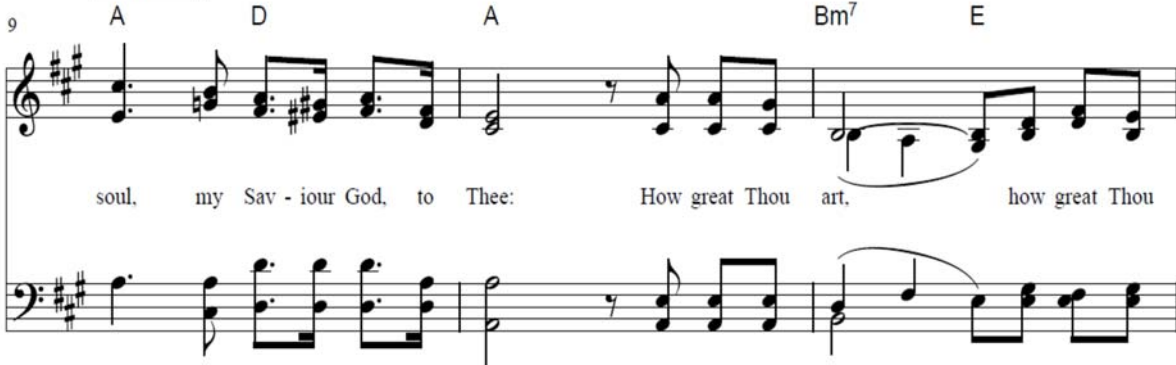
all the \*works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the  
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, when I look down from loft - y  
 die, I scarce can take it in- That on the cross, my bur - den  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble  
 \*worlds Thy hands have

6 D D#°7 A/E E A E

\*might - y thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the un - i - verse dis - played! Then sings my  
 moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.  
 glad - ly bear-ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin!  
 ad - o - ra - tion and there pro - claim, my God, how great Thou art!  
 \*roll - ing

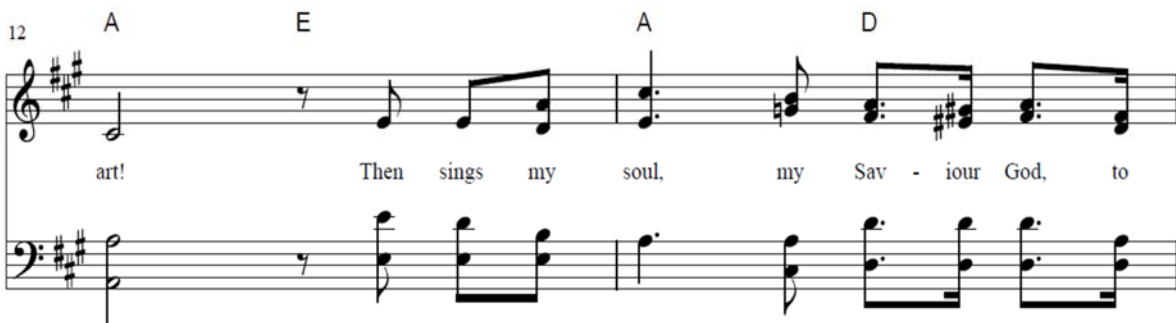
CHORUS

9      A                      D                      A                                      Bm<sup>7</sup>                      E



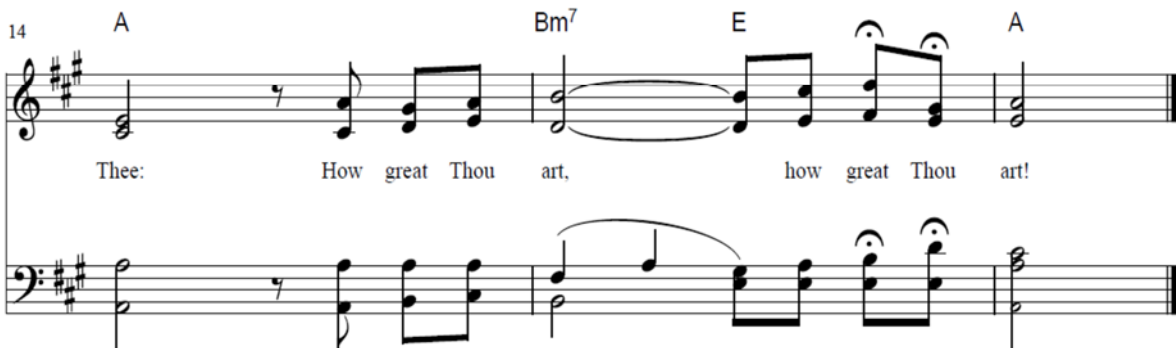
soul, my Sav - iour God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou

12      A                      E                      A                      D



art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - iour God, to

14      A                                      Bm<sup>7</sup>                      E                      A



Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

# 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 97*

- <sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;  
let the many coastlands be glad!
- <sup>2</sup>Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- <sup>3</sup>Fire goes before him  
and burns up his adversaries all around.
- <sup>4</sup>His lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.
- <sup>5</sup>The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,  
before the Lord of all the earth.
- <sup>6</sup>The heavens proclaim his righteousness,  
and all the peoples see his glory.
- <sup>7</sup>All worshipers of images are put to shame,  
who make their boast in worthless idols;  
worship him, all you gods!
- <sup>8</sup>Zion hears and is glad,  
and the daughters of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgments, O LORD.
- <sup>9</sup>For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.



- <sup>10</sup>O you who love the LORD, hate evil!  
He preserves the lives of his saints;  
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- <sup>11</sup>Light is sown for the righteous,  
and joy for the upright in heart.
- <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,  
and give thanks to his holy name!

**Sermon: Rejoice in the Lord's Power and Character**  
**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**

# How Great Is Our God

Words and Music by  
Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves  
and Ed Cash

♩=76

G

Em<sup>7</sup>



1. The splen - dor of the King, clothed in maj - es - ty;  
(2. And) age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;

4

C<sup>2</sup>

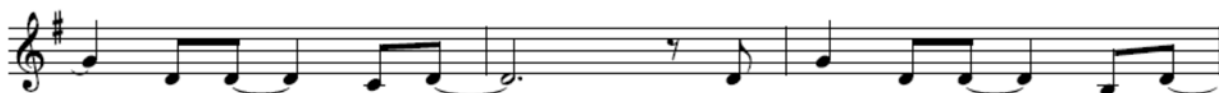


— Let all the earth re-joyce, all the earth re-joyce. He wraps  
— Be - gin - ning and the End, Be - gin - ning and the End. The God -

7

G

Em<sup>7</sup>



— Him - self in light, and dark - ness tries to hide,  
— head, three in one, Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

10

C<sup>2</sup>



— and trem-bles at His voice, and trem-bles at His voice. How great  
— the Li - on and the Lamb, the Li - on and the Lamb.

§

13

G

Em<sup>7</sup>



— is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!

16

Last time to Coda

Cmaj<sup>7</sup>

D

G<sup>2</sup>



— And all will see how great, how great is our God!

20 1. 2. G  
 2. And Name a - bove \_\_\_\_\_ all names, —

24 Em<sup>7</sup> Cmaj<sup>7</sup> 1. D  
 wor - thy of \_\_\_\_\_ all praise. \_\_\_\_\_ My heart will sing: \_\_\_\_\_ How great \_\_\_\_\_ is our God! —

28 G 2. D G D.S. al Coda  
 \_\_\_\_\_ is our God! \_\_\_\_\_ How great \_\_\_\_\_

33 Coda D G<sup>2</sup>  
 \_\_\_\_\_ is our God! \_\_\_\_\_

## Benediction – John 14:27

*Leader:* Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

## The Sending

*Leader:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

\*All songs are either public domain or licensed under CCLI #2410623.

## This Week at New Life

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun, 11/1	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
Sun, 11/1	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun, 11/1	6:00 PM	Community Group	Swanson home
M, 11/2	8:30 AM	Women's Bible Study	Zoom
W, 11/4	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
W, 11/4	9:00 AM	Mom's Group	New Life
W, 11/4	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study	New Life
Th, 11/5	6:55 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
Sun, 11/8	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
Sun, 11/8	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary

## Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$168,000.00	\$166,521.73
Last Week	\$4,000.00	\$2599.00

## Announcements

- **Community Dinner and Game Night:** On Friday November 13th at 5:30, all ages are invited to New Life for dinner and a game night. Please bring some of your family's favorite games, and please give a donation to offset the cost of the pizza.
- **Men's Hike:** Meet at Sam Lewis Park at 1:00 on November 14th for a time of fellowship and hiking. The hiking scale for our hike is easy/intermediate.
- **SILVERS:** Join us at New Life on Sunday, November 15th at 12:30pm for a repeat performance of fun-filled laughter, games and music. Everyone is to bring their own bagged lunch. This will be our last SILVER activity for 2020. Hope all SILVERs will be able to attend! Please sign up at the Lobby table.
- **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](http://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.

## 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.
- **Men's Group:** Meeting at New Life every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 7:00AM. We are discussing a number of male characters from the Bible. Next up is Noah from the book of Genesis. Contact Rob Rothermel.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Wednesday evenings in person or Monday mornings via Zoom. We are using a study guide entitled *1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ*. Contact Marlene Spark.
- **Youth Group:** Please contact the church office for more information.
- **Prayer Small Group:** Meets every other Wednesday 9:00AM at New Life. Contact Sue Rothermel.
- **Bible Study Fellowship (BSF):** Currently meeting via Zoom on Thursday evenings beginning 6:55, we are studying Genesis. Contact Joe Heidler.
- **Discipleship Groups:** These are same-gender groups that meet to encourage each other to follow Jesus as we walk with each other. Please contact Pastor Erik to join a group.
- **Community Groups:** These are a microcosm of the church. They are intergenerational and inclusive of men and women and boys and girls. Whatever age or stage of life you find yourself in, you are welcomed in a community group. Food, fellowship, discussion of the Scriptures, and prayer are all elements of community groups. At the moment our one group meets on the first and third Sundays, at the Swanson's, from 6:00-7:30.

# 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>

**New Life Presbyterian Church, (717) 855-2360**

**970 Cape Horn Rd., York, PA 17402**

[kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com](mailto:kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com)